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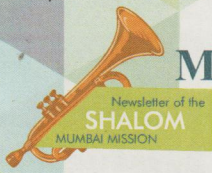


Newsletter of the
SHALOM
MUMBAI MISSION

Mumbai Bugle



**THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING;
IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES (PSALM.118:23)**



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OUR DREAM

1. REHABILITATION CENTRE

To have our own rehabilitation centre with the following facilities

- To host 35 inhabitants
- Quarters for Directors
- Employees Quarters

2. VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

- Tailoring
- Embroidery
- Fabric Painting
- Cloth Dyeing
- Handmade Jewellery Making
- Bag Making
- Small Scale Industrial Training

3. COUNSELING CENTRE

- Counseling Classes
- Therapeutic Support

4. RETREAT CENTRE

- Seating capacity of 350 people
- Hoping this an income generating centre
- Chapel

5. PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE

- 24x7 Doctor either on call or on a full time basis
- Medical Camp
- Ambulance Service

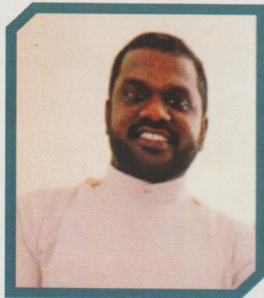


From Editor's Desk

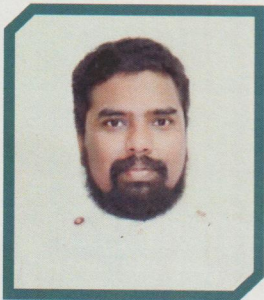
Greetings to you from Mumbai Bugle.

All glory be to the almighty God, who has enabled us to publish Shalom Mission Bugle again after a short break. Thank you to the Shalom mission Trust Committee who has entrusted us with this responsibility. At this moment, we acknowledge the guidance and supervision of our Missionary, Rev. Sam N. Joshua and the chairman, Rev. Sam Raju. As we would like to publish the Shalom Mission Bugle quarterly in the future, articles, write-ups are invited. We would like to thank the 'Photo Bazar' printing press and its manager Mrs. Lini Paul, for the enormous work done. From the bottom of our heart, we express our sincere gratitude to all the partners and supporters for your endeavours in making this a reality.

Editors



**Rev. Aby K Thomas, Vicar,
Jubilee Malayalam Church Sanpada**



**Rev. Rejeev Sugu, Vicar,
St. Pauls Malayalam Church, Vakola**

From Missionary's Pen

This year has been a blessed time for our endeavors as Shalom Mission. All our activities have been conducted successfully, and this success is owed solely to your prayers and assistance. The Shalom Mission has affirmed the responsibility to uplift the lives of our victimized sisters by providing them shelter, education, vocational training, counseling and also share with them the peace and love of our Lord. Shalom Mission works for the rehabilitation of the victims of human trafficking on 3 levels - Rejuvenation, Reintegration and rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation is the one to which we have accorded priority and Shalom Mission jointly started rehabilitating 11 girls with Shanti Niwas at since 2019. Shalom Mission was offered a residential villa for lease by our member at, on the outskirts of Mumbai and the infrastructure for a rehabilitation home "**Shalom Niwas**" to accommodate 8 girls has been created as a independent pilot project. Currently, statutory approvals and licensing formalities with the Child & Women Welfare Department are in progress.

Since the conception of our plan, it has been our ambition that the missions have its own center. As the first step in realizing this dream, we have purchased 5.40 acres of land and have registered it under Shalom Charitable Trust in February 2019. The foundation stone of the Office complex had been laid on 13th April, Saturday. In the 1st phase we have secured the entire plot with a boundary wall and a good amount of earthwork was also carried out. Utilities such as the electric connection and a bore-well have been installed and commissioned. A Mission office and a caretaker's quarter "**Shalom Bhavan**" is completed. This was only possible with the whole hearted financial support of all our members, friends and relatives from all over the globe and the CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese.



