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Sadhu Vaswani Mission


**Faith sees the invisible,
believes the incredible and
achieves the impossible.**


- Dada J. P. Vaswani



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Christmas Carols & Santa's Visit

On Sunday, December 21st, 2014, families gathered and sang Christmas carols together at the Center during a special visit by Santa Claus. Special thanks to Rattan Bhavinani and Vijay Balani for their contributions to the Satsang. We hope that you enjoy the collage of photos presented below.



A Message from Dada Doulatram Boolchand

پياري سنگت

توهان جي درخواست تي مان دادا جي پي. واسواڻي
پيڙهي سالن جي Caribbean پيٽ جي هٿڙي جون ڪيڇم
دلچسپ خبرون ۽ واقعا پنهنجي اکرن ۾ سهڻو بيان
ڪيان ٿو.

1) دادا Caribbean 1914 کان اڃڻ شروع ڪيو پهرئين
St. Thomas، پوءِ St. Martin ۽ آخر ۾ Curacao. دادا خالها
شاڪاهاري هئا. فوج ۾ به ڪم ڪيو ڪرڻ پسند نه ڪندا
هئا. ان ڪري مان به شاڪاهاري ٿي وڃين. اڪثر
گهر ۾ بيٺو به ڪونه هوندو. انهيءَ بابت مون کي سھڻ
نه ٿيندي هئي.

2) گھڻي سال پهرئين لنڊن جي هڪ باغ ۾ دادا
هڪ ننڍي ماڻي کي وڃيل چيٽس تي کائڻ، دادا اڪيٽان
وڏي پنهنجي هٿ سان ان وڃيل چيٽس هلائي ماڻي
کي وڃيل (Lake) وٺي آندا ۽ پنهنجي
هٿ سان انن مڇيون کي ڪاٺي لڳيا.

سال لڳ ڀڳ 10 سال پهرئين آسان دادا سان گڏجي پڙهڻ ۽ ڪتابت. دادا گڏوگڏ سڀني تي ڪافي ماکوڙيون هڻيون. دادا سڀني تي هٿ لڳائيندا هئا ۽ ماکوڙن تي ٻي پير هيٺ نه آڻين.

(ڪ) هڪ ڏينهن آسان Thomas ۽ ٻي آزاد علائقن (free zone) ۾ پڙهڻ جي ڪيو. دادا گڏوگڏ ڪيترن ماڻهن کي سمجهڻ ۽ ڪناري تي پير هڻڻي پوري رهيا آهن. دادا ڪنهن وقت ويو آنگن ڪجهه سوال جواب ڪرڻ کان پوءِ دادا آسان وقت گهڻي ڇڏيو. ان ماڻهن کي پيشاني تي هٿيون کي آزاد ڪرڻي پائي ۽ واپس وڃڻ جيئن هٿيون به چڻهڻي ڪيائين. ٻي وقت ان ڏينهن کان پوءِ ان علائقي ۾ ڪنهن ماڻهن به اچي هٿيون نه پڪڙي ڪوشش ڪئي آهي.

(د) سال 191۸ دادا Bob Jethani ۾ آسان گڏجي آيا آهن. Bob Jethani حال ۾ نيٽو ۽ ان کي سنگاري لاءِ ويا. آسان Bob جي ٽنگ ٽاسٽيج ۾ آڻي وڃي ان جي ڪارٽ Bob جي گوتڙي ۾ ڪافي لڳو ۽ گوتڙو سڀني ۾ پيو هو. ٽڪر ۾ هاسپيٽل ۾ علاج لاءِ وڃي وڃي پيو.

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جان، دادا جي وڏي اسپتال ۾ Bob کي ٽسٽ
لڳائين. دادا Bob جي ڪوڏي کي ٽن ٽوري
هي وقت ۾ سوچ لهن لکي شام
جو Bob حال ۾ بنا ڪنهن ۽ تڪليف جي هلڻ چلڻ
لڳا.

