

Annual Report

Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre

April 2015 - March 2016



APRIL-2015

The High light of the Holy week celebration was the Eucharistic celebration on Maundy Thursday and the live way of the Cross on the Good Friday. The children acted out the Passion and Death of Jesus in a very touching manner that all the participants of the service were moved with emotion and were weeping. On Easter Sunday we had a solemn lunch for children had a high tea.



The children were invited and sponsored by the North Eastern Police Academy for a day of outing to their campus. The day was filled with fun and joy. The officers organized sports and games and distributed prizes to the winners. They had prepared refreshments and lunch for all.



On the 11th of April the FSHC students has an exposure cum cultural exchange programme at Assam Don Bosco University. About 100 children participated in the programme.



A National Workshop on Art was organized by the Christian Art culture group under CBCI to promote PEACE AND HARMONY through art, at Siloam, Umsaw-Khwan on the 20th -30rd of April. Ten students from Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre participated in the training. They were trained in drawing & painting on canvas, public places, also use of various materials for painting, making things etc. The ten students from the FSHC were the only PWDs participated in the programme. They did very well, and the organizers appreciated their talents. They also received certificate of participation.



MAY

We welcomed Miss. Leinameri a deaf volunteer from Netherlands. She will be with us for two weeks. She will be working with the children on film making.

A day long Teachers Seminar was conducted on the 4th May 2015 at FSHC for the teaching and non-teaching staff of FSHC. Sr. Maria Ali Thapa was the resource person for the day. The following were the topics covered during the programme:

1. Organization of the syllabus
2. Lesson planning-preparation for each class
3. Teaching skill -the power of making things understood
4. Assignment - home task is to be given according to their needs.
5. Practical and value based- Connection of knowledge of the book with the happenings around.
6. Class discussion and questions
7. Examinations – the questions should be clear and thought provoking. Test what the students know rather than what they do not know.
8. Mastery of the subject
9. Ability to create interest in the students.
10. classroom management and discipline
11. The power of communication
12. Listening attitude
13. Tolerance & Sense of humour
14. personal appearance
15. Relationship between students and teacher
16. Good manners & Reputation
17. Loyalty

After having done with the above points Sr. Maria showed the movie “ Tere Zameen par” and at the end asked the teachers to share their views on the movie.

Sharing: some of the points which teachers have shared

- a. It speaks about child psychology
- b. Every child has his/her own way of learning & understanding
- c. Academic record is not the only parameter to judge one’s ability and performance
- d. We should never underestimate a child if he/she is not academically good. Everyone has specialty which needs to be realized.
- e. A good teacher should make learning interesting and easy.
- f. Patience is another quality which a teacher can bring out best from the students.

Through stories & facts sister made the seminar interesting & thought provoking. The seminar came to an end at 3. 30 Pm. with a shared tea.

The students began their first term examination on the 5th May. On the 25th May the board exam results of classes X and XII were out. The Ferrando Students of Class XII out of 6(six) students 5 (five) students passed and class X out of 4 all of them passed. We thank God for the good results and appreciated the students who have worked hard and for the teachers who have guided them.

JUNE-2015

The staff and students of FSHC were extremely happy to welcome the five volunteers from University College, Dublin, Ireland. Four of them are physiotherapy students from the University and the fifth persons has a Ph. D in Physio therapy, she will be supervising the work of her students. They will stay FSHC for four weeks and help the Physiotherapists and some of our deaf girls to become asst. to Physiotherapists. They would also go into the communities and work with the parents of the children with Cerebral Palsy.

On the 16th we had a Diagnostic and awareness camp at St. Francis School Nongdingan, Kyrdemkulai. Over 1200 patients attended the camp. We had the General medical camp, the doctors and nurses from Nazareth Hospital Shillong, Holy Cross dispensary Umsaw-Khwan and the Outreach staff from Ferrando were the part of the team for the camp.

On the occasion of the death anniversary of our Founder Bishop Stephen Ferrando & the foundation day of the Centre the school organized a drawing competition for the students on 18th June’15.

The volunteers from Ireland were the Judges. The best drawings were awarded and the drawings and paintings were displayed on the notice board of the school on the 20th June.



JULY-2015

On the 11 July the volunteers from the University College Dublin left after the four week of service at FSHC and the communities around.