In the 2nd phase, we intend to apply to the Collector for converting the status of the plot to a Non-Agricultural land and obtain permits for the development of our land as per the architectural plan. As shown in the plan initially the building to rehabilitate 35 girls will be taken up. The estimated cost for the approvals, construction with all facilities is Rs. 250million. Let me thank each one of you who supports, pray and participate in the Shalom Mission. God bless our efforts!

Rev. Sam N. Joshua
Missionary-In-Charge & Vicar,
St. Christopher Malayalam
Church, Kalyan



Chairman Speaks...

The Malayalam churches in Mumbai and Pune find the ways of fine tune with each other in projects and programs. I am thankful to the Lord God for helping me to lead the Shalom Charitable Trust this year. As problem of human trafficking is complex and pervasive and there are more modern-day types of slavery, it is a high time to take a stand and serve as a voice for those who are exploited and muted and held against their will and dignity of life. Shalom Mission provides services and support for trafficking victims to get back to their normal life, and works with survivors to develop long-term strategies to ending human trafficking. Shalom Mission provides shelter for the victims to shape their life with so much of hope and happiness. 'A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work', and now the dream become a reality before us after industrious work of many people, especially the Missionary-in-charge. I wish and pray that let our Lord unite us to do His mission in this land. May God bless our Mission!

Rev. Sam Raju,
Chairman Shalom
Charitable Trust &
Vicar, St. Mary the Virgin
Malayalam Church, Parel



Secretary Writes...

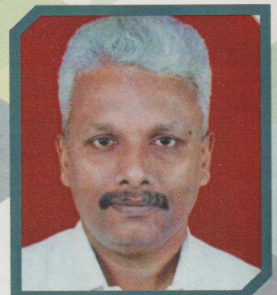
Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

I firmly believe that the first part of the above verse is the commission given to each one of us. This is affirmed in v.22 too which says. "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." We at Shalom Mission, praise God for the vision and the commitment of the clergy and the members of the 1st committee. We appreciate their courage to take the initial plunge into this challenging ministry. Nevertheless, we cannot forget the unconditional monetary, physical & prayerful support we received from all our patrons, partners of the mission and MKD. At times it was really amazing to experience the divine help that we received, through His people during the challenges we encountered in our journey.

Shalom Mission didn't have any infrastructure when it took off. Now by God's grace we have a pilot facility in which is ready to be occupied and to commence work. We are also blessed with a property in Titwala and a newly built office in the premises, for our further proceedings. As we are taught in Acts 20:24, "let us aim to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given us".

Looking forward

God bless you all abundantly.
In Him,
Varghese Philip (Sanjay)
Mission Secretary.





SHALOM CHRONICLES

The Shalom Mission came true on October 24, 2014 during the 10th CSI Madhya Kerala North India Family and Youth Conference at Panvel. The seed was thrown by Mr. Anson Thomas, a Christian social activist who sets his life against the eradication of human trafficking. On January 4th, 2015 - the joint committee of St. Mary the Virgin Malayalam Church Parel, St. James Church Borivali and Holy Immanuel Church Vasai unanimously decided to start Shalom Mission under the banner of Shalom Charitable Trust. On September 20th, 2015, the Shalom Mumbai Mission was officially inaugurated as part of the 80 year long faith journey of the Malayalam Churches of Mumbai with the primary goal of rehabilitating the victims of human trafficking. In 2019 St. Pauls Church Pune, Jubilee Malayalam Church Sanpada and St. Christopher Malayalam Church Kalyan pastorates officially decided to join in the Shalom Mission. Now it is an effort of 6 Malayalam Churches in Mumbai - Borivali, Kalyan, Parel, Pune, Sanpada and Vasai. It is also commendable that other Mumbai Churches & Pastorates out side India support the endeavors of the Shalom Mission.

