



Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai

(Family Village Farm)

Newsletter

✿ A living community for destitute children, women and elders since 1969 ✿

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"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world". James 1:27

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In February 2018, Bhuvaneshwari, Sarathkumar and Sangeetha graduated from college of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore. They are employed as staff Nurses in the same hospital.



MBKGP Pannai is in the ministry of transforming lives of hundreds of destitute children and shelters destitute women and aged for over 49 years.

Celebration

Founded in February 1969, by an American medical missionary Dr. Pauline King, the organization completes 50 years of glorious service to the society in February 2019.

As we approach the 50th anniversary, we are planning to celebrate it with special events in the 3rd week of February 2019. And as part of the celebration, we are also considering fundraising for special projects such as kitchen renovation and construction of more toilets at the boys' hostel. Information on these special projects will be posted in the upcoming newsletters.

You may also contact the below given e-mails for further details:

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Bhuvaneshwari was admitted to the MBKGP Home at the age of 1 because her father deserted the family when she was just an infant and her illiterate mother struggled for survival with her 3 children. She was desperate for the safety and wellbeing of her youngest child Bhuvaneshwari. Her hopeless situation was turned around by admitting Bhuvaneshwari to MBKGP Home. Now, Bhuvaneshwari is a confident young lady, earning a good salary with a secured job and she is able to take care of her mother.

Sarathkumar shares a similar story with Bhuvaneshwari. His father deserted the family when he was just 2 years old. His mother had to go to work to survive and unable to care for her little son. Sarathkumar was admitted to MBKGP Home at the age of 3 and because of the care, attention and education he received here, he has grown up to be a happy and a successful young adult.



Sangeetha, a cheerful young lady comes from a impoverished background. She was admitted to MBKGP Home at the age of 3 because her mother was unable to run the family with her paralysed husband and 4 daughters of which Sangeetha is the youngest. Sangeetha was nurtured with love and given good education. Now Sangeetha has a job and she is able to help her family.

A big thanks to Child Sponsors and Donors to "Higher Education Fund" who help the MBKGP Home provide good life and bright future for the children. Without the generosity of Sponsors and Donors, much of the work that is being done for the children would simply not be possible. If you wish to be a part of success stories and contribute towards "Higher Education Fund", kindly contact mbkgpdirector@gmail.com or mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com

One of the two best

"Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children"

in the district of Vellore – awarded by the state of Tamil Nadu.

Annual Holiday Events of the Home

Vacation Bible School was held from April 22 to 29 at the Home campus. Children from the home, day students of King's school and children from the surrounding villages attended the 9 days programme enthusiastically. The theme for this year was "Get Connected" based on the scripture from Ephesians 2:19. A team of volunteers from Scripture Union, Chennai conducted the programme.



VBS 2018



The children learned how to have close relationship with God. The last day programme was a joyful one with children demonstrating what they learned through art, singing, skit, memory verse and competitions. Rev. Samuel D. Duraiswamy, Methodist Church, Vellore was the chief guest. Prizes were distributed for the winners of the competitions and also for regular attendance.

Children enrolled to higher education in this academic year



Arun.S

Diploma in Electrician course
Montfort Industrial Training
Institute, Chennai



Dillibabu.S

Diploma in Electrical &
Electronics Engineering, CSI
Polytechnic College, Salem



Karthick.J

Diploma in Hotel Management,
Annamal Institute of Hotel
Management & Catering
Science, Vellore



Suganya.P

Health Assistant Course,
Pravaham Community
College, Vellore



Lakshmi.D

Health Assistant Course,
Pravaham Community
College, Vellore

New members of MBKGP Family



Shrudhi - 10 months' old

Shrudhi hails from a poor and dysfunctional family. Her mother died when she was 8 months old and her father is handicapped.



Lokesh.L - 4 years' old

Lokesh and Sathiya are siblings from a poor family. Their father died from an accident and mother is an illiterate with no job or shelter. She had to go for work for survival and was unable to care for her children.



Sathiya.L - 2 years' old

Academic Achievement

Gunanithy was the school topper in 12th grade State Board Examination held in March 2018 and the recipient of Academic Achievement Award.

Congratulations to Gunanithy!



Gunanithy was admitted to MBKGP Home at the age of 3 as he lost his mother when he was just a year old. Throughout schooling he was a studious boy. He is an ambitious young man waiting to be enrolled to higher education.

Child Sponsorship Programme enables children have a healthy and a safe environment to grow-up, in a family set up with good values. It also helps children access quality education and gives freedom to brighter future. *The acceptance, love, hope and the sense of belonging that the children gain through the sponsorship programme is remarkable in transforming their lives by helping them find their identity and self-worth.*

By sponsoring a child,

Sponsor a Child for INR 1500 / US\$ 35 / £ 20 per month

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KING'S SCHOOL

Scouting Programme



School Reopens for a New Academic Year

The school reopened on 1st June 2018 and students entered the schooling phase of their lives with much hope & aspiration after a month long annual holiday. The results of 10th & 12th grade state board examinations that were held in March 2018 were fairly good with 92 % and 90 % respectively.