On 13th July, Sr. Merly and Mr. Emmanuel attended the Inclusive Education Meet organized by the CBM, LFW and SLF at Guwahati.

2nd July, the B.Ed- SEDE students started their final examination. The final teaching and viva first year was held on the 15th July, while the second years had their final teaching and viva on the 16th July at FSHC.

Children had the rehearsal of the concert the “Secret of the Emerald Lake” at St. Anthony’s college auditorium on the 21st July.

The children began their one-week summer vacation on the 25th July. They will be back on the 1st August.

Long awaited dream of having a concert by the students of Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre has come to its reality. The invitations and donor cards were sent to various schools. Colleges and institutions. The concert was performed at St. Anthony’s college Auditorium, where about 900 people could accommodate. We had four shows on the 22nd and 23rd July. Each day we had a chief Guest from different government departments and on 23rd evening we had the Governor of Meghalaya as the Chief Guest. A hundred and fourteen children were actively participated in the show, and performed it very professionally. As we appreciate our students, we thank Mr. Johny Sotun who wrote and directed the play and our dear teachers for all the hard work they put in for the success of the play. It was highly appreciated by everyone who watched it. There were many request to perform it in different places. However, we could not accept all the invitation as the children need to concentrate on their studies too.





AUGUST-2015

The school re-opened after the summer vacation on the 1st August. Mr. Rohit from Liliane Fonds visited Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre on the 5th August.

Michella an Italian volunteer came for two weeks of experience at Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre. On 15th August, the occasion of the Independence Day we had the Holy Eucharist at 7.15 a.m. followed by the flag hoisting as it was raining the students could not do the match pass.

Fifteen of our students accompanied by Sr. Rosalia and Miss Asmita to Shillong to perform a dance on the occasion of the state level celebration of the Independence Day at Kyndailad, Police Bazar, which was organized by the Image Nation, Cleve colony – Shillong.



The rest of the hostel children had gone to Siloam at 1.30p.m. for a programme organized by Fr. George Sdb the Director. The students enjoyed games that was organized by Fr. James Mani and team, which is called the post office. After the games and tea, Fr. James Mani Mani entertained the children with a magic Show.



On 20th August, the Sisters who had completed 50 years and 25 years of Religious profession were invited for lunch. As a result, all the staff & students gathered at the hall to greet them with a congratulation song. A special candle prepared by the students from vocational training was presented to them as a memento and as a token of love and appreciation for the service they have rendered to the humanity.

On the 29th August 2015 the students of FSHC, performed the same concert “**The Secret of the Emerald Lake**” at Little Flower School-Hatigaon, Guwahati, Assam.

The Onam Committee of Shillong had invited our students for the Onam celebration on the 30th August 2015. The students presented a dance “**Vandemataram**” on the occasion. The audience as a mark of appreciation for the wonderful performance gave standing ovation to the students.



SEPTEMBER-2015

This year the teacher’s Day was observed with much joy and gratitude, it all began with a thanksgiving mass organized by the students for their beloved teachers at 9.30a.m. Rev. Fr. Albert D’Souza presided over the Eucharistic celebration and prayed for the teachers.

An introduction was given by Sr. Agnes Prior a class XI student, Father Albert in his homily said we owe much to our teachers who teach us and make endless sacrifices for these special children. After the Holy Mass the teachers had tea at 10.30 am, while the students got ready for an entertainment programme. The programme lasted for an hour, with dance, comics and songs, they did it with lots of love & appreciation for their teachers.



The “National Consultation on Sanitation Partnership” was organized in Shillong, Pine wood Hotel on 9th September 2015. The students of Ferrando Speech and hearing students were invited to perform two items on the occasion. They performed two dances on the occasion The Vande Materam and another dance on the theme “SWACHH BHARAT”. Everyone was indeed impressed at their performance. It was also a learning moment for the students.



INCLUSIVE VIDYA CAMPAIGN -2015

A workshop on Inclusive Education was organized for all the Ri-Bhoi District teachers by Ferrando Speech and hearing Centre on the 17th September, 2015 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00p.m. Forty-Eight teachers were deputed by the district education office and 30 of the FSHC staff attended the workshop.

