

Om Sri Sai Ram

On the Eve of the Swami's 79th Birthday, the Organization Sai of Paraguay decided to have a public meeting with the presence of Mr. Marcelo Berenstein, President of the Central Council South Region 23 of the International Sai Organization.

Mr. Berenstein was invited a few days in advance and all the major radio and television services broadcasted about the meetings. Thru Divine Grace the space for the Radio and television interviews and announcement of the meeting was totally free.

The meeting was held on 21st November in a Ykua Sati, a place on the outskirts of the city totally ideal for retreats and meetings with a quiet and serene surrounding of trees and greenery. Though physically a bit far, the Divine Magnet attracted the hearts which were ready to hear about him. The hall of about 400 people was full within no time. More than 70 % of the people were new faces. The children of "Gotitas de Luz" (Droplets of Light) Kindergarten School, which is run and managed by the Organization, were the first to begin the event with a short Harmonization and some Value songs. Later the Sai Group Tupa N ee presented a Value Based Drama with the EHV children and another drama with the Adults.

Mr. Berenstein then spoke about his experiences and about Sai teachings for everyday life. A few songs on Love and service were sung by an artist very beautifully after the talk. A movie about the major service projects of Sai en India and the activities of the Paraguayan Sai Organization was then projected.

Finally, with candles lit in the whole auditorium everybody sang "Happy Birthday" to Sai and a huge cake was cut and distributed to all present.

At the entrance there was a display of the Activities of the Organization in Latinamerica and the Organization Sai of Paraguay. Also everybody present received a souvenir and a saying of Sai Baba along with some vibhuti and a brochure of the Activities of the Organization. A stall for the sale of Sai literature books and CD's of devotional songs was put up for those interested.

Details :

Date : 21st November, 2004

Venue : Quinta Ykua Sati
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About 400 people attended, 70 % not Sai Devotees

Program : Harmonization, EHV songs by Children of Sai Kindergarten

2 EHV dramas by Children and Adults

Public Talk by Mr. Berenstein Marcelo, President of the Organization Sai, Zone

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Video : My Life is My Message and My Message is Love - (A video of the major Projects of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in India and the Activities and Major Service Projects of the Organization Sai of Paraguay)

Conclusions: Between the people present a deep thirst to spirituality was felt and the cool showers of the Sai teachings beautifully expressed seem to quench the parched hearts. Many a people bought books of Sai teachings to know more of Sai and some of them approached the Centre and Group. A few of them have also set their minds to visit Sai physically in India.

A case worth mentioning is of a almost 30 year old man/boy who had physical deficiency (required 2 people to hold him on either side) attended the function till the very end though the journey to and fro as well as the seating would have been a bother. His father asked for vibhuti and also since his son couldn't assist the Devotional Group Singing if it was possible to organize such singing in his own home.

Another case would be of a news reporter who came out of curiosity was so surprised and filled with awe, that he became a part of the Sai Group Tupa.