(4) هر سال طوفان جي موسم ۾ St. Martin ۽ St. Thomas

کي ڪافي فرق پوندو هو. 1994 ۾ به طوفان
طوفان جي ڏينهن جو انديشو هو. دادا چيٽو لسٽي
سنڌيون کي چيٽو ڪمان بند ڪن جون دادا کي
چيڊ ائين ڪنهن ٿو ٿي سگهي ڪافي سنڌيون جو

گهڻو نقصان ٿيندو. دادا انهي وقت اکيون

بند ڪري مالڪ جي عبادت ڪرڻ لڳا، توهان و شواسا

نه ڪڍڻ نه طوفان آيو نه طوفان هو انهن کان ٿينهن

کان پوءِ St. Thomas ۽ St. Martin جي طوفان ڪڍڻ
به پنهنجو رخ ڪون ڪيو. هو انهن ايندڙين جون انهن

په ڪنهن به صوردار نه، جون دادا ڪمان ان جو ڪارڻ

پڇيو. دادا هسڪي ڪمان ٿنو مالڪ جي عبادت

۾ ٿاڍي شڪي ٿي آهي!

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سڙي سماج، جڏهن توهان دادا جي اکين ۾
ڏسندا ته توهان کي هڪ چمڪ ۽ هڪ ڏسندڙ پيار
لاميون اڪيون جواب ڏيندي ملنديون.

دادا نه سنڌا آهن نه هي ساٿو، دادا دنيا ۾
۾ پهنجي ڪورو ساٿو واسوڙي جي سڪيا پهنجي
جو ڪم ڪندا آهن، ان سبب دادا اتر کان ڏکڻ
اوڀر کان اولهه تائين ان سڪيا جو پرچار ڪندا
آهن.

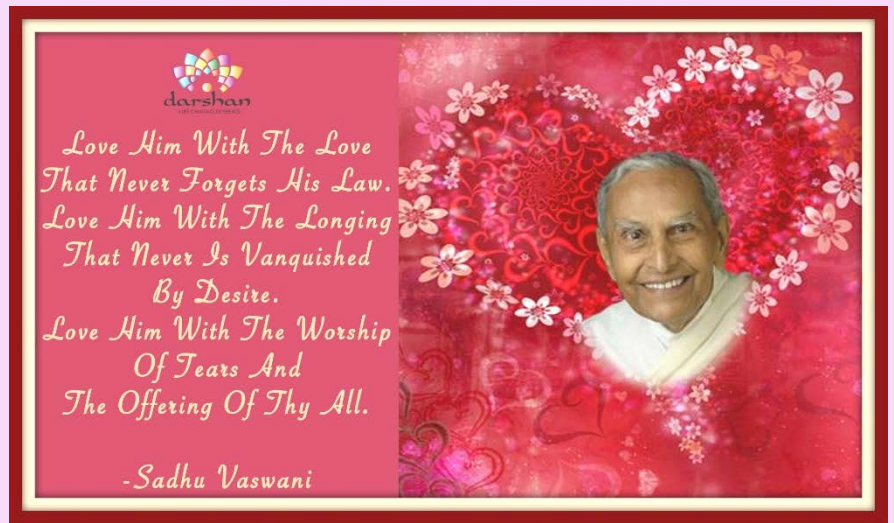
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A Message from
Dada Doulatram Boolchand
(Translated in English)

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your request about Puj Dada J.P. Vaswani, I would like to give you the following information about Dada's visits to the Caribbean islands:



Dada started coming to St. Thomas first, then to St. Maarten and Curacao from 1984. He is totally vegetarian and does not even like to keep any fish or fowl in the refrigerator. From that day, I have become pure a vegetarian, with my diet not even consisting any egg. If an egg is fried in my house, I cannot bear the smell. I go and sit far away from the kitchen where I cannot smell the egg being fried.

Many years ago, we were in London Garden and Dada saw an old lady on a wheel chair. He went forward to drive the chair himself to the lake where there were lots of fish seen and Dada started feeding the fish.

About ten years ago, we went to Panama. He saw many ants moving on the road. He became very particular about the way he was walking so that he may not accidentally step on and kill any ant.

Once we were in St. Thomas' freezone area for a walk. He saw a few people fishing on the shore. He asked them what they will do with the fish. He asked us to pay the people for the fish and asked them to put the fish back in the water, so they could live. Since that day, the people did not come to fish there again.

In the year 1987, Dada came to Curacao with Mr. Bob Gurbani, who went to the Hall to decorate. Bob's leg got stuck on the stage and his knee became swollen. He was taken to the Hospital for treatment. Dada asked me if I could take him to the Hospital to see Bob. He came to Bob and started looking at his knee. The swelling started reducing and Bob came to the Hall without any pain and was walking around.