The Inaugural session began prayer dance led by the students of Ferrando speech and Hearing Centre, and the welcome words by Sr. Maya Poshna, the Principal of the School. Sr. Maya in her short introductory speech; spoke about the meaning of inclusion and types of inclusion.

After the introductory session Miss Joyshree one of the hearing Impaired teacher from FSHC, taught them basic sign language. Followed by Mrs. Dr. Melisa Wahlang one of the resource person from North Eastern Regional Institute for Teacher Training took over and dealt on how sign Language works. After lunch, Smt. Bertha Dkhar from Bethany Society. She explained in detail about Inclusion and the advantages and disadvantages. The teachers requested to organize such programmes again on the same topic.



Introductory Speech



Basic Sign Language



Session by Dr. Malisha Wahlang



Session by Miss Bertha Dkhar

Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre too had organized the poetry and drawing competition on the theme “INCLUSION”. We had sent out letters to different schools in the district asking them to conduct the competition in their respective schools and select the best three to send to Ferrando. The final selections were done at FSHC; the prize distribution should have been on the International Day of the Deaf. However, due to the death of the sitting MLA Hoping Stone Lyngdoh the Governor of Meghalaya, the Chief Guest could not attend the function on the 29th September the International Day of the deaf. So we had to cancel the programme in the last moment. The prizes for the selected candidates were sent to the respective schools to be given to the winners.



Students have gone to perform a dance as they were invited by the Narayan Guru Cultural Centre-at Shilloom on the 19th September. They were over whelming by the children’s performance they contributed about 7000 rupees for the children. After the dance the participants asked Sr. Maya to share few things about the Centre and the activities.

Various Student groups and social groups from across the country were invited to perform dances on the 26th September 2015 on the occasion of the seminar on the “**Sacred Dance**”. The purpose of the seminar is to understand dance used in prayer and worship in different religion at Sacred Heart Theological College, Shillong.

Fourteen of our students participated in the occasion. They perform a dance “Asothoma Satgamaya”. There were about 16 dance groups from across the country. While the FSHC students performed everyone were wonder struck as how could these deaf children perform with so much perfection. No one could ever understand that they were deaf children till they were told. It is something amazing the Lord does in their life when chances are given to them.



OCTOBER-2015

On 1st of October Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre celebrated the Feast of Sr. Merly Tom the Director and the superior of the institute & Sr. Lisina Lyngdoh the staff Nurse. We had a solemn thanksgiving prayer at 6.30 p.m. followed by programme and dinner.



On the 08 of October, as part of the Inclusive Vidya Campaign the students of FSHC performed Prayer Dance and the National Anthem at Bethany Society Shillong.

Two of the FSHC teachers Miss Ladalang Lyngdoh and Miss Baiarisa Snaibi had attended two days' teachers training programme conducted by Bethany Society on: -

- a) Early intervention
- b) Critical age of Language development
- c) Early identification for children with hearing Impairment
- d) Risk factors
- e) Cochlear implant-below 3 years of age
- f) Awareness on a pregnant woman
- g) Prevention of deafness.
- h) Early childhood education
- i) Responsibility of teachers
- j) Major causes of disability

The Diploma students from Shishu Saroty Guwahati visited FSHC on 12th October, 2015 as part of their Educational tour. Sr. Maya Pohshna the principal of the school gave a short description about our Centre. And they too had chances to visit all the departments They were indeed impressed and satisfied for having visited the place.

On 20/10/2015 the center organized social work day in order to inculcate the true spirit of hard work and respect for all works. The students were divided into 20 groups with teachers in charge of each group. The entire group took initiative to clean the school building and the surrounding. All participated in the social work and they were appreciated much.



School was closed from 21st – 25th October on occasion of Puja holidays for five days, as the annual examinations are very close only the students who are celebrating puja went for home holidays while the others stayed back in the hostel and prepared themselves for the examinations.

On 30/10/2015 the entire FSHC concert group was invited to St. Margaret's Higher Secondary School – Shillong to perform another show. There were about 1000 participants for the show. It was not only a fund raising programme but it created awareness in all the spectators, the capabilities of children with disabilities were much appreciated.

November - 2015

9/11/2015 Mr. Ksaidbok Shadap (MA Linguistics) is placed here by Dr. Melissa G. Wahlang of North East Regional Institute of Education for his research. He does the Research on “ **A study of English language learning for students with Disability at the elementary level**”.

