



Damien Social Development Institute



A Ministry of the
Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI), begun by missionary Fr. William Petrie, ss.cc. in 1979, is a non-profit social service organization and a subsidiary of *Pavitra Hrudaya Sangha Charitable Trust*. DSDI, now managed by Fr. Subal Nayak, ss.cc., is located in Bhubaneswar, India.

DSDI promotes the values of commitment, compassion and service which Blessed Damien lived as he served and died with the leprosy patients exiled to Molokai, Hawaii. We believe human life is a gift of God. All share equally in the right to live in freedom, yet throughout the world we see many deprived of their right to live and die with dignity. We aspire to remove these barriers by promoting socio-economic development.

Our Mission

- Provide for the needs of leprosy patients entrusted to our care.
- Offer medical, education, and rehabilitative programs to enable the disabled to thrive in society.
- Promote socio-economic, health, and cultural programs for children, youth, and adults (especially women) through teaching, social awareness, and community building.
- Participate in the worldwide campaign to eliminate leprosy.

Our Vision

To eliminate human sufferings in order to revive and enhance the spirit of equality and dignity.



The Good Mother
Henriette Aymer
de la Chevalerie
1767-1834



The Good Father
Fr. Marie-Joseph Coudrin
1768-1837



Blessed Damien
of Molokai
1840-1889



Blessed Eustaquio
of Brazil
1890-1943

*Congregation of the
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Charism Statement*

*Aware of our heritage, we witness
and proclaim the Love of God as
found in the hearts of Jesus and
Mary.*

*This call directs us to serve the
mission of the church and the needs
of all people with emphasis on
helping the needy and abandoned
around the world.*



Medical

Damien Social Development Institute provides vital services to the poor and abandoned in India. Our medical team consist of a doctor, pharmacist, five paramedical workers, and a physiotherapist. They operate:

Damien Clinic To assists those afflicted with leprosy and will soon begin treating those suffering from HIV/AIDS. We are in the early stages of constructing a small rural hospital on the outskirts of the city to provide medical care to those pushed to the edge of society, both literally and figuratively. We are designing the facility to also provide labor rooms for the local women who have no alternative for a safe delivery.

Mobile Clinic To care for the sick and dying in the 120+ slum areas where the health conditions are deplorable.

Rehabilitation Program To assist physically disabled individuals workers travel village to village in search of those in need of wheelchairs, tricycles, crutches, hearing aids, and walking sticks for the blind. Once a census has been taken and the needed assistive devices are acquired the Damien workers return to the villages to distribute them and train the recipients.

Health Awareness Camps Organized nine times per year to educate the populace about current health issues.

Housing Projects Are carried out in the slums and surrounding villages where the housing conditions are appalling. We have built over 3500 houses in Cuttack, Choudwar, and Angul.

School Nutrition Program Provided only in Joganath Colony due to a lack of resources. Here, many of the parents provide for their families by begging, so we make available one balanced, nutritious meal a day to the children attending any of the schools in the colony.



Education

Education enlightens the children dispelling the darkness in the young and empowers them to build a better future for themselves and their families.

Our educational programs consists of:

Vocational Training: In order to provide a path to self-sufficiency DSDI sends young men and women for training as tailors, auto mechanics, paramedicals, drivers, cobblers, weavers, and electronic repairmen.

College Hostel: Coudrin Chhatrabas, our hostel takes in students, Catholic, Muslim, and Hindu, who attend the local college. These young men sleep in dormitory style rooms, share meals, cooperate on chores, and in the process learn that while we may worship differently we are still of the same family.

Non-Formal Education: To support the local schools we organize special group work/tutoring sessions for the children of the slums. We assist them in coping with class work and provide lesson help they could not receive at home.

**Asato ma sad gamaya
Tamaso ma jyotir gamaya
Mrityor ma amritam gamaya
Om Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti.**

From the unreal lead me to the real.
From darkness lead me to the light
From death lead me to immortality
Peace