

# MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI

(FAMILY VILLAGE FARM)

January – March 2014



Dr. Pauline E. King  
Founder

Dr. Pauline E. King came to India as a medical missionary in 1955 with what today is the United Church of Christ/Global Ministries in United States of America. In 1969 she founded Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai called in English as the Family Village Farm, a living community for orphans, elderly and the destitute. Dr. King worked for many years as a professor and public health nurse at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India and she managed the Family Village Farm until her retirement in 1988.

The objective of MBKG Pannai is to provide a home for the homeless and thereby to enable the orphans and destitute to help each other as well as to utilize the opportunities that are provided for their betterment. Irrespective of religion caste and gender, many helpless and deserted children are brought to our home which readily takes in infants and children either four or under four years of age.

We provide food, clothing, accommodation, education and medical care for the children, mothers and grandparents. We bring up children in a family set up inculcating family values, showing them the love that they failed to receive from their own families, teaching them to value relationships and making them worthwhile individuals in the society.

## Alumni Reunion

Dr. Pauline E. King's death anniversary on January 20 is commemorated as alumni reunion day. The alumni comprises of former children of MBKG Pannai who were brought up here at the home and have entered society to become successful and responsible citizens. This year on Sunday, January 19, around 200 families reunited to celebrate Dr. King's life and service to the community. The entire home community- children, mothers, grandparents, staff, alumni and friends—were invited to join in and honor the founder.

With great zeal the children of the past... now proud men and women, settled in life with families joined together to pay homage to their 'Mommy' their only symbol of love. With grateful hearts, they shared their testimony with the present children, encouraging them to make use of every opportunity that is provided to have a good future.

The meeting was followed by a grand lunch sponsored by the alumni and later in the afternoon a sports meet was held at the premises. The present and past children irrespective of their ages participated in the competition and prizes were distributed to the winners.

The alumni association sponsors nine of the children.



Gathering



Thanksgiving



Homage to Dr. King's statue



Homage to the Tomb stone where Dr. King's ashes lay

## STAFF RETREAT

The New Year 2014 began with a spiritual retreat conducted for the staff of Home and school on 2<sup>nd</sup> January at the Betty Keen Memorial Hall. The guest speaker was Rev. Walter Sunder Singh who gave an inspiring message on being a good role model. The staffs were enlightened with the word of God and encouraged to give their best to the organization. The meeting was followed by fellowship lunch at the Janice Work Dining Hall. The staff rededicated themselves to serve this community with new zeal and determination.



## DREAM CAMP - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Make a Difference [MAD]**, India, is one of the largest youth volunteer network in operation. It empowers the strengths and the potentials of the children in street shelter homes and orphanages. MAD aims to deliver high quality education to about 4500 children's through a motivated network of 2500 volunteers. Enthusiastic engineering students from Vellore Institute of Technology University who are volunteers of MAD visit MBKG Pannai in the weekends to help our children.

Part of MAD, Dream Camp lets our children develop skills, explore their strengths, overcome their weaknesses, discuss challenges, and participate in adventure sports and more.

It's a small step towards self-reliance and potential realization. It's an attempt to put forth the strongest role models of our society. It's an effort to identify the hidden talents of our children and help them develop these on a long-term basis.

During this 3 days camp, 70 of our children were able to experience nation's best sessions like International Cultural Village which gave children an idea of four different countries {China, Egypt, India, Italy} including their culture and cuisine organized by passionate volunteers, Wings of Glory which introduced the concept of aerodynamics in an innovative manner by giving them a hands on session by flying real gliders and an ornithopter, conducted by Mr. Minakshi Sundaram - Aero Modelling Instructor. Kitchen Chemistry, which introduced different techniques of cooking and table etiquettes conducted by GRT Sameera, Vellore Executive Chef. Bye Bye Earth, which introduced them to planets and constellations by converting an Engineering Drawing room into a planetarium.

Our children enjoyed the camp thoroughly and were immensely benefited by the experience.

New Admissions



Maharani, 2 yrs



Vignesh, 4 yrs



Mrs. Victoria, 65



Archana, 4 yrs



Ms. Elizabeth, 70

Discharge



23 year old Neelavathy who was brought up at the home since the age of 3 years was discharged after securing a job as an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife at Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore.

**Gabriel Karthick** who was brought up at the Home from his childhood has completed his Degree in Arts from Voorhees College, Vellore successfully. He was awarded with the Best Actor, the Best Christian Outgoing Student and for the Best Proficiency in English Literature.

