

# MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI

(Family Village Farm)

*Now may He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 2 Cor 9:10,11*



Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai

**One of the two Best Integrated Complex for special Homes for the Senior Citizens and Destitute Children in the district— Recognized by the government of Tamil Nadu.**



### With grateful hearts...

2014 was another year of blessing for our organization— too many to enumerate. We give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and grace through His beloved people: our dear sponsors, donors and well wishers.

We thank each one of you for being so generous in supporting us with your prayers and thoughtful donations. Many of you visited us and shared your precious time with us. We are blessed by your partnership. The New Year 2015 has dawned on us with its opportunities and challenges. We continue our mission with hope and assurance that God will strengthen us with His wisdom and providence.

*Thank you*

### Christmas Celebration

The month of December was a joyous time of the year, when children and the elderly experience love, joy and hope. Many kind and generous people came forward to sponsor a special meal for the children during this month while a few others brought individual gifts to them.

On the evening of the 25th, children and elders dressed in new clothes along with staff and visitors gathered to celebrate the birth of Christ. Dr. Patricia Solomon, Professor of Radiation Therapy, was the Chief guest and delivered the Christmas message followed by a special Christmas dinner graciously sponsored by Dr. Jasper Daniel and Dr. Mrs. Padmini Jasper, Mr. Gopi Krishnan, Muscat and Mrs. Nancy Hackett, USA.



*"I may not be able to do much, but I can do something. And, if I do what I can, maybe others will help." - Dr. Pauline E. King*

### Elders Honored

To commemorate World Elderly Day, the elders from various homes around the district were honored at the collectorate on December 26th, organized by the District Social Welfare Board. Our grandparents were also taken to the event. Various competitions were conducted and winners were awarded. Even a blood pressure check was done for them. The programme was followed by lunch. It was a memorable day out for our elders.



District Social Welfare Officer



Blood Pressure Check



Our grandparents

### Alumni Reunion

The alumni of MBKG Pannai gathered as a big family on Sunday, 18th January at the Betty



Keen Memorial Hall to commemorate the 15th death anniversary of the founder Dr. Pauline E. King. Once children of the home, now proud individuals with families shared their testimony with the present children and encouraged them to use every opportunity that they are given here for their betterment. They honored their mother by garlanding her statue and spreading flowers over the tomb stone where her ashes lay. The thanksgiving service ended with a fellowship lunch sponsored by the alumni. In the afternoon, they organized a sports

event and the winners were awarded prizes. It was a great time of joyous reunion of King's family.

The association sponsors 16 of the present children. A cheque was handed over to the Secretary who graced the occasion.



## Sponsor's Quote

**John Ramsbottom & Marie White, UK**

In the two years since our last visit we noticed how clean and tidy everywhere was—quite an oasis in the immediate area.

The welcome was as warm as ever, with the older children remembering the ice creams and watches of previous visits.

It was rewarding to spend time with our three sponsored children. One of the highlights of our stay was the quality of the dance that the older girls performed as part of a Sunday afternoon meeting with guests from Vellore, and we are glad to see that they have been encouraged to express themselves in this way. Another, was the immediate use of the football and other sporting equipment we purchased for the older boys, which seemed to raise the spirit of those at the boys' hostel.

As at our last visit, we marvelled at the dedication of all involved, from the housemothers to the office staff. Thanks to Helen and her staff who ensured that we and the other volunteers—there were 4 young 'gap year' students staying for some months—had the occasional egg or chicken.

At the school, the new classroom block is impressive and gives a finished air to the whole campus. John was honoured to be asked to raise the flag at their morning assembly and, being asked to talk to the older children, took the history of communication as his subject. He was given an A\* by the Head, Vatsala, but perhaps she was being kind.

Once again we were sad to leave, particularly as students from previous years were retuning for their annual reunion. Those we met had all gone on to successful employment, which reflects the qualities that the orphanage

and School have brought to their lives.

For those of you considering a visit to India, we recommend adding the orphanage to your itinerary- particularly if you already have some connection through your sponsorships. You will get a great welcome, and there are lots of children waiting for your hugs and encouraging words.

