



Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1 :17



Newsletter - December 2019

Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai

Family Village Farm

Wishing you all a very Happy & Prosperous New Year!

Children's Charismatic Christmas Celebration



Christmas Season is always a time of fun and joy for the children and this Christmas was no exception. All the children undergoing professional courses at various training institutions joined the MBKGP family for the celebration of birth of Christ. On the evening of December 25, 2019, the Betty Keene Memorial Hall was filled with cheerful children in dazzling attires, happy House Mothers, Grandmothers, Staff, Alumni and Well-wishers.

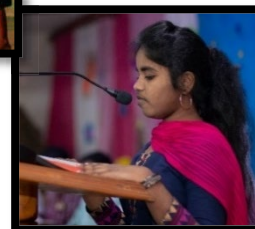


Rajkumar.R



Bro. Rajesh
Chief Guest

The stage and the Hall was decorated extravagantly with handmade paper decorations and lanterns by the former children of the Home. After the bible reading by Ashwini.K, the chief guest Bro. Rajesh Nirmalkumar, Valuable Vessels Ministries, Vellore delivered the Christmas message. Seated on the stage were guests who contributed to the spiritual well-being of the residents. The audience were captivated by the children's dances, carols and skit.



Rajesh.S



Master of Ceremonies were the children themselves. Mr. Rajkumar, Staff Nurse, CMCH compered the programme and Mr. Rajesh, did the vote of Thanks. The celebration ended with prayer and benediction by Mr. Solomon, Catechist, CSI Kasam Church followed by fellowship dinner. Thanks to Global Ministries, USA and Mr. Retbin Rajeev, a child sponsor from Bangalore for their donation towards Christmas dinner.



CMCH Employees' Christmas Cheer Fund Gift

MBKG Pannai Family thanks the management and employees of *Christian Medical College Hospital (CMCH)* for their huge annual contribution from their Employees' Christmas Cheer Fund. In December 2019, the Hospital was represented by the staff of Accounts Department that visited the Home and distributed new dresses to the residents. The staff sang a special Christmas carol for the residents and Rev. Edwin delivered the Christmas message.



The organisation continues to hold the status of the best « **Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children** » in the district awarded by the state government of Tamil Nadu.

New Members of the MBKG Pannai Family



Jana - 2 years old



Sakthivel 4 years old



Sharina & Sharini 3 -years



Siva – 4 years



Miss. Sugantha

The new children will now have a healthy, safe and child friendly environment to grow up in and the grandmother will spend the rest of her days peacefully with good food, comforts and medical care.

Congratulations to the Graduates!

Miss Lakshmi.D and Miss. Suganya.P completed diploma in Health Assistant course from Pravaham Community College, Vellore and graduated in September 2019. Currently both of them are employed at an Elder Care Facility in Bangalore. Thanks to their sponsors for not only supporting them financially but with their extra effort in motivating and encouraging them to complete the course. Now, the children have secured jobs with regular income. Thanks to "Pravaham Community College", Vellore for teaching the girls life coping skills to face the challenges of the outside world.

Child Sponsorship Programme is the key to the Success of children at MBKGP Home

The programme enables children have a healthy, normal childhood and a safe environment to grow-up in a family set up with good values. It also helps children to access quality education and gives freedom to brighter future. The love and sense of belonging experienced by the children through their sponsors transform their lives and help them find their identity and self-worth.

Sponsor a Child / a House Mother / an Elder for INR 1500 / US \$ 35 / £ 20 per month

By sponsoring a child,

- ◆ You build a personal connection with your sponsored children through exchange of letters and greeting cards.
 - ◆ See progress of the children through videos, photos and updates from the sponsorship office.
 - ◆ And life changing opportunity to visit your sponsored children.
- Elder Sponsorship enables us to provide a peaceful elder friendly environment for the destitute elders.

