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As has now been more or less customary, a few honours did come Maher since July last eulogising its work for the deprived and abandoned. However, an award from the National Council of Women was a special honour. The Council is a 97 year old organisation working for the uplift of women in India. I deem it to be a special honour to have been selected for an award instituted by a women's organisation of international stature.

The inclusion of my name in the 2019 Oooms magazine list of most influential people in the world is really flattering since the list contains such illustrious names as the Dalai Lama, Michelle Obama, the Pope Francis and Bill Gates. I take the honour with all the humility it deserves and dedicate it to the Maher children, women and men who found Maher to be a place to be at peace with themselves.

It is heartening to note that whilst the world is increasingly called upon to counter the problem of religious and communal fanaticism, there is simultaneously an increasing awareness of compelling necessity of interfaith dialogue. This was very evident at the conference hosted by Interreligious Dialogue Institute at Rome, Italy and attended by as many as 120 delegates from all over the world. Maher has already formed an Interfaith Association which is steadily making progress over the last 2 years toward its final mission to create a society which respects all the faiths and their right to exist in harmony with other faiths.

My visit to Europe once again proved how lucky Maher is in having friends abroad who are convinced of Maher's mission and are willing to go out of way to help Maher and its colleagues in the field. We visited numerous organisations in Europe and returned home with a fund of good-will and hope. I thank all my Maher friends who made our visit such a wonderful and a memorable one.

With these words, I wish you all a great year ahead, and conclude this small note of mine.

Sister Lucy Kurien
Founder-director, Maher

Maher Interfaith Association strives to spread the message of interfaith dialogue and sarvadharmasamabhav

Maher Interfaith Association of Service to Humanity and Nature is a family of people and communities all around the world. It urges its members to perform a daily spiritual practice as a symbol of love for the good of all life on earth. The association also encourages its members to practice one small act of kindness each day for another person and for the earth.

At Maher, there are over 1,500 people of all different faiths and backgrounds meditating, praying and sharing together across Maher centres daily.

Love and prayers to you and to your loved ones, and to our one human and earth family, from us Maher children.

Recently the members had an interaction with a group of Japanese young students who greatly appreciated the Association's work.

Mangesh Pol has been working as a Coordinator of the Association.
Maherites were delighted to know that Sister Lucy was invited by the Co-Presidents of the Interreligious Dialogue Institute to attend its conference in Rome, Italy. Pope Francis himself founded this organisation to promote the interfaith dialogue in the world and it was a matter of pride that Sister got invited to attend the conference attended by as many as 120 delegates. The conference gave Sister Lucy an opportunity to interact with the Pope. It is nice to know that Pope Francis has been striving in earnest to implement interfaith dialogue and constructive collaboration with other major world religions, and that Maher is a part of that effort.

Sister Lucy attends IDI conference at Vatican

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For Maherites it was one of the most delightful news to be informed that Sister Lucy had been included in the Oooms 2019 list of the ‘World’s Most Inspiring People.’ These are the people who have influenced the world most during 2019. The jury consisted of internationally famous people who are appreciated worldwide for their objectivity in selection. Appearing 35th in the list, Sister Lucy has been described as one who has “given home to thousands of Indian street children”.

This has really been a matter of great pride for all Maherites and Maher well-wishers that Sister Lucy has been included by an international magazine in the list which contains such famous names as Greta Thunberg, Pope Francis, Jane Fonda and Dalai Lama. We wish many more such honours come her way.

Italian translation of ‘Women Healing Women’ published

‘Women Healing Women’ by Maher friends Will Keepin and Cynthia Brix (USA), the book on Maher that took it to the international audience, has now been published in Italian taking it even further at the doorstep of the international reader. The book was released on 23 November 2019 in Padova. The Italian translation has been published by Edizioni Messaggero Padova.

