



“Who dares to teach must never cease to learn’
(John Cotton Dana).
I hope to widen my outlook and knowledge of development, gain international exposure through sharing with facilitators and companions, and sharpen my skill through the Coady education program.”

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I play a key role in the central administration of the province in relation to the formulation of policies and strategies for development interventions. I help with the planning at the central level and help in the planning process of each mission in relation to development interventions, and participate in the coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and documentation of projects. My other responsibilities include staff training, fund-raising and working with adolescents. I contribute to other agencies and government departments as a resource person for the youth program, community based palliative care program, and the gender program.

The goal of The Nav Jyothi Social Centre is to extend the compassionate love of God to the poor and marginalized, especially to women and children. Women and children from vulnerable groups benefit from various programs undertaken by the sisters in 15 mission stations in South India. Children from tsunami and disaster prone areas, children affected by leprosy, children of leprosy and AIDS patients, orphans and children from very poor families with multiple problems are given free education and are prepared to enter main-stream society. Apart from those whose lives we touch, we also have sponsorship program, a micro credit program for widows, an employment program for poor women, a housing project in cooperation with government, life skills education for adolescents, a community based palliative care program, a cancer and geriatric palliative care program.

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