

Salesians Support Operation Smile

Free Camp to provide treatment to children born with clefts

Operation Smile, the largest worldwide humanitarian NGO dedicated to provide treatment to children born with clefts, organized a free camp in Kejriwal Stone Clinic & Kidney Care Centre, Pranami Mandir Road, Siliguri from 16 - 22 May, 2013.

The Salesian College Siliguri Campus students were asked to volunteer in the camp. Mr. Pawan Prasad, HOD, Commerce and Mr. Sandeep Singh, HOD, Management selected a team of 15 students from both the Departments under the supervision of Chanchal Agarwal, President, Student Council . As per instruction we reported in the Hospital on 16th May at 8.00 am.

We were guided by Miss Archana Sharma, Member, Operation Smile about our duties and the day started with the motto "No Indian child in any community should have to live with a facial deformity that is correctable."

We were appointed in various counters like the Registration, Screening, Blood test to verify the chances of an operation and also Documentation. The members and Doctors who came with the NGO were from different parts of the world and owing to the problem of language barrier we guided them by acting as interpreters. We had our lunch break and after that were back to work. First day was quite hectic with almost 90 children being registered which itself bears a recordable evidence of our fruitful endeavour. The day came to an end at 6.00 pm. From second day onwards operations started and we assisted to procure the medicines and other requirements as per demand .

Last day we congratulated the team for their dedication towards good work and they, on their part, appreciated our help and thanked us. They provided us the certificates and t-shirts of their NGO as a token of appreciation. However, we had a great experience of learning through this camp and felt very satisfied with our participation.

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