World Water Day



The school celebrated World Water Day on the 22nd March with a special programme titled on "Save Water, Save Life". The programme was held in the morning assembly. Students created posters and banners and displayed in the notice board in order to create awareness among children on Saving Water.

Scout programme was inaugurated in school on 28th February 2018. The District Scout Officer Mr. Babu presided over the programme and presented badges to the scout boys. One of the teaching faculty Mr. Naveen Kumar, was trained to educate the students to handle emergency situations and give first aid.



Inter School Volley Ball Tournament

Dr. Pauline King Memorial Volley ball tournament for boys (under 14) was conducted by the school on 21st April 2018. The tournament drew participation from 12 different schools in Vellore district. The tournament was inaugurated by the Vellore District Physical Education officer Mr. Mani.



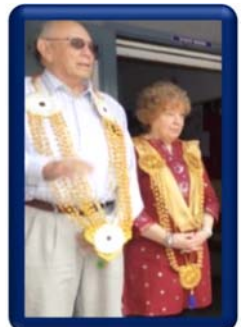
The school Principal Mrs. Anna Jagadish, presided over the valedictory function and distributed prizes. Gangadhara Mat. Hr. Sec. School emerged the winner and TMKV Hr. Sec. School, Kangeyanallur team secured the runner up position. The tournament was organized by the school Physical Training Teacher.

Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony for standards 10 and 12 was held on 12th June, 2018 at MBKG Pannai Auditorium. Dr. Sr. Mary Josephine Rani, the principal of Auxillium College was the chief guest; she addressed the young graduates stressing on the importance of hard work, positive attitude and continuous learning and gave away the certificates. Pasupathi. G of 10th standard and Gunanithy. M of 12th standard was awarded the best outgoing students of the Academic year 2017-18. The young graduates were congratulated by the management.



Professor Janice Bernsten



Mr. Harold Mondal & Dr. Dorothy West.

Programmes by visitors from the USA

Mrs. Janice Bernsten and her husband Dr. Richard Bernsten, Child Sponsors from the state of Michigan, USA through the Global Ministries visited the Home and School in February 2018 along with Mr. Harold Mondal and his wife Dr. Dorothy West.

A professor in English, Mrs. Janice conducted a seminar for teachers on "Learning English through Activities" and gifted books on the topic to the school. Teachers were greatly benefited through the programme.

Mr. Harold who has been visiting the Home for three consecutive years, taught a short video production (Telling Stories with a Camera) course to 9th graders. Dr. Dorothy West, the specialist in Nutritional Science, taught classes for teacher on Health & Hygiene and gave tips to stay healthy. *Thanks to the two couples for their huge contribution to the school.*

Magic Show

Mr. Bob and Mrs. Suzie the magic show experts from the USA conducted a magic show. While Mrs. Suzie showed "Art is Fun" by drawing different meaningful pictures, Mr. Bob, with his magic proved that chemicals have magical effect when they react with each other. It was an excellent entertainment cum learning for the students.



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Summer Camp



The camp was meticulously planned by the organizers with the main intention of teaching the children to grow in the knowledge of Christ, through daily devotion, group discussion, activities, video shows on biography of missionaries and games. Besides enjoying the cool weather of the place and sightseeing, the children went for trekking and boating in the lake. They were relaxed and refreshed besides being enlightened spiritually.

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Summer Camp was held from May 14 to 19 at YMCA Campus in Yelagiri Hills, a hill station 90 km from Vellore. The camp was organised in such a way for children to have physical and spiritual refreshment. Daily devotions were held in the mornings by Hi Kids Ministries, Chennai and the rest of the day was spent in sightseeing. The founder of the Hi Kids Ministries, Bro. A. Robin Jebaraj Chelliah with the team of 5 led the morning sessions. The theme for the camp was *'Building Yourself in Christ'*.



District Collector's Visit on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15



The Vellore district Collector Mr. S.A. Raman visited the Home on June 15 to commemorate the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The programme was organized by the Social Welfare Board to create awareness among youngsters. The Collector was accompanied by the District Social Welfare Board Officer. He flagged off the procession and along with the government officials, staff of the Home and the children took an oath against elder abuse. Later, he honoured the elders with a shawl individually, interacted with them and visited their rooms. The programme was started with Tamil Thai Vazhthu (Invocation to Mother Tamil and the state song of Tamil Nadu) and ended with the national anthem.

Sponsorship Coordinator's Visit to the USA

In April 2018, the Sponsorship Coordinator, Mrs. Anita G. Paul was invited by the Global Ministries to the USA to attend its board meeting and meet sponsors. She travelled to 7 states meeting individuals and churches sponsoring children and elders and sharing how their support transform lives of hundreds of destitute children and elders at the Home and day students at King's school. She was well received and the trip was a successful one for the organization. Thanks to Dr. Cathy Nichols and Ms. Linda Lawrence for organizing the trip. A big thanks to Global Ministries' staff that assisted Anita during her trip and sponsors who hosted her.

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