St. Maarten and St. Thomas have a history of being hit with hurricanes every year. In the year 1996, a very strong hurricane was to hit. Dada told me that black clouds are coming and asked all the Sindhi's to close their stores. I told Dada, with so much investments, how can so many shops be closed. Dada started praying and you won't believe it but there was no hurricane, not even rain. Since then there is no hurricane in St. Maarten or St. Thomas. Every year during hurricane season, winds do not hit hard in SXM or STT. The direction of the winds had changed. Instead of coming from Martinique and Guadeloupe, the winds now go to the north towards Miami, etc. I asked, "How is this possible Dada?" He said, "Prayers have powers".

There are many more miracles of Dada that can be written down. Dada is a Kohinoor Diamond in the Sindhi samaj. When he looks at you in his eye, you will notice brightness looking back. Dada is not a saint or sadhu. He carries the message of his Guru Sadhu Vaswani round the globe every year. He is 96 years old but he still keeps travelling to the East and West every year.

Regards,
Doulat

Gurukul Classes

"Kula" means family, and so when the word "Guru" is added, "Gurukul" means family of the Guru. It is a place where people who share the same vision, the same lifestyle, who follow the same discipline, live a life as per the teachings of their Guru.

For Who: Children of all ages are welcome.

When: **Classes are held bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.**

Time: 12.30pm (1 hour duration).

Where: Sadhu Vaswani Center, Global Mall.

What: Hindu culture, Sindhi, Bhajans & prayers, arts & crafts and community service.



RSVP's are always appreciated as it helps us to plan for the classes and make sure we have enough materials for the kids. As always, Thank You for your cooperation! Please note that this is a group effort and will *not* be successful without the participation of parents who are willing to commit to bringing their children to class, volunteers who are willing to help run the classes and of course, the children themselves!



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The Moment Of Calm
A Daily Devotional Prayer

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Hearts that forget make earth
a peaceful place to live

Nov 2014

inspiration



Judge no man! But pray for those
who speak ill of thee.

Sadhu Vaswani

Two years later, the wife of this editor contracted Tuberculosis (TB) and he had no money for the treatment. When Sadhu Vaswani learnt of this, he called the editor and handed to him a bundle of notes and said, "Brother, here is some money for the treatment of your wife." The editor's eyes were touched with tears and he begged forgiveness. Sadhu Vaswani embraced him and said, "Brother, what I have done is only what the tree does. You fell stones at the tree and the tree gives you fruit instead." - J.P. Vaswani

An editor of a paper was bribed to write untrue things about Sadhu Vaswani and his noble work. The newspaper was published & distributed free in certain areas. Sadhu Vaswani was unperturbed. He did not say anything in self-defense. People came to him and said, "Permit us to start a movement to boycott this paper." He replied, "No, send out the love of your hearts to him." And they said, "Then at least send a rejoinder to him, otherwise those who read his paper will feel that what he has written is true." And Sadhu Vaswani said, "Let not my lips but let my life speak."



Love has many forms. Perhaps, the noblest amongst them is – forgiveness! J.P. Vaswani

The Value of 'Satsang'

Satsangs include *kirtans*, *bhajans*, and recitations from holy scriptures, Sadhu Vaswani's recorded *upadeshes* and Dada's *upadeshes*, which inspire and thrill hundreds of brothers and sisters. Days sacred to the great ones of East and West are also celebrated with prayers and service. The *satsang* forms the basis of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission. "The noblest work", according to Sadhu Vaswani, "is to cultivate the soul!". As one devotee puts it, "satsang is... [an] appointment with God." Satsang helps a spiritual seeker through practice of silence and meditation reach their destination.

Satsang is held every Sunday from 5:00pm to 6:15pm at the Sadhu Vaswani Center. Come one, come all to the Global Mall! For Aarti timings during the week, please contact Geeta Mehrotra at 770-381-8698. If you would like to volunteer at the Center, please contact sadhuvaswanicentre@gmail.com.

