

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2014

By the grace of our Lord, our Church saw a new beginning during the year – 2014. Vacation Bible School is born for the benefit of the children in our Church Congregation.

In this buzzing city of Mumbai, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is normally conducted during the Diwali vacation. This year with continuous support and motivation of our Deacon Rev. David D Paramanatham and the coordination by congregation members, VBS at St. Paul's Tamil Church-Byculla took shape and was conducted at the space provided by Mr. S. Christopher at ACE Classes, Sion (90 feet Road – Dharavi) on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014. It was inaugurated by the MDCM Coordinator of our Diocese Rev. S. Abraham and Dn. Rev. D. David Paramanatham in the presence of the elders of our Church like Mr. P. A. Chelladurai, Catechist, Mrs. Jeyanthi Chelladurai, Mr. Gabriel Jebaraj and Mrs. Hema Gabriel.



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At the dawn of 23<sup>rd</sup> October some twenty five children were busy getting ready with such joy and glee on their faces to attend their first ever VBS. MDCM provided the best VBS Director, Mrs. Stella Daniel who was full of life and was accompanied by her daughter Miss. Joselin Daniel. The theme for this year's VBS was "YOU ARE SPECIAL". Children were taught on this theme through various Action Songs, Stories from the Bible and other Moral based stories. The book provided from MDCM was very elaborate and had activities that enabled children to grasp the deeper thoughts from the word of God in a much easier way. Teachers encouraged the children by enacting Skits based on this central theme.

Two days of power packed lessons and songs based God's Word from the scripture finally culminated into a 30 minutes variety program presented by the children during the Church Divine Service on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 which included VBS Theme Presentation by the Beginner & Primary Class Children, Dance based on the Worship Song "Thank you Lord" by the Junior & Intermediate & Senior Girls, while a Skit on "Nurturing the SEED sown at VBS" by the boys from Junior & Intermediate & Senior.

Congregation members Mr. Sam Perianayagam, Mrs. Kiruba Sam, Mr. Jegan Selvaraj, Mrs. Anita Jegan, Mr. J. Immanuel Samuel, Mrs. Jency Immanuel, Mr. Edison Perinbaraj, Mrs. Josephine Edison, Mr. Jebastin David, Mrs. Rebecca Rajan, Miss. Matilda Saro, Miss. Vincia Durairaj, Mr. John Perianayagam, Mrs. Evangelin Gladin, Mrs. Lydia Selvan Paul, Mrs. Margaret Michael, Mr. S. Jebakumar, Mrs. Suja Jebakumar, Mrs. Geetha Benson, Mrs. Elizabeth Prakash, Mr. Noel Thomas, Mrs. Sugarna Noel, Mr. Jackson Andrew, Mrs. Sumitha Jackson, Mr. Selvin Christopher, Mrs. Rajalatha Christopher, Mr. Rajesh Anthony & Mrs. Anne Rajesh volunteered in Teaching the children and coordinate the different tasks to make this VBS a Blessed Experience for the benefit of the children of our congregation. Special gratitude to Deacon David for his ardent support.

Praise be to our Lord !!

**Compiled By VBS Team**