You may contact the Sponsorship Coordinator at mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com

Visit of TNAI - Local Unit, CMCH



Nurses from Christian Medical College Hospital representing the **TRAINED NURSES ASSOCIATION OF INDIA – LOCAL UNIT** visit the Home every year before Christmas to meet the children. In December 2019 Mrs. Nirmala with two members of TNAI Local Unit visited the Home and entertained the children with a Christmas story and taught them an action song. The Local Unit of the association sponsors a child.

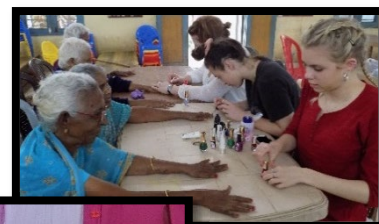
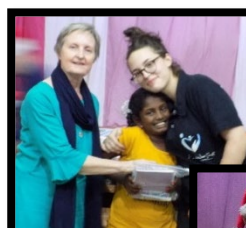


Jeeva a 20-year-old young man works as a Junior Tech for an Electronics Service Centre at Vellore. He completed diploma in Electrical and Electronics at Montfort Industrial Training Institute, Chennai.

Visit of the Overseas Mission Team, Dublin



In October 2018, the Overseas Mission team of People's Church, Dublin headed by Pastor Patrick Fitzgerald, Senior Pastor visited the Home and stayed in the campus for a week. Pastor Patrick and his wife Pastor. Sian and their daughter Rhian with 13 members of the church visited this year. The team brought individually packed gifts for the children, House mothers and Elders. Each visit, the church funds for a major project. This year the children were gifted with new school bags with logo of MBKGP printed on them. In December 2019, again the team visited with Christmas gifts for everyone. It was a joyous and memorable day for the residents of the Home.





Annual Day 2019



On 22nd August King's school celebrated its Annual Day with great enthusiasm and zeal. The event started off with a prayer song by the school choir. The invited chief guests were Dr Arun Tom Mathew, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, VIT University and his wife Mrs. Gina George, Lecturer Dept. of Computer Science, Auxilium College. The Chief Guest Dr. Arun delivered the Annual day speech and distributed the prizes to students in various field like Academics, Arts and Sports. School Annual report was presented by the Principal Mrs. Anna Jagadish



Children's Day

The birth anniversary of first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru was celebrated as Children's day in the schools. It was celebrated with great enthusiasm in King's School. All the teachers of our school entertained the students by performing songs, dance and stand-up comedy act. Our well-wisher Mr. Naman (Friends of Kasam) visited our school on that day and wished them all. The students were given refreshments to mark the celebration.



Investiture Ceremony



The investiture ceremony for the academic session 2019-20 was held on August 3rd. The function commenced with the welcome address by the Principal Mrs. Anna Jagadish congratulating the elected student leaders. The Chief guest Mr. Kirubahara Daniel, Director of MBKG Pannai pinned the badges for the young leaders and gave a motivational message for them. The student leaders took the pledge to keep the school motto "Fear God; Find wisdom" in high esteem and to fulfil their duty with utmost sincerity.

Christmas Celebration

Christmas is the festival which inspires the spirit of sharing and carrying. The theme of our school Christmas celebration was "Jesus the light of the world". The invited chief guests were Prof. Dr. Rajesh Isaiah, Dept. of Radiotherapy, Christian medical college & Hospital, Vellore and his wife Mrs. Vanitha Rajesh. Dr. Rajesh gave a message on Christmas and drew the attention of the audience. The entire school vibrated with the echoes of Christmas carols. The cultural items were both in English and Tamil. The skit enacted by the junior school children inspired the spirit of sharing and caring. Students performed varieties of programs which highlighted the true meaning of Christmas.

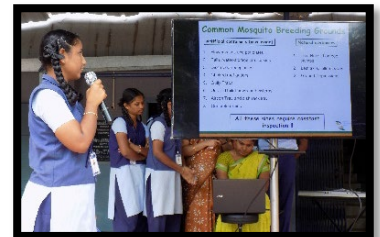
Independence Day cum Sports Day



This year King's School celebrated Independence Day along with Sports Day. Ms. Subi Swetha, International speed skater, Team India was the guest of honour. The chief guest lit the ceremonial Olympic torch after the spectacular, impressive and well synchronized march past by all the four houses. She also felicitated the young players and gave an inspirational speech on "Hard work". The children that won the competition were presented with Medals and Trophies.

