

When Chennai's leaders decided to build luxury flats, over 100,000 residents were moved to Kannagi Nagar. This huge 'slum' resettlement on the city's outskirts has poor access to utilities, education, and transport, and is plagued with crime. Families cram into tiny, single rooms, with no running water or safe sanitation.

Most children growing up here have little hope for the future. For many, life is harder still. Some families have so little that they have no other option but to live on the pavements beside the busy roads.

Thankfully, the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco set up the Marialaya project – a name which means 'House of Mary'. With Missio's support, Marialaya offers hope and progression to children and young people through various programmes of support. This support includes:

- Homeless street schools
- Free evening classes
- Free self-defence classes
- Vocational training
- Children's Parliament

Sr Nirmala also encourages children to help others.

Nine-year-old Janish explains:

'The Sisters explain how God loves and supports us. They explain that we should do the same for others. Every week we visit the homes of the elderly poor near where we live... we save our pocket money and buy food and groceries for them. The joy we see on their faces makes us happy.'



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holy Christmas.*

Father Tony.

Fr Anthony Chantry
Missio National Director



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