“PICNIC CUM CHILDREN DAY CELEBRATION” The school anticipated the Children's day on the 12th November. On the occasion teachers took incharge of all the various preparations. The teachers were divided in two groups to preparing food and conducting various games for the students. Prior to the day we had a meeting and we decided to take the students to Jesuit Novitiate Mawsroh near by places. Accordingly, we set out for the respective place at 9.30 a.m. meanwhile the cooking group began their work. At Ferrando institute. The following groups & responsibilities were divided. The 1st game started with the football match between Gandhi & Nehru group for the boys followed by the Sarojini and Jhansi group for the girls. Then followed the other games like Musical chair, marble race etc. The prizes were simultaneously given to the winners by Miss Asmita. At 2.00p.m. We gathered for lunch. After the lunch the students thank the teachers for the hard work they have put in to show their love and care towards the students. The teachers too sang a festal song for the students.



Picnic cum Children's Day Celebration-12th November

Staffs of FSHC with much joy and enthusiasm set out for a picnic on 13th November 2015 to Mawlynnong the cleanest Village in Asia. It took 3hours to reach the beautiful place. We had a great

time to share our laughter and joy. Sr. Bindhu, Praddep our bus Driver & Susto the Shiloam driver did the cooking. The others mean time went for sightseeing in the village itself. We indeed admire the ability of the people to keep the entire village clean, no plastic, no papers are to be seen thrown here and there. The children too are kept clean; their respective home are clean. It is indeed a lovely village was we really felt the freshness of everything. After the cooking is done we had our lunch at 1.30p.m. and after the lunch we went to Root Bridge, different viewpoints. We left the place at about 6.00pm. and reach home at 9.00p.m.



16-20/11/2015 Training & Seminar: Sr. Bindhu, Sir Emmanuel & Miss Riti had gone for the Seminar conducted by CBM at Guwahati –Montfort School.

It was based on

- i. Disaster Risk Reduction(DDR) on school
- ii. Safety plan
- iii. Disaster Management
- iv. A continuous and integrated process of planning organizing coordinating and implementing

Step includes:

- a. Identification of hazards around school premises
- b. major area of concern
- c. Inclusion of DM in school curriculum
- d. Preparation of the disaster
- e. Awareness and preparation

Key concert:

- a) Trained teachers on preparing emergency plan
- b) Information of all emergency, critical facilities
- c) Conduct of mock drill and bridging the gap.

Objective of SDMP

- a. Identify possible risk factor in school
- b. To ensure all possible measures for mitigation to be adopted in school.
- c. Classification of disability
- d. Male/female disability data.

16th November - 2nd December – started the final exam for the students.

December-2015

The Term end examinations both theory and practical's of FC-SDE was held on 2nd December at Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre. There were 40 students from Sikkim appeared for the examinations.



3/12/2015 celebrated the World Disable Day. Programm began with a short prayer led by Sr. Maya followed by a National Anthem. As part of the celebration there were officers who have come from District Legal Services Authority to address the students about ***“On Rights of Children with Disability”*** They said that they will always stand for the rights of the disabled children and assist them in the difficult times. They also mentioned that they would like to conduct seminar on the same topic in the coming year and in a more systematic way. On the same day announced the result of the final examination. Sr. Maya invited one among the officers to distribute the result & the prizes to the students. The prizes were given to those who passed out with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and some special prizes. Celebration came to an end with a light refreshment.



5/12/2015 The students of FSHC participated in the Annual Day cum advance Christmas celebration organized by Christ School (International) at Nongsder-Umiam.



The younger children began their winter vacations for two months from the 4th December, the students from class nursery to class VIII, left for home holidays. The older kids who have to appear for their board examinations stayed back to prepare for the examinations. They would go home for few days on 20th December before Christmas and will be back on the 5th January.

Deaf Expo 2015 at Coimbatore from 17th -21st December. The deaf teachers of Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre had the great opportunity to be the part of this Deaf Expo. Over 1200 deaf delegates attended and participated in the four days of Conference, which brought together deaf from India and around the world. It was very interesting and gave us the opportunity to learn and meet the deaf people from around the globe and to exchange our thoughts and ideas.