Maher promotes its work through Friends of Maher in Europe

Sr. Lucy, Suprabha Alhat and Mangesh Pol who were in Europe last year on an invitation from the Friends of Maher in Europe, attended numerous meetings, gatherings and conferences there and interacted with a large number of people on the work of Maher. They were interviewed by many well-known journalists who showed keen interest in Maher’s work and mission. Maher feels extremely grateful to its friends and their families there for providing this opportunity to spread the word of Maher to numerous organisations. These included various schools, universities, social clubs, youth associations and others. In general these interactions went a long way in apprising these organisations of Maher’s mission, its interfaith philosophy and possibilities of collaboration with them in its future plans.
Winter Sports Camp over with usual enthusiasm and cheering

The 11th Annual Winter Sports Camp was organized from 9th to 12th November, 2019 at our Vadhu centre with a usual spirit of healthy competitions and a lot of activity. It was attended by a number of sports lovers. Like every year almost all the Maher children from Maharashtra region were brought together to participate in the sports camp. More than 750 children from the ages 3 to 19 years participated in different activities, including sports, dance, fancy dress competitions and quizzes.

It was an action packed 4 day program and the kids were very happy and had an enjoyable time. The blue house scored the highest points and lifted the trophy. Mr. Sachin Gawade was declared Best Player (Male) while Miss. Sayali Salunke became the Best Player (Female).

Maher children stand out with their superb performance at the Chacha Nehru Bal Mahotsav 2019

The 3-day festival was organized from 28th to 30th December 2019 by the Women and Child Welfare Department of the Government of Maharashtra, Pune. It evoked a very good response with 15 NGOs participating in its activities.

Maher was represented by Anita Dhothode, Harish Avchar, Neeta Surywanshi and Prashanjit Gaywad.

Maher Children gave an excellent performance during the festival as is evident from the following table.

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### Number of activities organized under Project Tantradnyan and Parishram

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At Jharkhand, we are conducting the Tailoring and Beautician classes at 7 villages at Bokaro and over 150 women are trained and benefited from these classes.

**IN BRIEF**

1. **Special Days and Festivals:** During the latter half of the last year, Maherites celebrated and observed at Maher a number of special days that included a range of festivals, national days and anniversaries of eminent people.

   - **Annabhau Sathe Jayanti (8 August 2019):** The birth anniversary of the social reformer, poet, and writer from Maharashtra, was observed under Project Kishordham at Snehasadan at Shirur. The function was presided over by Mr. Todmal, Headmaster of the J. V. School. He exchanged with the children a number of inspiring stories from the life of Mr Sathe who dedicated his life to the dissemination of social messages through his folk music and literature.

   - **Independence Day:** The Independence Day was celebrated at all the centres of Maher through the colourful rangoli and drawing exhibition which featured a number of social themes like sarvadharma samvadHAV, pollution, female foeticide and eye donation. The celebration included a number of competitions with attractive prizes for the winners. Maher friends from abroad who were present in good number on the occasion happily gave away the prizes.

   - **Ganesh festival (All Maher centres):** At Vadhu the festival began on 2nd September with Sister Lucy performing the pratishthapanA of the idol and reciting arati on the occasion. Each house at Vadhu was allotted a topic and the children in the house were expected to present something related to it. To show respect toward environment, children immersed the idol in a tub of water which enabled them to reuse the clay for planting saplings in the Vadhu premises. On 10 September the celebration featured a variety of performances by the Apti, Avhalwadi, Vadhu, Shirur and Kendur children. A jury committee assessed the performances and declared the prizes. Kendur, Vadhu and Apti centres respectively
Shirur children presented a skit 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao' and won a consolation prize.

- **Teacher's Day/ Mother Theresa Death Anniversary (All Maher centres):** Children remembered the former President of India Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and Mother Theresa respectively on their birth and death anniversaries which both fell on 5 September. On the occasion, participants related Maher's work and paid respects to Dr Radhakrishnan and Mother Theresa.

- **Abdul Kalam Jayanti (All Maher centres):** The former president of India has always been a source of inspiration for India's young generation. On this birth anniversary of the president, children spoke about President Kalam's contribution to scientific development in India and paid their respects to him.

- **Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary (All Maher centres):** This special anniversary was marked by two rallies in the village Vadhu- from Maher office to the Sambhaji Maharaj Samadhi and from the Inamdar Hospital to Koregaon Bhima market. The function was presided over by Shri Sandip Barve of Yuvak Kranti Dal. In his speech, Shri Barve underlined the importance of Gandhian thought in the modern world and its three essential tenets- truth, non-violence and love.