INTEND OF SHALOM MISSION

1. REHABILITATION

The action of restoring someone to health or normal life through training and therapy after their rescue. Rehabilitation enables the victims to maintain or return to their daily life activities, fulfil meaningful life roles and maximize their well-being. Rehabilitation can reduce the impact of a broad range of health conditions, disorders, injuries or trauma. We take female human trafficking victims of 18-25 age group. Each victim may get a maximum of 7 years of training in various vocations, counseling, medical care, education and after that they are allowed to go home, live independently or for choosing appropriate vocations for the livelihood. After Rehabilitation a victim got the opportunity to get involved in the society, find employment and they may be mentally prepared to face challenges of their life. Under rehabilitation, we have three major projects in order to internalize dignity and equality.

> Shanti Niwas:

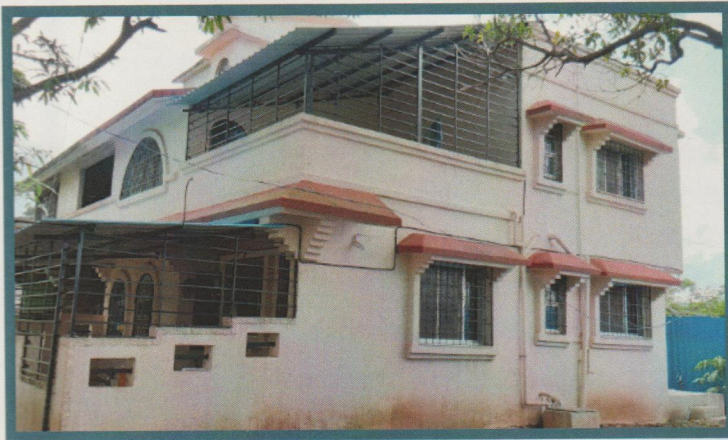
Shalom Mision make the first move of its rehabilitation program in association with Shanti Niwas- a home managed by The Radiant Assembly of God Church, Vashi. Presently we have 11 inhabitance. We conduct Vocational Training Programs and special programs for them. Pastor Philip Newbegin and his wife Mrs. Shanti Newbegin manage this home.



Christmas Celebration, Shanti Niwas

> Shalom Niwas:

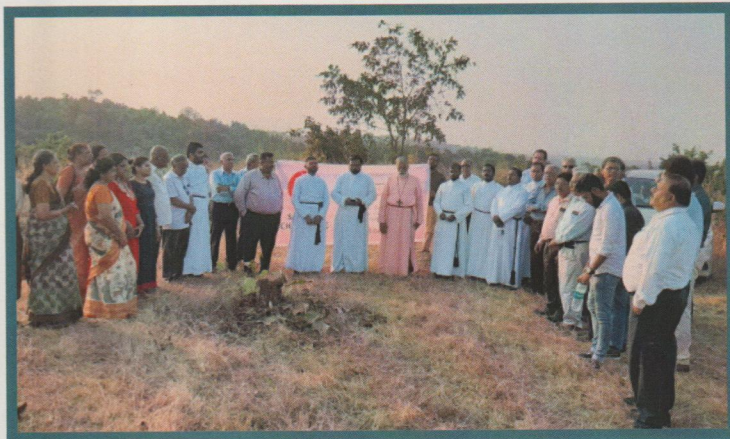
We have started the Shalom Niwas Centre at to host the victims. The Centre works in a cottage which is contributed by Mr. Varghese Samuel, Thane. We are extremely thankful to him for his invaluable help towards the work of Shalom Mission. The maximum of 8 inmates can be given admission here. Adjacent to this Centre, we have a House Parent Home, who takes care the needs of the inhabitance and manage the work that we are carrying over there. Mrs. Smisha Sam is the Superintendent. Miss. Supriya is the Social Worker. Mr. & Mrs. Rahul are doing house parenthood. We provide good and neat rooms for them, other infrastructure facilities, and high security with 24 hours circuit surveillance. We hold the inhabitance who had been handed over by Government Minor Shelter Homes, who completed 18 years of age. This Rehabilitation Centre will be fully functioning from this April onwards since we got the government license.