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Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's 135th Birthday Celebrations

The weeklong celebration dates and events were as follows:

11/18/15 – Hanuman Chalisa with senior citizens

11/19/15 – Visit with senior citizens and related seva

11/20/15 – Jap Ji Sahib

11/21/15 – Food seva at local homeless shelter

11/22/15 – Blanket seva

11/23/15 – Dada Chellaram's satsang and Gurukul class

11/24/15 – Mahamrituniya Jap havan

11/25/15 – Hanuman Chalisa with seniors & special satsang



Special Satsang with Dada Chellaram



On Sunday, November 23, 2014, the Sadhu Vaswani Center of Atlanta hosted a Gurbani Kirtan by Revered Dada Lachmandas Chellaram, a renowned Sindhi scholar of Sri Guru Granth Sahib. Special thanks to Priya and Aju Advani for sponsoring the satsang and for preparing Langar Prasad.



Soul Lifters
- Dada J. P. Vaswani

God always acts at the right time: and if He does not act, it only means that the right time is not yet!

You are unique. God made you for a specific purpose which only you can fulfill. Find the purpose – and fulfill it!

Our character is what we do when we know that no one is watching us.

Give, give, give! Give today, give now, for tomorrow may be too late!

Remember, you are the right person in the right place, learning the right lesson at the right time.

Community Service Round-up

During the 2014 Calendar Year, SVC Atlanta:

- Funded the annual tuition fees for 174 children in the Sadhu Vaswani school in Rajkot.
- Sponsored 87 eye surgeries for the needy.
- Donated \$1,600 towards blankets for the homeless.
- Comforted and visited senior citizens residing at the Roswell Nursing Home and Lilburn Geriatric Center.
- Accommodated more than 50 students participating in extracurricular activities such as karate, yoga, and Gurukul.
- Welcomed several distinguished guests and pilgrims of love including Amma Karunamayi, Guruma Geeteshwari and Dada Lachman Chellaram to our Center.
- Hosted more than 50 Satsangs and hundreds of Aartis and special prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other life milestones.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!
Dada Shyam!

Helping the Sadhu Vaswani Center is easy.

Donation Amount

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

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Dedicate my donation. Honor someone special or memorialize someone who has passed with your gift. Then send a special notification card electronically or by mail upon request.

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Check – payable to Sadhu Vaswani Center – Atlanta. Fill this form and mail it along with the check(s) to Roma Punwani, Treasurer, 3932 Hooch Landing, Duluth, Georgia 30097. Tax receipts will be provided immediately following the end of the calendar year. 11

2015 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 1, 2015	Happy New You!
January 6, 2015	USA Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard visit with Dada Rev. J.P. Vaswani
January 14, 2015	An Evening with Krishna Das
January 17, 2015	Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's 49 th Mahayagna Day
February 17, 2015	Maha Shivratri
February 17-23, 2015	Thanksgiving Week
March 22, 2015	Cheti Chand (Sindhi New Year)
April 4, 2015	Hanuman Jayanti
May 15, 2015	Sister Shanti's 45 th Mahayagna Day
June 1, 2015	Launch of Moment of Calm
July 31, 2015	Guru Purnima
August 2, 2015	Dada J.P. Vaswani's 97 th Birthday
August 2, 2015	Moment of Calm (at 2 P.M.)
August 29, 2015	Raksha Bandhan
September 5, 2015	Janmashtami
September 17, 2015	Ganesh Chaturthi
October 2015	Global Mela at Global Mall
November 11, 2015	Deepavali
November 23, 2015	Guru Jayanti
November 25, 2015	Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's 136 th Birthday
November 25, 2015	Meatless Day

NOTE: The above listing is not meant to be all-inclusive. For up-to-date event information, please visit <http://www.sadhuvaswani.org/wordpress/>

REMINDER: Satsangs are held on Tuesdays at 11AM and Sundays at 5PM at the Sadhu Vaswani Center, Global Mall. All are welcome.

Newsletter Submissions: We would like to include personal perspectives from our SVC family and friends. Of particular interest are photos and anecdotal stories from satsangs and spiritual gatherings throughout the year. For inclusion of photographs or images in the next newsletter, please send them to sadhuvaswanicentre@gmail.com.

We warmly welcome all contributed articles and comments to the Newsletter as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages, even if it is just a short paragraph about a personal story or a single contributed photo. Please note that submissions are not for advertising, and any submissions deemed as product-placement will not be accepted.

Comments/Suggestions: Feel free to send them our way. We welcome your input and thank you for your participation.