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(above) Children at Prem Vasam light earthen lamps to fight against Covid-19.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The past few months have been an uncertain and difficult time around the world, as we collectively respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. In India, a nation-wide lockdown has been in place since late March and was recently extended until the end of May. In April, children at Prem Vasam lit earthen lamps together to participate in a National Vigil held for 9 minutes at 9pm to combat the virus.

Selvyn, Mumtaj, and Indra send messages of sincere thanks for the continued support from Australind Childrens Fund during this time. Mumtaj sent a message last week reassuring us that, as an essential service, Prem Vasam has been able to get fresh supplies of vegetables and fresh fruit from the local market, and Selvyn has said that getting supplies of rice and other essentials has been okay. Prem Vasam recently celebrated mothers day, nurses day, and Prem's birthday in spite of the lockdowns.

Selvyn recently visited Prem Illam with supplies of fresh vegetables and fruit, and Indra was pleased to share the news of another harvest at the organic farm in early March this year, along with some words of comfort and encouragement;

As the world is in an unsettled moment right now, it so disturbing to see the news or the newspaper, I do remember the quote 'hope is the only thing stronger than fear'. With so much hope and tremendous support from you all we have started this organic farming a year ago and very blessed to share with you the news about our third successful harvest of paddy.

Today we have done the harvest from the two acre of paddy, some of our children from Prem Vasam also came for the harvest. Since it's little Renuka's birthday today we celebrated with all our children. It was a day of celebration for all of us here in Prem Illam. We think of you all with grateful heart.

Love Indra



(above) Prem's birthday, Nurses day, and Mother's day celebrations!

NEW ARRIVAL

We are so pleased to share the wonderful news that Ambika has given birth to a health baby boy, Britto Antony Raj, in April!

Selvyn Says, "...As we all undergo the most difficult and challenging times in our lives, we have a reason to celebrate and thank God. Our dearest Ambika is blessed with a beautiful baby boy on 15th of April, in the morning 8.29. It is a normal delivery and the baby is so cute and active. Please continue to pray for Ambika so that she gets the same strength and courage to be a father and a mother for her beautiful children."



(above) Ambika, Amalia, and Selvyn with new baby Britto at the hospital.



(above) Prema Vasam family harvesting rice at organic fields near Prem Illam in March.

ORGANIC RICE HARVEST MARCH 2020

In these uncertain times with a national lockdown in India in response to the health crisis, the need to address issues of food security and climate change has been heightened. These are two of the most crucial issues of our time. The recent rice harvest is a celebration of both the success of the organic farm project at Prem Illam and a demonstration of the significance of securing a healthy supply of food while highlighting the contribution of organic farming practices in addressing both climate change and the associated issue of the value of water.



(above) Reneka, Padmini, Navya, Andrea, and Indra celebrating the harvest of the organic rice fields in March 2020.



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