Shalom Niwas

► **Shalom Home- Titwala:**

One of the dream project of the Shalom Mission came true with the purchase of 5.6 acres of land at Titwala. The registration of this land has been done in February 2019. Boundary Wall has been raised, Borewell drilled. The foundation stone for the Central Office of the Shalom Mission was laid and we could able to complete the construction. Newly constructed Office complex will be inaugurated on 10th March 2020, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas K Oommen, Bishop of C.S.I Madhya Kerala Diocese. We were able to begin Agricultural Farming this year. Farming made us to find the possibilities of this land.



**Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen,
Bishop's Visit at Titwala**



Shalom Home Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony



Shalom Bhavan

The following are the plans we anticipated to complete the coming days.

1. Residential Building: We hope and work hard to construct a Rehabilitation Centre of 35 inhabitants. District Women Welfare Committee (DWCC) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) are the licensing authorities. With a view of Shalom Home at Titwala be the Basecamp for our victim sisters to see their dreams be fulfilled, their life would find full happiness and a life with dignity. We need to construct separate rooms, dorms, canteen, recreational rooms, etc. The inhabitants of and Shalom Niwas will be shifted to this place.

2. Directors Quarters: Since this Centre needs to be supervised and managed we need quarters for the directors and staff.

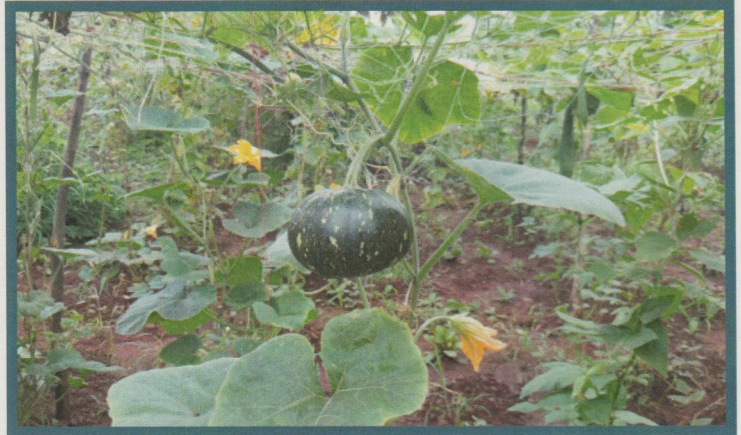
3. Vocational Training Centre: In order to develop various skills and knowledge required for a particular job function or a trade we would like to initiate Vocational training in tailoring, embroidery, fabric painting, cloth dyeing, handmade jewelry making, bag making and computer courses.

4. Counseling Centre: We handle the victims who are broken in their body, mind and spirit with Human Trafficking. A complete healing and wellbeing is a necessity for them. In view of this aim the Centre takes care their mental and physical strength. Counseling sessions and therapeutic assistance are essential at this place.

5. Retreat Centre: We are planning to build a Retreat Center either be a place for solitude or a community experience for overnight accommodations or day stay for retreat and prayer. The same will be facilitated of single rooms, dormitory, dining hall, activity area, meeting rooms, and chapel space. Retreat Centre would be able to handle 350 people one time. We prefer this to turn into an income-generating project to meet the operating cost of the Shalom Home.

6. Palliative Care Centre: We are planning to provide Palliative care for the victims and for the old age people. Medical assistance of doctors, ambulance services would be guaranteed for 24 hrs for its beneficiaries. Medical camp will be conducted for the villagers.

7. Organic Farming: For an integrated farming system that strives for sustainability, the enhancement of soil fertility and biological diversity the Shalom Mission Land at Titwala has greater possibility for Organic Farming. This year we were able to cultivate tapioca, lady's Finger, pumpkin, Long guard, bitter guad, maize, brinjal, etc.



