

# Reach out your hand

- Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb

35 students and their teachers from the deaf and dumb centre at San Isidore, Aruligo attended computer classes for the second weekend at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. The programme initiated by Don Bosco Volunteer Computer Instructor Leo



Duffy, involved the entire school. It was conducted over two weekends – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

“We would like to teach computer programmes to the deaf and dumb. This will give them the possibility of communicating with others and also give them possibilities for employment”, said Leo. The programme entitled, ‘Reach out your hand’ was thus organized. “In many ways the participants have learnt much quicker than the regular students”, he said.

Br George van der Zant sm, was delighted with the programme. “It has been a dream come true”, he said as he thanked all for the enjoyable learning programme conducted. He now looks forward to setting up computer possibilities for his students. “This Lenten season, the entire school has had the occasion to share their gifts and talents with others who are less fortunate”, said Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Rector of Don Bosco. “Student leaders and teachers assisted the participants on a one to one basis while others gave their contributions in kind. A collection from the school amounted to SBD 616.00, while donations of clothes and food were also given”, he said. Sr Anna Maria Gervasoni fma, computer instructor conducted the programme, while NZ sign language volunteer Angela Murry, ensured that instructions were communicated to the participants. As part of the programme was the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist. Inspirational movies were also screened for all.



Archbishop Adrian Smith sm, Archbishop visited Don Bosco on 14th March, 2009 and was happy to greet the participants. On the previous weekend RAMSI Special Coordinator, Graeme Wilson together with Marie Louise visited the workshop and was amazed at what the participants have been able to achieve. Don Bosco looks forward to many more possible programmes to reach out

to share their talents and gifts with others.