RURAL CAMP

The rural camp was scheduled from 5th to 9th December, 2016. The students were divided into three groups which were Ashaghad, Tara and Uplat. We were oriented about the camp by our professors, Ms. Nishi Kumar and Dr. Rashida Kapadia. Fr. Blaise D'souza oriented us about the social analysis report which each student had to do in their respective centre.

The day arrived when each group had to leave for the rural camp. Every group went to separate centres and each one experienced different situations. The Ashaghad members were divided on the same day that they reached the centre and a new group was formed called Dongripada. This group then taught in schools such has Loyola Ashram Shala, Dongripada and also St. Xavier's School, Tokarpada which was located 7 kms away from Loyola Ashram Shala and the student teachers walked 7 kmseveryday to reach this school and to teach the students.

Various subjects such has English, History, Maths and Science were taught to the students. We also tried to speak in English with the students but they were more comfortable with Marathi and Hindi as compared to English. Basic English speaking classes were also conducted where the students learnt to speak English and also read their lessons in English. Activities such has Drawing, Singing, Dancing were also organised where the students got the time to show their talent and to teach others skills that they were good at. Games sessions which were conducted were enjoyed by all the students.

Teaching Aids were also prepared by us so that we could improve our teaching and this would help the students understand the topic in a better way. Each one of us took a lot of efforts to make these keeping in mind the students who we will teach and who have great expectations from us. On returning from our respective rural camps, the groups conducted assemblies to share their experience of their visit to the different centres.

The students were very kind, understanding and down to earth in their behaviour which brought smile on our faces even when we had to teach them in class. We felt very happy looking at their attitude, they were very welcoming and friendly. The stay at the rural camp brought about more awareness among us and we realized the **Importance of Education**. The life in the urban and rural areas is very different. We learnt to adjust to situations and were very happy interacting with the students. This camp has definitely left us with memories for a lifetime!