

## Teenage Girls' Summer Retreat India Central Territory

The Teenage Girls' Summer Retreat was observed in two different places - on 11<sup>th</sup> May at the Tissot Training Center at Bapatla and on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Chennai Division.

In order to encourage and equip the teenagers and to help them understand the importance of 'Social as well as Family life', a special summer retreat was arranged by Colonel Mallika Mony (TPWM), supported by Lieut-Colonel Ruth Mahida (TSWM) and the women's ministries staff. 240 teenagers happily attended and benefited from the retreat.

The programme commenced with morning devotions, and then the following subjects were taught by the selected resource persons:

- 1) Teenage girls & Christian behaviour (presented by the TPWM)
- 2) Teenage girls' protective behaviours
- 3) Responsibility of teenage girls (in family life)
- 4) Responsibility of teenage girls (in social life)
- 5) Equipping/skills for their teenage life (skill training class)

The highlight of this programme was in the afternoon session when the teenagers had the possibility to learn new skills. They were divided into groups and each group was trained by two people. The chosen skills were:

- 1) Embroidery work
- 2) Plastic flower making
- 3) Wool knitting
- 4) Plastic wall hanging
- 5) Plastic letter box

By listening to all the above subjects the teenagers were motivated to think of their social and personal family lives. They felt strengthened mentally as well as spiritually. They shared their testimony mentioning how they had received divine blessings through the programme and wanted to glorify Jesus' name.

The final spiritual meeting was conducted by the TPWM. Many children rededicated themselves to God. The retreat concluded with prayer and benediction.

Followed this programme the TPWM arranged lunch for all the teenagers.

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