

## SAINET Redeems Its Pledge

*“Love without duty is Divine. Offer services and receive love. This is the recipe for experiencing Divinity. Our love should not be confined to our kith and kin. It must extend beyond the family to society as a whole, then to the nations at large, and finally embrace the whole world”.*

*Sri Sathya Sai Baba*

### **SAINET reaches a landmark with Kilifi Service at the Coast**

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005 was a memorable day for the devotees of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Kenya. This day, Kenyan devotees redeemed their pledge to distribute, before Bhagavan’s 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 50,000 SAINETs to the poorest and the most vulnerable in remote parts of Kenya, for whom malaria is a daily battle for survival.

The service on this day covered one of the poorest communities in Kenya in the coast province and reached out to every household in 45 villages covered by two divisions, Ganze and Vitengeni in Kilifi district, serving a total population of 91,000. Some 150 Sai volunteers from Mombasa and Nairobi worked together to distribute 20,500 SAINETs on this day, each family receiving up to two bed nets, depending on the size of the family.

### **SAINET:A Household Name in Kenya**

Launching the distribution of SAINETs in Kilifi, Hon. Joseph Kingo, Assistant Minister for Provincial Administration in the office of the President, spoke highly of the Sathya Sai Organization which had traveled to remote areas in the coast to bring free bed nets to the poor. The Provincial Medical Officer and senior district officials also thanked the organization for providing free bed nets to all without any discrimination and said that the word SAINET was fast becoming a household word. They urged the SAINET team to come back to the

malaria-ridden coast “again and again and again”.



*Hon. Joseph Kingo, Assistant Minister for Provincial Administration in the office of the President, inaugurates SAINET service in Kilifi*

This was the second SAINET service in the Coast Province, an earlier service was conducted by the project in Malindi District on 16 July 2005, covering a total population of 43,000 in three Divisions: Chakama, Goshi and Lango Baya. 12,000 SAINETs were distributed in Malindi along with 27 tonnes of Maize meal. Every family received up to two bed nets and 4 Kg. of Maize meal.

### **Earlier SAINET Services in Kenya**

With the service in Kilifi, the SAINET service has distributed by the end of October 2005 a total of 56,900 SAINETs in Kenya. Other districts covered by the SAINET project in Kenya so far include: Trans-Nzoia in Rift Valley Province (Namanjalala Division, 4,400 nets and 8.8 tonnes of Maize meal to 16,800 population, conducted on 11 June 2005), Bondo in Nyanza province (Nyangoma

Division, 10,700 nets to 36,000 population, conducted on 27 August 2005) and Siyaya, also in Nyanza province (Yala Division, 9,300 nets to 30,000 population, conducted on 17 September 2005).

### **A Unique Initiative of Sri Sathya Sai Healthcare Mission**

The SAINET distribution services in Kenya are being organized by the Sri Sathya Sai Healthcare Mission through a unique national community project implemented in close partnership with the Division of Malaria Control in the Ministry of Health of the Government of Kenya. The SAINET project supports the international Roll Back Malaria initiative in Kenya by providing SAINET (a branded, insecticide treated net in a distinctive ochre shade, with the message of Baba: Love All Serve All, inscribed on each net) directly, and free of cost, to all families in remote, malaria endemic areas with high levels of poverty, as a key strategic intervention for malaria control.

By directly reaching out to the poorest of the poor and by making available insecticide-treated nets totally free of cost to every household, the SAINET project has been implementing the recommendations of the UN Millennium Task Force for the first time in Kenya.

The project has also given a unique opportunity to all Kenyan devotees to make their lives worthwhile by reaching out where the need is greatest and sharing the self-less love of Bhagavan Baba with the poorest, the down-trodden and the most vulnerable.

*Contributions to the SAINET project could be made by sending sponsorship cheques drawn in favour of "Sri Sathya Sai National Trust – SAINET Project" and forwarded to Bro. Nimesh Shah, National Project Director, SAINET Project, P.O. Box 78310-00507, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: 254-20-555846/7, Fax:254-20-555848, mail:wef@nbi.ispkenya.com*

### **SAINET presented at the International Medical Conference**

In recognition of its model-setting role as an ideal primary healthcare, the SAINET project was invited to present its experience to some 1,000 senior healthcare professionals from all over the world who assembled in Prasanthi Nilayam at an International Medical Conference from 3 to 4 September this year.



*SAINET project being presented at the Conference in the Divine Presence*

Through the SAINET project, the Sathya Sai Healthcare Mission is demonstrating in Africa that a society that cares can provide essential healthcare to its less fortunate members. A noble effort that is undertaken with a pure heart and with a self-less motive is bound to succeed.

Drawing upon the experience gained so far, the SAINET project is now poised to be further expanded in Kenya and spread to other countries in Africa and elsewhere.

*"Love All and Serve All without fanfare and ego and thus realize your innate Divinity"*

*Sri Sathya Sai Baba  
at the International Medical Conference*