

## **Dear Divine Family,**

Thank you so much for all your words of support and powerful vibrations from around the world. It really gave us a feeling of connection with Baba and the BK global family. The Northern California fires are gradually being contained at 70 to 90%. The families that stayed with us in Anubhuti Retreat Center took so much benefit. Every evening we would have meditation and class for them.

### **Diwali at Anubhuti:**

The weather conditions allowed us to go ahead with our Diwali Program last Saturday, October 14, for 200 people. It lifted the community's spirits and created a spiritual bond of love. The slogan for those who have been evacuated by the fires is, "Love is heavier than smoke." We were enlightened by words of our main speaker BK Chandru Didi; along with Jim Paymar, Journalist; Communication Specialist; March Noguchi, Interfaith leader, and Sr. Perla. We were enchanted by live music by Br. Stephen and Sr. Kyoko; songs by Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Kyoko; and Odissi dance.

### **North Bay Fire Service Meeting:**

The North Bay Hindu Temple, the Bay Area Indian Association, and neighboring people from other religions gathered the next morning at the Retreat Center. There were more than 90 people who came and shared their heroic stories escaping the fires. Many had lost their homes. Then they discussed different ideas and pulled their resources together to connect all the different volunteer groups who had come and build a network of services and support. Chandru Didi gave a talk, Sr. Elizabeth sang a song of "Blessings" and Sr. Hema met with each and every one. They continued their discussions over Brahma Bhogan and left spiritually filled.

It has been an inspiring sequence of events, witnessing how Baba and Drama converted a frightening and traumatic event into a week of unending service of upliftment and transformation. We welcomed 9 families who had been evacuated. They themselves said that they were so fortunate to arrive in such a spiritual and sacred place. We witnessed how their faces blossomed while they enjoyed Baba's vibrations and the company of the BK family.

Much love and heartfelt gratitude.

In BapDada's remembrance,

BK Chandru, Sr. Hema and Sr. Elizabeth