

"Century's worst flood affected the all low land areas under river Krishna. The heavy rains caused in Karnataka, Karnool, Mahaboobnagar, filled within no time the river Srisailam irrigation dam and from there water by all means released to Nagarjuna sagar which is in Nalgonda. And Nagarjunasagar dam could not contain water which is flowing from Srisailam, as a result all the water; all of a sudden the authorities began to release water to the sea through river Krishna. The inflow being too much from all sides, water from Kamataka, Srisailam and Nagarjuna Sagar dam, the river Krishna could not contain as a result water began to spread to all the villages. Almost al the villages are under water[all the ten zones of Oleru collaboration. At present we are in great crisis of Flood. All the places in Bhattiprolu, Under Bhattiprolu zone, Juvvelapalem is fully affected and old Vellatur is partially damaged and are taking shelter in Government school. Oleru and other zones [all ten] badly hit by the floods and many people are taking shelter in the accommodation given by the government and even in Surreally Formation Centre the families are already there living until the flood is gone. This flood just started from 01-10-2009 still continues and many families are running for life. All the cultivation is lost. People are hungry and starving and taking shelter under the tents. So far we have not began any rehabilitation work. The flood still continues even to this day 07-10-2009, completely destroying the villages and making people and families homeless. So sad to see the situation. The good news is that we can accommodate at least 200 families in our Formation Centre all over [every corner and nook]. Because it is also build on a raised platform. There is also lose of life, destruction of houses, buffaloes and sheep dead, cultivation is lost completely, now all are in a great distress, looking for a life. We also welcomed all those who need the shelter and for time being in a small way we just began providing them food and medicine. At present Government is providing food and even asking us to collaborate with them.

In this bad situation the only strength we have is your solidarity and support. Please continue to pray and help us.

Tomorrow 08-10-2009, we are finding out very little children with their mom's , elderly and sick to bring them to Surepalli Center so that they can have little better food, medicines and care. Fr. James Madappatt, Fr. John Payicattu, Fr. Thomasaiah, Fr. Benny, Fr. Sojan all we Claretians also visited the flood affected Oleru together with our lay Volunteer.

Thanking you and praying for you for your great support we remain.

Yours in the heart of BVMary"

Fr. John Bosco Pasala