Organic Farming



2. REINTEGRATION

Reintegration is defined as 'the action or process of integrating someone back into society.' The reintegration of the rescued women into the community can be a daunting challenge due to personal problems such as low self esteem, lack of skill, identity crisis and perceptions of the community and society as a whole. These concerns include the likelihood of reoffending, accessing the needed services and a host of other social necessities and restrictions. Taking into consideration the women' experiences may help create a treatment approach that can aid in the successful reintegration into the society. It may also provide knowledge that can assist professionals in better treatment, management and supervision of offenders that will in turn foster safety for the community and the women.



1. Cases handled in Rescue Operation: By the grace of God, Shalom mission was able to reintegrate 11 women into their respective families so far. Shalom mission along with Madras Christian Council of Social Service did all the necessary legal and travel related formalities, if the victim of the human trafficking wishes to go back to her family and the family is willing to take her back. The recovered womens were from North East India, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamilnadu.

2. Reintegration into CWC: Shalom mission is also making rehabilitation arrangements for victims of human trafficking who does not want to go home or rejected from home into shelter homes under the Women and Child Development (WCD) department and Child Welfare Committe (CWC), Maharashtra. These Rehabilitative Homes are given financial support for providing the inmates basic amenities such as food, clothing and shelter, medical care, legal aid, education vocational training and income generating trade. Further, rehabilitation is also envisaged through the reintegration of the victims into the society for which financial assistance is provided.

3. Christmas Programs: The Christmas program was organized at Shanti Niwas with the support of the Panvel worship Centre of Sanpada Pastorate under the leadership of Rev. Aby K. Thomas. The youth along with elders and children organized Christmas carols and games. The Panvel members contributed cash and kind towards this program. They provided lunch also. The inmates of Shanti Niwas also presented beautiful dances. Rev. Binju Varghese shared the word of God. Along with our Missionary Rev. Sam N. Joshua & Chairman Rev. Sam Raju, Rev. Rejeev Sugu, Rev. Byju Eapen and Rev. Johncy Varghese were present. Thanks to Panvel church for the gifts, lunch and all the arrangements of the program.

4. Shelter Homes: Social Justice and Special Assistance Department of Maharashtra State has many Shelter Homes and they promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation. Shalom mission had the privilege to visit the Minor Shelter Home this year for Christmas Celebration. 20 Shalom mission friends along with the Missionary Rev. Sam N. Joshua conducted various recreation activities for the inmates such as games, singing. The inmates also presented songs and dances. The lunch was sponsored by Shalom Mission.

5. Ulhasnagar CWC Centre: In partnership with International Justice Mission (IJM) the Shalom Mission provided financial help towards the renovation of Child Welfare Centre at Ulhasnagar, the government shelter home.





Vocational Training Programs:

To address the poverty and vulnerability of the rescued victims of human trafficking in red light area and suburban area, Shalom mission is training in tailoring. The beneficiaries have either starts their own tailoring shop individually or in a group and or employed in tailoring shops, for earning their livelihood. They supplement family income and lead a better life. After completing the training, Shalom Mission would be providing sewing machine. We provide financial support starting their own tailoring unit. The beneficiaries in turn can train other women. The Shalom Mission has also started skill training for women such as bag making, jewellery handmade products etc. We provide the raw materials. The marketing is done by the Shalom mission and the profit is given to the beneficiaries.

3. REJUVENATION

➤ **Rescue Work:** In co-operation with International Justice Mission and other organisation, a team of experienced and trained professionals and volunteers will go undercover into brothels to gather needed information on the location of children being exploited. The victims will be rescued in coordination with local police. Following the rescue, these women and children will be transitioned to restorative residential programs. We provide the first aid rescue kit worth of Rs. 3000.

