

Prema Jyothi has teamed with Bird's Campus, a project of Sacred Heart Brothers, to launch a Food Program for the poor and marginalized. This family-based Program will provide meals to about 100 slum families living in North Bangalore.

### **Why this Food Program?**

Bird's campus runs a school for poor children. When the Principal visited the lunch room to check on the children, he noticed that some of them had no food to eat and would just sit and stare at other children eating their meals. On looking around the room of 150 children, he was shocked to learn that about half the kids had little or nothing to eat. He could not understand how these children spent the whole day at school on empty stomachs. He spoke to some of them, who said that there was no food in the house, and that they had a hard time concentrating in school. Moved by their condition, he decided to do something about this and teamed with Prema Jyothi to provide meals to the children and their families.

### **Details of the Program**

Basic nutritious meals will be prepared on a daily basis, which comprises of cooked rice, sambar (lentils with vegetables), and pickle. Raw rice and lentils are being purchased at government rates to keep the costs down. The food is cooked by women from the slums, who are trained and paid a daily wage. Food is being provided at a subsidized price, which is Rs 35 for a 4-member family (about \$5). The food is prepared and supplied on Bird's Campus in North Bangalore. As part of this endeavor, free lunch is being provided to children at the local school who cannot afford it.

This Program will initially accommodate about 100 families and could grow at the rate of 10-20 families every month. There are half a dozen slums located in the vicinity of Birds Campus and they could all be reached through this Program within a couple of years, based on the availability of funds.

Please participate in our Program and help make a difference to the lives of these poorest of poor people. Estimated Cost of this program per month is \$2,500.

**Donations** are tax deductible as Prema Jyothi is a 501c-3 non-profit organization, registered in the United States.