Dengue Awareness

The Department of Sanitation and Public Health organized Dengue awareness programme for the school heads on 12/10/2019. The Vellore District Collector Mr. Shanmuga Sundaram attended the programme and emphasized on the protective measures to avoid Dengue fever. In continuation to this programme the students and teachers of the Dept. of Biology had organized the Dengue awareness programme in our school.



Achievements in Sports and Games

Carrom

Vellamal Bodhi Campus School, Vellore conducted an Inter-School Carrom Competition. Kalaidevi of Grade 9 won the Gold medal and Rithika of Grade 9 won the silver medal.



Chess

Sam Yedidiah of grade 5 participated in Zonal, District and State level competitions and won Gold and Silver medals with the certificate of appreciation.



Table Tennis, Hand ball, Ball badminton and Running Race

Students of King's School took part in Zonal and District level games conducted by physical education department of Tamil Nadu. 50 of our students participated in these games and won winner and runner-up positions.

Wushu

Tamil Nadu Wushu association conducted a State level competition on 6th and 7th September 2019. Our school Wushu champion Raghul.R of grade 12 participated and secured the hold in Taolu Gunshu – A group event.



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Our wish List - Urgent Needs

- ❖ **Higher Education Fund** – Currently, there are 30 children studying higher studies in residential institutions. We need funds to meet the expenses.
- ❖ **Elders' Dormitory** - Current facility at the Home campus can accommodate only 20 grandparents. As more homeless and abandoned elderly people are reaching out for our Home care, we need a hall with facilities including cots and toilets built within it.
- ❖ **Kitchen Renovation** - Kitchen Appliances such as a Refrigerator, Steam Rice Boiler, Dough Kneader, Storage Containers, Exhaust Fans and Lighting fixtures.
- ❖ **Furniture for Study Hall** - Our Home children follow systematic study hours in the morning and evening under the supervision of tutors. During this time sitting on floor poses reading and writing difficulties. To perform well in their school education, we have planned to provide adequate furniture such as desks and benches to cater to their study needs.

For further details interested donors may contact the office at ☎ 0416 2274202 Or send an e-mail to

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Sponsor a meal or a snack

Celebrate your Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Thanksgivings, Festivals and other special occasions with our children and elders by sponsoring meals and snacks. You Just donate money and we will prepare the meal.

Cost of meals or snacks:

Breakfast – INR 4000

Vegetarian Meal – NR 6000

Non Vegetarian Meal – INR 9000

Snacks / Ice – Cream – INR 2500

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We thank all the donors that chose to celebrate their special occasions with the Children and Elders by sponsoring special meals, snacks and Ice – Cream!

Table Tennis Board for the children at the main Campus



We would like to thank Mr. Gopinath from Chennai for donating a New Table Tennis board with accessories for the children through the kindness of Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi, former Secretary of MBKG Pannai. The TT board was installed in the main campus where girls as well as the boys can have access to the sport. Daily practice of TT has helped the children develop skills in playing the sport and makes them eligible to participate in Table Tennis matches at various levels such as Inter- school, Zonal, District and even State.

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A Huge Thanks to all the kind hearted People for donating items through this on-line charity. Children and Elders receive items useful for daily living from Stationary, Bedsheets, Toiletries to Sports.

Obituary



Mrs. Chandra Kanagarayan, an 85-year-old grandmother passed away in November 2019 after a brief period of age related illness. She served as a warden at MBKGP Home from 1993 to 1996 during the period of Dr. Pauline King. Her late husband Mr. Kanagarayn, also worked as a Purchase Assistant at MBKGP Home for 10 years. After the couple's retirement they continued to stay at the Home as grandparents.