➤ **Legal Support:** Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Trafficking in human beings is widely recognized as a serious criminal offence and the victims suffer gross violations of their human rights. We access, free legal aid, police protection throughout the trial, witness in the court during the trial, temporary residence, aid to ensure the mental and physical well-being, language transilators, etc. The lawsuit for material and non-material damages may be submitted in person or through an authorised proxy.

➤ **Awareness Programs:** Shalom Mission conducts awareness programs and campaigns for youth and women to equip and empower them with information and tools to identify the forms of human trafficking. In collaboration with International Justice Mission (IJM) Shalom Mission try to educate participants on the reality of modern-day slavery, train participants get involved in the work to abolish trafficking. We equip participants to recognize and report potential scenarios of human trafficking. We also empower participants to impact their community and mobilize others to take action.

➤ **Recreation Centres:** As a new venture the Shalom Mission is planning to launch Recreation Centres for women in Red-light areas. These centres are intend to train them to their vocational requirements. Direct involvement in Red-light areas has its own risk factors.

➤ **Food Truck:** Food trucks are the latest trend in all the metropolitan cities of India, especially in Mumbai. Rolling kitchen would initiate the women to run income generating professions which will be helpful to meet their financial needs. We hope to provide affordable and delicious range of Indian fast food in our trucks in Mumbai streets. This would help us to find revenue and the profit is given to the victims.

Various Rejuvenation Programs:

1.Palaharaperunnal: The Women's Fellowship members of our Parel Pastorate organized Palaharaperunnal- Snacks Sale in their Pastorate in order to raise funds for the Shalom Mission work. Thanks to them.

2.T-shirt: Vasai Pastorate Youth Movement members printed and sold T-shirts to raise funds for the Shalom Mission. This is really incredible and suggestible to all youth. Thanks to them.



3.NYC Aid: The profit collected after the first National Youth Conference, Rs. 3.30 Lakh has been used in Shalom Niwas, for its furnishing and renovation. Thanks to each one of the office bearers of the first NYC.

4.Social Visits: Panvel, Sanpada, Vasai, Borivili and Parel Churches organized their social visits and mission outreach programs at Shanti Niwas & Kalyan Church to minor shelter home during the Christmas season, which was supportive for the inmates to find happiness and hope in life.

5.Madhya Kerala Diocesan Womens Fellowship: It is highly valuable that the Madhya Kerala Diocesan Women's Fellowship supports this Mission by generating its fund through Christmas Utsav. This program provides the opportunity for its participants to get involved in this Mission activities to prevent human trafficking.

Case History

(Pseudo Name and Places)

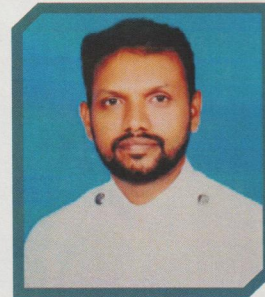
Here is the life story of Miss. Rani Vasudev (17) who is from Akola, Maharashtra. She lost her mother. After the death of her mother, her father got remarried. Rani and her elder sister reside with her grandmother. Her father was not taking care of them. Her elder sister who was the only breadwinner of her household ran away with a village boy. She left alone. Now Rani's father started beating and torturing her. One day she left home with a guy with so much hope. But he was not a true guy. She trusted him. They left for Chennai. After they reached Chennai the guy sold Miss. Rani to a brothel. The Madras Christian Council of Social Service (MCCSS) one of our partners rescued her. After the legal procedure of Child Welfare Committee at Chennai, she was handed over to Mumbai CWC. She was sent to Mumbai. Child Line Volunteers found her at the CSMT railway station and handed over to me. I took her to Mumbai CWS. After a long procedure she was sent to the minor shelter home. I took her to the shelter home.

Before she went inside the home and before the doors closed, she turns back and asked me 'if nobody needs me, why then God created me'? I was literally crying when I left the place. The question she asked discomfited me. Her cry reverberate in my heart even now. In fact, that was my 11th reintegration work. Let us pray for Miss. Rani Vasudev.

