## Georgepeta 2012

Georgepeta is a developing village in Thallaveru mandalam of East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. Yanam is one kilometer away from this place. A small tributary of river Godavari separated both Yanam and Gerogepet. It has all chances to develop as three sides of village is surrounded by main road from Yanam to big city Kakinada and with a bypass road by the fourth side to the village to Kakinada. It seems the name tied up with a name of British or Portuguese officer George long ago. People used to tell a printing of currency or minting of coins office was there once and still we can see some remains near Neelapalli. Once, this village was under the rule of Zamindars of Nadavapalli estate, Rao Bahadur Raja Sri Bollapragada Sitharamaiah garu and later on taken over by government by abolition of Zamindari system. The Zamandar also lived in this village and had a great building and was popularly called by the people as Diwaanam. Many grand children and great grand children became good Doctors, Engineers, Scientists, and Artists for which Georgepeta was proud off.

On the occasion of the Centenary, it was the desire of the Sisters of St. Joseph to have a community in Yanam, where our pioneer Sisters landed on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1849. With so much of hard work and struggle the dream was able to fulfill and give honour tribute to our pioneer sisters. *On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012*, on the death anniversary of our first Provincial, one of the Pioneer sister's death anniversary Sisters took a rented house and started their mission once again in Yanam. They began their mission with great zeal and enthusiasm. In the month of November 2013 the foundation stone was put for the construction of the new convent. *On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the house was blessed by the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam* and called it as "Jyothi Bhavan". It began with a Solemn Eucharistic celebration, followed by felicitation of the elders of the village and the Bishop.

