

MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI

Family Village Farm



A good man sheweth favor and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved forever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed trusting in the Lord. He has dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth forever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

Psalm 112: 5-9



Best Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute children in the district of Vellore bestowed by the government of Tamilnadu.

New Year Staff Retreat

The start of 2016 was marked by our annual staff retreat. On January 2, the staff of the Home and the school gathered together for a time of fellowship. The guest speaker was Dr. E. L. Mathansingh, retired missionary of Blessing Youth Mission, founder of "Thy Grace Equipping Academy" Vellore, now an expert trainer in equipping employees of Christian organizations in Christ minded service. He gave an inspiring message on how to be useful vessels in the hand of God with a simple illustration of a pencil.

The staff was re-energized and rededicated themselves to be more passionate about the mission of the founder and objectives of the organization.



Health Camp by CHAD Unit of Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore



On January 15 2016, a one day health camp was organized by the Community Health And Development (CHAD) Unit of Christian Medical College Hospital. The medical team comprising of Doctors, Nurses and Technicians conducted the camp for the children and elders. Medications were prescribed for minor ailments and referral to hospital was given for further intervention and treatment. 155 children, 13 House mothers and 18 elders were benefitted from this health camp. We would like to thank Dr. Anu Alexander who coordinated this camp and also to the medical team who helped. Our special thanks to Dr. Kurien George and Dr. Jasmine Prasad, Head of CHAD Unit for consenting to send their team.

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Make a Difference – Dream Camp

Make A Difference (MAD) is a youth driven, non-profit organization working to ensure better outcomes for children in orphanages and street shelters. **Dream Camps** are 3-day outbound experiential camps that help children dream about their future goals & understand what it takes to achieve those dreams through personal discovery, exploring new talents by challenging themselves & taking responsibility of their actions/decisions. MAD Vellore Team consists of enthusiastic engineering students from Vellore Institute of Technology University (VITU). They conducted the 3 day residential Dream Camp from 12th to 14th February in VIT University campus. 35 of our children from 8th and 9th grades participated in this camp.

Welcome session: The children entered Foodies (VIT) to meet their mentors between a traditional ceremony that brought big smiles on their faces. This brought zeal and enthusiasm in them for the eventful days to come in Dream Camp 2016.

Beautiful You: This was a session that helped the children self discover themselves and to instil in them the value of beauty in everything, big, small, human or inhuman.

Trek: At the crack of dawn, the children along with their mentors made a trip to Bagayam Hills, Vellore for trekking. Enjoying a beautiful backdrop with an adventurous



Cafe simulation: Here the children enjoyed their lunch in a cafe like environment. They were put in a situation where they were made to order food of their choice from a menu card and drinks and deserts were served to them by their own MADsters who were the waiters for the day. End



Thanks to MAD Team

Carnival: To add to the zeal of Dream Camp, a carnival was organised where there was dancing, food, games, face painting and so much more! The children were behind elated and their faces said it all! What a brilliant end to a brilliant day!

Dream trees: A "Dream is a wish that your heart makes". The children were asked what they dreamt of and that all dreams are attainable if they diligently worked towards them and this would be possible only if they ne



River of Life: The session was about a river called life and the way it flows. It helped the children to understand their past and come to terms with it, live their present and map their future.

Game of life: How to go about in a hospital, travel agency or during a disaster? They were guided how to do so via various simulations of the above systems. Through the travel agency the children had to pick a place: Gujarat, Rajasthan or the seven sisters and the tickets were given for the chosen destination. Depending on their choice, the children were taught Garba, Rajasthan folk dance and puppet making at the end of which everyone was with smiles and lots of



Career fair: An exposure to various careers such as culinary skills, music, technology and architecture were provided to develop a taste of their future in the

Showcase: In the finale of Dream Camp 2016, the children were persuaded to share what they had learnt in the last two days. There were children giving dance performances and puppet showcases. Before their departure, the children were awarded with certificates and group pictures as memoirs that they could take back with them and which would remind them of this beautiful



KINGS SCHOOL



Computer Lab Upgraded

We were highly blessed by the visit of Mrs. Anna Graham and Mr. Graham. Thanks to the Graham's generous donation, we have been able to upgrade the Sebastian Computer Lab with 22 brand new computers with LED monitors. Our visitors were particularly entertained by the school band which performed many songs including the National Anthem.



Mr & Mrs. Graham, UK



Music Band



Sebastian Computer Lab

National science Day

The theme of the National Science Day was International Pulses 2016 and seven of our students participated in Painting, Elocution and Essay writing competitions. Following this, the participants were awarded with bronze medals, books and certificates. Those prizes were given away by a volunteer from Paris, Marc Simion.



Fancy Dress Competition

We had a fancy dress competition for Kindergarten children who came in different attire. The parents were thrilled to see their children taking part in the competition. After long consideration, the judges selected the best performance.



State Board Examination

12th and 10th graders have completed their board exams, both theory and practical. The 12th graders are waiting for their results to get into the professional courses of their choice.

Farewell to 12th graders

11th Graders bade a sad Adieu to 12th Graders as they left the school after 14 years of study. This was a very touching moment.



An American Documentary Film maker's Visit

In January 2016, Harold Mondol, an 83 year old documentary film maker through the Global Ministries, USA visited the Home to produce a short film on MBKG Pannai. The main purpose of the film is to persuade people to support and contribute to the institution.

We vow our thanks to Mr. Harold for taking time and effort to spend 10 days shooting various activities of the Home and the school and also interviewing the people who work and stay at the home. He said he enjoyed the tremendous joy and energy of the young people.

Links to watch the final version of the documentary film will be published in the next newsletter.



Mr. Harold Mondol with the children

Nursery Roof Project

Dr. Jay Prakash Boddu of USA has donated INR 2, 25,000 towards first phase of the Nursery Roof Project in memory of his wife Mrs. Soudamini Boddu who entered her eternal rest in December 2014. Mrs. Soudamini Boddu did her B.Sc.Nursing at College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore and spent a month with the nursery children during her internship. The metal roof covers the central open area of the block where children below 6 years live. This new construction will protect the children's indoor play area from sun and rain. Moreover, as the 2nd phase iron grid around the beams are to be fixed which will prevent birds, monkeys and cats from entering the nursery.

MBKG Pannai family thanks Dr. Boddu for his generous gift.



New Library at the Home campus

The main purpose of setting up a library is to impart reading skills and enhance reading ability of every child in addition to enabling women and elderly to access useful reading material as a leisure activity.



Interested donors may contribute to this cause either in cash or in kind. Kindly contact mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com for details.



We thank Mrs. Eve Kirby for taking initiative in raising funds and donating £850 for purchase of books. Our thanks to Ms. Ophelia Maxwell and Ms. Tilly Trant volunteers from UK for helping in setting up the new library at the Home campus in January.

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Obituary



In January 2016, one of our elders Mr. Kanagarayan, entered into heavenly abode at the age of 92. He lived as a grandparent for more than 20 years at the home. His wife Mrs. Chandra is also an elder at the Home.