The special day featured drawing and essay competitions and rallies at different Maher centres including Satara, Miraj, Ratnagiri, Bakori, Kerala and Jharkhand. At Bakori, Wagholi, the rally featured children, women and men (Vatsalyadham centre) in special costumes representing different faiths, symbolising the importance of communal harmony and interfaith philosophy.

The women, children and men of Vatsalyadham center participated in Swachhata Abhiyaan at the vegetable market in Wagholi. The children of Satara centre participated in a rally that highlighted Gandhian values of non-violence, communal harmony and peace. They also organized a mime show on the life of Gandhi.

- **World Mental Health Day (10 October 2020, Pune, Ratnagiri, Miraj and Jharkhand):** The World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma attached to mental illness. The day was observed to promote the awareness among people regarding the mental issues and reduce the stigma attached to the mental illnesses. Maher workers organised various dance competitions as individual and group performances at the Vatsalyadham center, Pune.

- **Children's Day (All Maher centres):** The children featured various entertaining performances, including the puppet and magic shows.

Under the Project Viswadeep at Miraj, 72 flood-stricken children were distributed educational material of various type.

- **Blood donation on Sister Lucy’s birthday (Manjari Khurd, 9 September 2019):** The camp saw 35 people donating blood.
symbolising their respect for Sister Lucy and their sense of social service. Sister Lucy who was present on the occasion appreciated the performing children. For Maher social worker Shri Vaibhav Pawar, it was 70th turn for blood donation. Well done Shri Pawar! We appreciate your passion for donating blood.

- **Christmas celebrations:** On eve of Christmas, Maher invited the sugarcane cutters and pavement dwellers to a family meal and a cultural evening. As many as 1500 people had dinner and received blankets or saris as gifts. This was followed by a candle light procession with K.N Jayarajan, General Secretary, Human Rights Foundation and President, Delhi Cultural Forum. bringing baby Jesus to the crib. It was a wonderful evening with people from all walks of life participating.

On 25th, the Christmas Day, children gathered at the crib for meditation and prayers. Soon after the breakfast all the children travelled to the Vatsalyadham centre, the Maher home for the mentally ill women. They looked forward to both Christmas Celebration and engagement ceremony of Omana and Narsimha (both orphans). This was followed by lunch. Stalls with various eatables like pani puri, bhel puri, Christmas cake, ice creams etc. had been specially set up for the occasion.

The Santa who walked in at 2.00 pm gave gifts to all present. It was a day full of fun and merriment.

- **World Orphans’ Day (Vadhu):** The day was celebrated at Vadhu on 13 November 2019. The reason for observing the day seems to be to focus on the problems of the orphans. Anu Silas, the Founder and Director of Vanitashray, was the chief guest at the gathering. The programme featured a number of cultural activities by children. All orphans were taken for an outing and dinner at a hotel. We have to be with them to experience the joy.

2. **Picnics and outings:** Outings and picnics are always welcome by children since they provide them some relief from their routine life. From July to December too despite the new academic year, children did go for some outings as under:

- **Tamhini Ghat (6 October 2019):** Tamhini Ghat is a mountain passage located between Mulshi and Tamhini in Maharashtra. Situated on the crest of the Western Ghat mountain ranges, Tamhini Ghat is noted for its surroundings comprising scenic waterfalls, lakes and dense woods. Maher organised an educational tour to this scenic place for the 11th and 12th standard children. They were accompanied by knowledgeable people who gave them information about the flora and fauna of the region and the Sahyadri range of mountains.

- **Naneghat and Kukadeswar Temple (13 October 2019):** Naneghat is a mountain pass in the Western Ghats range between the Konkan coast and the ancient town of Junnar in the Deccan plateau. The pass is about 120 kilometres north of Pune and about 165 kilometres east from Mumbai.

Kukadeswar Temple is located in Pune District. It is about 15 km west of Junnar and lies on the banks of Kukdi River. It is a Shiv temple noted for its beautiful sculptures and carvings. Around 133
children participated in this picnic.

- **Goa (27-30 September 2019):** The picnic was organised for the students who had successfully cleared their 12th standard examination. The tour took the children to Loutolim which is among one of Goa’s delightful villages, with lush green paddy fields and tranquil village roads that lie under a canopy of forest trees. They were also taken to the famous Colwa beach and St Francis Church. Maher is very thankful to Carole and Norman for sponsoring children’s accommodation and food.