They mentioned specially on the success of the 4th India deaf expo, the choice of the place, and accommodation and the quality sessions on innovative technologies, sign language education, film festival and culture awareness and an exhibition etc. All the sessions were fantastic and informative.

They were surprise to know that India has about 6 -7 crore deaf people. Yet, little is being done for Education, (presentation showed about 5% have completed their higher education) Employment and Rights. And there has been a major advance in Technology that can help Deaf people in Education and Rehabilitation. The session which we were more interested in were Importance of education, Rights, New technologies, and Problems which deaf people face in single and married life. All the presentations inspired them in a way how can their life be improved. It was every unique event for them.

The event offered them an opportunity to showcase their talents through a small cultural dance also to brief about our Centre.

It was the first conference ever we have attended. Those most amazing days had made fantastic remark in their life. It changed our outlook towards life.

There after they made trip to Kerala, Mysore and Bangalore.

Participates were: -

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| 1. Chumbeni Oving..... | Nagaland |
| 2. Donbok Nongsiang..... | Meghalaya |
| 3. Bramacharimayum Joyshree Devi. | Manipur |
| 4. Melda Kharshandy..... | Meghalaya |
| 5. Mitsel Sylliang..... | Meghalaya |
| 6. Rosina Situng..... | Meghalaya |
| 7. Sun Moni Bora..... | Assam |
| 8. Susie Bandalin Basaiawmoi | Meghalaya and Sr. Bindu Thomas |



In the **1st week of January 2016** while all the students were on winter vacations Sr. Bindhu and Sr. Blandina along with Sr. Sara visited the villages of Umbir Parish for the pastoral ministry, during which they also give talks on disability and created some awareness on primary ear and eye care. The sisters were in the villages for about 4 days continuously. They visited the families to have firsthand information of their living conditions.

The month of February is a month of joyful welcoming of our kids gone for holidays. From the 09/02/2016 the older kid's children began to come back to the hostel. There was a lot of joy and fun in meeting the friends. This year about 26 new kids were admitted to the school and the hostel. The students of classes ten and twelve were busy preparing their final exams which will start on the 10 March.

On 13th the school reopened, we implored God's blessings upon each of us with a solemn Eucharistic celebration by Fr. George SDB thus with the blessings of the almighty God, we began the regular classes today for the academic year 2016.



The staff meeting was held on 19th of Feb 2016 to discuss about the activities of the year, Sr. Maya the principal of the school shared some of the activities what she thought would be included and asked the staff to give their suggestions. Especially had a discussion on upcoming sports day. All were very enthusiastic about contributing their bit. Thus we had a very pleasant, well planned programme for the year.

March -2016

1-03-2016 The annual Sports week began on the 1st March at 9.00a.m. with the inaugural function. The Chief guest of the day was Sr. Laila Thomas MSMHC from Bethel. Sr. Maya invited Sr. Laila Thomas to hoist the School flag and declare the Sports week 2016 Open. After the declaration the students had the march passed in four groups the judge for the same were Sr's Sara & Mary. They then had the break for 15minutes after the break followed other items like 100m run, 200 m. run. Different games were done in different days. The concluding day of the sport was on the 4th March the chief guest for the same was Shri. M.C. Decca the Joint Director of School Education and Literacy, Meghalaya. The function began with a prayer dance by Gerlin and friends followed by a welcome addressed by Sr. Maya. The chief guest was invited to distribute the prizes to the students. In between a dance was presented by the Kids and the mime show by the older boys. The day concluded with a short speech from the chief guest of in his message he congratulated the students and appreciated all for the talents and the athletic spirit through the sports and games. He also said that he is amazed to see the various performances which was shown by the students depicts the training and the opportunities being provided to the students, he congratulated all the staff who are behind the show.



5-03-2016 Third year students of Nursing from Woodland Hospital had come for the field trip. They reached at 11 a.m. Sr. Maya the Headmistress of the school briefed them all about FSHC and its activities and future plans as well, the nurses then grouped themselves into 8-10 persons in one group and interacted with children. They expressed that they had good experience and were indeed enriched by meeting the children.



23-03-2016 In preparation for the Easter celebration the staff and the students had a day of prayer and recollection.

School Screening:



Physiotherapy Unit:



Home Based programme