Wishes

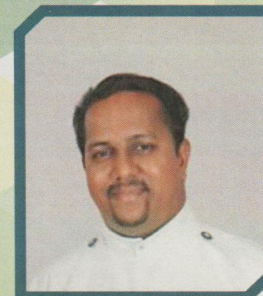
Girls have been the victim of exploitation in our society for centuries. The protection of girls is valued more than any other activity. As Gandhi said, through educating girls we build a better society. The Shalom mission was started by God in a land where mission activities were considered to be impossible. May the Missionary-In-Charge and Office bearers lead the flame of our missionary activities forward.

**Rev. Johncy Varghese,
Immanuel Malayalam Church, Vasai.**



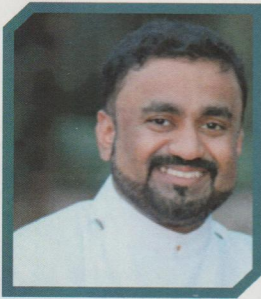
The tireless and enthusiastic steps put up in the growth of our mission lead us this far. We find many possibilities which enables and motivates us in the extension of God's kingdom. For us, Shalom Mission activities are great opportunity to spread the love and care of our liberating God to the weaker session in society. Our mission centre will be a great shelter for many those who lost their identity as a human beings.

**Rev. Alex Abraham,
St. Pauls Malayalam Church, Pune**



Shalom seeks to provide shelter, education, vocational training and moral and social counselling to victims of terrible exploitation and abuse and thereby gives the opportunity to live in freedom with dignity and equality in the society. Evangelism to these emotionally-disturbed, often reclusive victims must strengthen their mind to forget the miserable past and gives them "the peace that passeth all understanding"

**Rev. Baiju Eapen,
St. James Malayalam Church, Borivali**

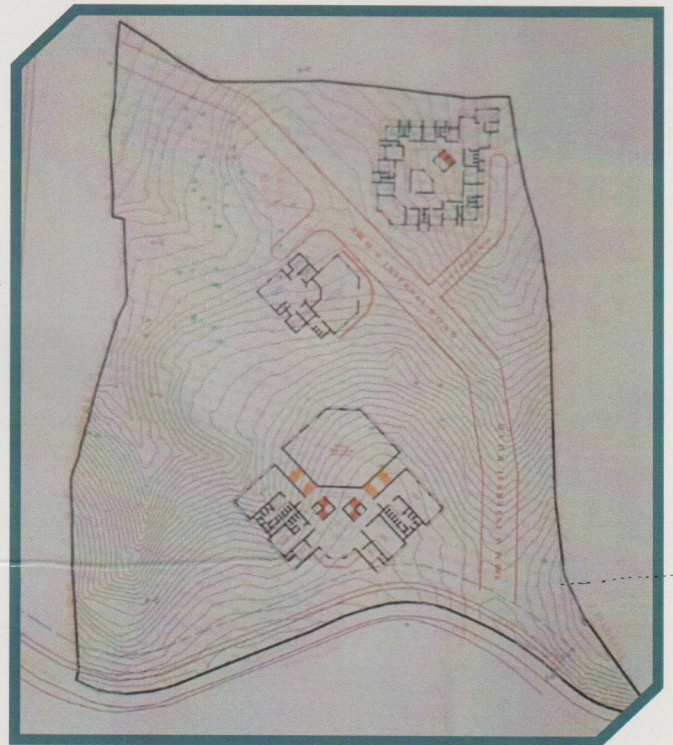


The Shalom Mission is the mission of the Mumbaikars. Let the effort of our mission wipe out the tears of our sisters who were in shackles of slavery. It is indeed a joy to know that the Shalom Bugle is active once again, letting the church know how God is working among the less privileged in the city of Mumbai. May the good Lord bless the missionary to do greater service for His mission.

**Rev. Jess Mathew,
Holy Trinity Church, Chembur**



Proposed Plan of Shalom Mission Centre





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