

TKG NEWSLETTER MARCH 2006 AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Two Tamal Krishna Goswami Disappearance programmes were conducted this week, the first on the actual Disappearance day Wednesday March, 1. This programme was held at the Auckland Radha Giridahari Temple on a warm and clear day in the Memorial Garden designed and built by the local TKG disciples to honour their Guru. A structure housing Srila Gurudeva's photograph and golden footprints was the focus of the day with kirtana, a bhoga offering with many delicious preparations, arati and puspanjali, and Guru-puja. The disciples then served the fabulous feast to guests. It was expressed by one disciple that it was just like Srila Gurudeva was actually present with the same anxiety and pressure to have everything perfect and on time. The cooks and helpers could feel Srila Gurudeva's presence very strongly.

The second programme was held at the new factory of Nimananda and Suchitra prabhhus who are the proprietors of Food for Life. They produce packaged prasadam for distribution from the factory. While a great deal of activity was going on in the new, scrupulously clean and efficient kitchen, upstairs a beautiful altar was decorated by Hari Sevaki devi dasi from China (she has taken initiation from Umapati Swami but is very attached to Srila Gurudeva). Chandrakoti mataji prepared colourful vases and Srila Gurudeva was in the centre wearing fragrant rose garlands. To the right of the altar was a very large painting of Srila Gurudeva belonging to Nimananda and Suchitra that was painted by the well known artist Dina Bandhu who now resides at the Temple.

A kirtana lead by Sundar Gopal and then Sripati prabhhus was sweet and this was followed by Amrta Pani reading a condensed version of the biography from Satyaraja das. Emotional homages with little stories of pastimes were recounted and the overall mood was one of appreciation of all our God brothers and sisters who can keep us connected to our beloved spiritual master. Following the homages was puspanjali led by Sriniketana prabhu a new arrival from Fiji, arati by Nanda Vraj prabhu and Guru-puja led by Saci Suta prabhu.

The overall co-ordinator for the day, Sudharma mataji, thanked everyone for all they had done and invited everyone to take prasadam. There were an amazing number of preparations cooked, and the feast confirmed the reputation that the disciples have of being exceptional cooks.

Please see page 2 for photographs.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Govinda and Radha prabhhus' home on April 1 at 5.30pm. Their address is: 58 Universal Drive, Henderson.

Details regarding the new TKG donation account will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Memorial Garden Puspanjali



Memorial Garden Arati



Memorial Garden TKG structure



Activity in factory kitchen (Tilakini hands raised)



Suchitra mataji (above)

(Below): Altar



Nimananda prabhu (above)