We commend



Our children at the dream camp



# KING'S SCHOOL NEWS



## *A humble beginning .... but a humongous development.*

King's Matriculation Higher secondary School was founded by Dr. Pauline E King in 1978 to provide physical, spiritual and educational guidance for the underprivileged and the needy. It was Dr. King's vision that every child, no matter their financial situation, should be given the best possible opportunity in life to succeed. The sole purpose of the school was to meet the needs of the children residing at MBKG Pannai. But over time, there emerged a strong need to fulfill the educational needs of children from the surrounding villages. Most of these children come from economically and socially poor background and proudly become the first generation to attend a schooling institution.

The school with strength of 780 pupils is recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu and is affiliated to the Directorate of Matriculation Schools and conducts classes from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> standard with English as the medium of instruction. The school's resources and facilities are some of the best in the area and even become better, thanks to the generosity of donors and sponsors. The school has a well equipped computer lab with internet access, Science labs, library and a vast play fields for sports besides providing transportation facilities for the students with four buses operating in different directions. Also, the school runs a free lunch programme funded by donations for the poor students. The management and the faculty are committed to developing individual excellence and leadership traits from an early age. Thanks to donors, sponsors and well-wishers for their generous support to this great learning environment.



## ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

On February 24th the school came together to celebrate 34 years on Annual Day. The atmosphere was one filled with joy and merriment as students of all ages' showcased skits, songs and dances. We also witnessed the graduation of tenth and twelfth standard students. Certificates of general proficiency were awarded by Dr. Mrs. Anita Daniel. The outgoing students showed their gratitude to the school by gifting a PA system. Our guest of honor was Dr. Alfred Job Daniel, Principal, Christian Medical College, Vellore. Also, the principal of Voorhees College, Vellore Dr. A. Arullappan felicitated the graduates with special prayer.



**Admissions are open** for LKG to IX & XI

Groups offered in Higher Secondary ★ **Mathematics** ★ **Science** ★ **Computer Science**

# **Congratulations** to King's Students, Teachers and the Principal for 100 % Pass result in 12<sup>th</sup> standard State Board Examinations.

Her passion for Library keeping drives her to Pannai once in two years. **Mrs. Eve Kirby** helps the librarian with updating listening and reading materials and encourages teachers as well as the students to develop their reading skills.



Mrs. Eve Kirby & Friends from UK & USA

**Huge thanks** to Pastor Patrick Fitzgerald and the team from Apostolic Church, Dublin, Ireland for visiting us and donating 48 ceiling fans for the children's living area.



Big thanks to the Chairperson and the entire team of Vellore Ladies Circle for donating 2 sewing machines and scholarship for higher studies.



We left Rhode Island, USA, this snowy winter to arrive in the warm March sun of Family Village Farm. We were here for 3 weeks. This was our 1<sup>st</sup> overseas volunteer experience and it was exceptional in many ways. Above all we were most impressed with the open-hearted children and staff. We were so awed by the professional and loving spirit here that we made a substantial donation in memory of our son, abroad which the entire FVF community joined in celebration. We will be back next year to continue our support.

**Katherine McMillan & Marshall Hoyler, USA**



**Thanks** to Dr. Kurien George, Dr. Jasmin Prasad and the medical team from CHAD Hospital, Bagayam for holding a free medical camp for the children, mothers and the elderly on March 29 at our premises.

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- ★ Sponsor a child/ a Mother/ a grandparent for ₹ 1500 or US \$ 30 per month
- ★ Sponsor a Day student at King's School for ₹ 15,000/- or US \$ 300 per year
- ★ Sponsor a meal at just.....
  - Breakfast – ₹ 2500/-
  - Veg Meal – ₹ 4000/-
  - Non-Veg Meal – ₹ 6500/-
  - Sweets/Snacks/Ice-cream – ₹ 2000/-

## **DONATE**

- ★ For construction of compound wall around the Orphanage campus which costs ₹ 25, 00,000 or US \$ 42000  
**A stretch of 100 ft costs ₹ 80,000 or US\$ 1350**
- ★ For white wash / painting of school buildings which costs ₹ 14, 00,000. **One class room costs ₹ 28,000**
- ★ For the new King's school building loan repayment
  - Total cost of the building – ₹ 100,00,000
  - Total Loan amount - ₹ 80,00,000
  - Donations received till date – ₹ 26,57,711