3. **Awareness programmes:** Awareness programmes are an integral part of Maher work. These relate to such social issues as dowry, female foeticide, alcoholism and micro finance. Following are some of the important awareness programmes organised by Maher workers during the relevant period.

- **Environmental awareness (Kendur, 1 July 2019):** The programme featured a rally in which as many as 130 participants held placards in their hands and shouted slogans in defence of environmental protection. They were guided by Maher social workers Rajendra Sakore and Roopali Wankhede.

- **Sarvadharmasamabhav (Perne Phata, 17 August 2019):** Public education with regard to respect for all religions and communal harmony probably assumes greatest importance at present times and Maher has been doing valuable work in this regard. It has already founded an interfaith organisation and has been organising activities to promote this message. The Perne Phata programme highlighted this message and organised rangoli competition and street play toward this objective. Similar programmes were organised at Apti (20th August 2019), Kendur (24 August 2019) and Bakori (21 August 2019). All of them were attended by a large number of Maherites and local residents.

- **Micro-finance register maintenance (Apti, 20 August 2019):** In order to boost the confidence of people in bachat guts, it is important that this register is properly maintained by the member in charge. Shri Vijay Tawar of Maher gave basic training to the

- **Thinking Differently (Shikrapur, Bakori and Vatsalyadham centers, August’2019):** This programme had been organised by the Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti of Talegaon-Dhamdhere. Dr Ms Kadam of the Samiti explained on the occasion the futility of many widely held superstitions. She showed the audience a few experiments as to how they are easily fooled. For instance, a lemon turning red with the use of certain chemicals. They were also shown a short film on superstitious practices in our country.

- **Tree plantation (Bakori hill, 4 August 2019):** Maher is a staunch believer in protection of natural environment and holds programmes frequently to promote the cause. The Bakori hill plantation saw 200 children planting as many as 300 saplings for which the pits were dug by them.

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Save the girl child (Wagholi hutment, 17 November 2019): This programme featured a street play and a poster exhibition to appeal the audience to protect the girl child and further empower her in all respects. More than 100 people attended the programme.

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Sr. Annamma Jeevanjali gave away prizes to the children who had bagged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in elocution quiz and national devotional songs which had been conducted in Gandhiji’s 150th birth anniversary. About 150 people participated this programme.

December 2019
- **X’mas Celebration & Engagement of Surekha and Sanu:** It was a big celebration with both X’mas and Surekha’s engagement with Sanu taking place on the same day. The celebration was attended by Sister Lucy as well as around 100 guests.

- St. Stephen’s church Thodupuzha gave felicitation to Sr. Lucy Kurien and they gave cash award. Best Social worker award from Kanaya Cathoilcs from St Antony’s Church at Marika - Kerala

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- On 10th Oct Sr Lucy Recived Asrya Manava Sevarakina Award from Asraya organization Kotarakara, Kerala.

- Paper bag training: With a view to helping women to attain economic independence, Shri Basant Kishor organised a paper bag training course in Sheetal Devi SHG. A total of 18 women participated in the training.

August 2019
- **A 1-day seminar on legal matters regarding women’s rights:** The seminar was organised by a local NGO in which Maher social workers participated very actively. The seminar was addressed by the lower magistrate who spoke about women’s rights and legal advice available to them. Around 50 delegates participated in the seminar proceedings.

September 2019
- **Teacher’s Day:** The Day was celebrated with a discussion on values of education. Present were the Jeevoday and Sarvodaya women, who as part of movement for women empowerment, took a keen interest in the discussion.
- Sakhi Milan training programme: The programme, held at Gomia village, imparted information with regard to health and economic independence. The programme was attended by as many as 150 to 200 women. Ms Rani Besra taught participants the recipe for making natural Horlicks, (health drink liked by children) by using natural grains. Ms Taramani talked about the importance of tailoring course while Punit Kumar, Supriya Kumari and Prakashchandra Mishra, who had come from Bokaro, taught mushroom production for which they also provided a manufacturing kit at a very low price.

