

Centre of HOPE, Kolkata

Inauguration of the Kolkata Centre of HOPE



The quarter was filled with activity as we were preparing to open the new Kolkata Centre of HOPE. It was a wonderful experience as it has been a much anticipated program. The centre is sponsored by the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth. 29th September saw the inauguration of the new centre in Champahati that has an approximate population of 1 lakh people. The new centre is situated almost 30-35 km away from Kolkata.

The Inauguration was solemnised by the Panchayat Pradhan, Mr. Hem Kr Mondal, Mr. Mark Templer, the South Asia Director of HOPE *worldwide* and Mr. Gimms Andrews, President HOPE *worldwide*, India, and was also attended by donors, well-wishers and villagers. It was lovely to see some of the prospective students of the school present songs and poems.

One of the beneficiaries from the computer school, Kalidas Biswas shared about his experience in the center. He was highly motivated by the opportunity extended to him and others by the project. Coming from a lower middle class family, where his mother the only bread earner, he could not afford to go for higher studies. It is the Kolkata Centre of HOPE which made such his dream of studying computers come true. This bright student scored the highest percentage of marks in an exam recently conducted examination by the institution.



The Kolkata Center of HOPE is a new light for many underprivileged children in Champahati and its adjoining areas. Many who cannot even imagine giving their children education, now have the opportunity to send them to an English school. With about 90 students in the school and another 40 in the computer education unit, there are huge responsibilities and many people yet to be helped. We thank the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth for helping us take this step in changing the lives of many people for the better.

We had a hundred percent attendance of 30 students every month in the computer school. There were 9 new enrollments in the computer class.