October 2019
- **Science & Arts Exhibition 2019 (Bijupada, 14 October 2019):** The exhibition provided the children at Maher as well as from other schools in Bijupada to show their talent through showcasing their static and working models that facilitated understanding of many scientific concepts. The objective of the exhibition was not only to inculcate a scientific and critical attitude among the children, aged 13 to 21 years, but also to create teaching aids for scientific subjects. The models were based on information from the NCERT books prescribed for stds 6th to 12th. The models related to such topics as water holding capacity of soil, & Public School Elanji. More than 1000 students participated this programme.BCM College Kottayam

**Jharkhand**

July 2019
- **Visit by Sister Lucy and Shashi Minj:** Sister Lucy held a meeting with all social workers and impressed upon them the importance of maintaining cordial relations with the local population.

St. Philomena's Jr. college
- Sr. Lucy Kurien’s Speech (11-10-19) St. Philomena's Jr. college
wind mill, jet aircraft and others.

November 2019

- **Old clothes distribution**: The children and staff collected a sizable number of old clothes and distributed them in two villages- Banchatra and Dhamdharwa. Around 200 residents of these villages visited the event and took away clothes.

December 2019

- **Distribution of old clothes and new blankets**: A similar event involving distribution of old clothes took place in Harhadih and Chahgarwa villages which was visited by 150 villagers. On 30th and 31st December 2019, Maher workers distributed new blankets in villages of Karmatand, Kaswagarh and Khamra. In addition, the Maher workers have started self help groups at several place almost every month.

**Ratnagiri**

The Ratnagiri centre celebrated many festivals and special days from July to December 2019. Some of these are as under:

- **Agricultural day (1-15 July 2019)**: The children, around 70 in number, undertook tree plantation in cooperation with the Vidarbha Konkan bank. The bank Manager, Ms Manasi Rege took the initiative by planting a sapling herself.

- **Gurupornima (16 July 2019)**: The children celebrated the Gurupornima in a novel way by inviting the mentally challenged women to participate in the programme. Together they recited a prayer that offered their best wishes to Sister Lucy. A talk on importance of Guru in modern life was also arranged.

- **Mumbai University Anniversary Celebration (18 July 2019)**: The programme received cooperation from the NSS unit of the S. P. Hegshetye College. The students of the college donated on the occasion some educational material to the Maher children and had an informal interaction with them. The group appreciated Maher work and explored further opportunities to undertake joint activities with Maher. The programme was attended by around 60 children.

- **Lokmanya Tilak Jayanti (23 July 2019)**: The anniversary of Lokamany Tilak was used as an opportunity for children to discuss the role played by the great leader in the country's freedom struggle as well as in the development of all sections of society.

- **Bakri Eid (12 August 2019)**: In keeping with its faith in interreligious dialogue and understanding, Maher, Ratnagiri makes it appoint to celebrate all festivals. On the Bakri Eid day the Maher children performed namaz and prayed for the well-being of the flood-stricken people in Maharashtra. The programme was very well organized by the Maher Balgriha Aradhana Mandal.

- **Constitution and anti-dowry day (26 Nov 2019)**: The day was observed with girl students taking the oath not to ever give dowry. Children read a part of the constitution and vowed never to cease respecting the constitution. Mr Sunil Kamble underlined the role of
The home has its credit celebration of a number of special and festive days. These include Diwali, Rakshabandhan, Christmas, Eid, Independence Day, Teacher's Day and Dahi hundi. At every festival, the children were told the background and the significance of the festival. On the Independence Day, children paid respects to the memories of the freedom fighters. Dahi hundi was lot of fun whereas the Swachhata Abhiyan featured a street play by the children outside the Koparkhairne railway station.
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The National Council of Women in India (NCWI) has been working in the field of women’s education since 1925 and is affiliated to the International Council of Women, Paris. The Council at a Seminar in Pune organized in collaboration with the International Council of Women honoured Sister Lucy in appreciation of her work for destitute women, men and children. It is a matter of great pride for the Maherites that a prestigious organization like NCWI conferred this honour on Sister Lucy.

In another function, the Ashray Charitable Society, based in Kottarakkara in Kollam district of Kerala, conferred its Manav Sevaratna Award on Sister Lucy on 10 October 2019. The Society has been working since 1994 to provide protection to the destitute and marginalised sections of the society.

Sister Lucy was also recently honoured with the Best Social Worker Award from Kanaya Catholics from St Antony’s Church at Marika, Kerala.