God willing, we hope to return in 2017 and look forward to the same warm and friendly welcome.



John and Marie donated a water cooler (80 L) for the dining hall.

## Admissions



Prabhakaran - 3



Sarathkumar - 3



Beulah - 3

## Discharges



RagHAVAN

21, employed

as an electrician was reunited with his family.



Kesavan



Raghu

Kesavan and his younger brother Raghu, now have a family as their father got married again.

## Medical Camps

**College of Nursing,**

**Christian Medical College**

Final year B.Sc. and M.Sc Nursing students of College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore came forward to conduct a Medical camp on November 8th for the children. Minor ailments were treated and children who needed

further intervention were referred to the hospital. Health education on balanced diet, dental hygiene, the importance of hand washing, and adolescent education for the older girls were given using audio-visual aids. The resident nurse does the follow up on the referred cases.



**Primary Health Center**

On November 28, 2014, a general health check up was organized by the Government Primary Health Center for the children and the elderly. The team headed by Dr. Karthika, carried out general health screening for the residents especially elders. She gave health advice and prescribed medicines.

## Sponsor's Quote



There is a magical place called "Family Village Farm." Why is this place magical? There are many reasons. It might be the feeling of happiness you get when surrounded by the cutest, loving children. Or it could be the inspiration received

from the amazing women who work there. Or maybe it is magical because of the lessons you learn from the grandmothers. No matter which one of these it may be, if you come and visit "Family Village Farm," you will forever be changed through the experiences.

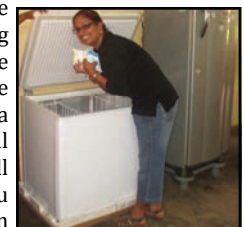
One could say that I am a little biased because I come from there and love of the place runs deep in my heart and soul. What I can share with you is that the people who work there are some of the hardest working people I have ever met in my life. They are loyal and loving to the children and it shows every day. I admire and respect their dedication as they provide love and care to the many children who live there.

What I gain from being there (and hope you will if you volunteer) is learning life's lessons. In my time serving there, I have learned the following: **Humanity** is still very much alive.

Having **gratitude** for the little things in life, being grateful for everything that you have. **Family** is everything. That there are still **kind and loving people** is this world that, at times, seems insane. There are still **generous** people who go above and beyond to serve others.

These are just a few of the lessons I have learned during my time volunteering at the Family Village Farm. These are lessons that will last a lifetime. I hope that you will consider volunteering as well because I promise that if you do, the love of the children will fill your hearts and the hospitality and care of the people will fill your soul.

With much love,  
**Rachel Beck, USA.**



Rachel donated a 205 L chest cooler for the kitchen

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## KING'S SCHOOL NEWS



### CHRISTMAS AT ITS BEST

On December 2, 2014 Christmas was celebrated in advance at King's as the school was closing for holidays. The children eagerly welcomed and entertained the chief guest, parents and well wishers with their lively songs, dances and an English skit. The chief guest was Mr. Ebenezer Sunderraj, the general Superintendent of Christian Medical Hospital. Christmas carols were sung by the King's choir and there was much festivity in the air. A German volunteer also taught the choir a German carol.



### WORLD DIABETIC DAY

In commemoration of the World Diabetes Day 2014, Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, Conducted an essay writing and painting competition for the students of class IX, X and XII among the schools of Vellore on 22 Nov 2014. Our IX and X grade students participated in both competitions and received certificates.



Teachers entertaining children

### CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Children's Day Programme was grandly celebrated on November 14, 2014 to commemorate the birthday of the first Indian prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as he was an ardent lover of children.

Posters on Pandit Nehru were made by students. Teachers performed for their students through songs, skits and conducted a debate on the advantages vs. disadvantages of watching TV. A drawing competition was conducted for the children and winners were awarded.

On January 21, the Community Health Nursing Department of CMC, headed by Mrs. Rajeshwari Siva, conducted a health campaign for the children at the school. Firstly the nurses performed a skit on what happens in a healthy family verses an unhealthy family. They taught children the components of a healthy balanced diet—carbohydrates, protein, fats, vitamins and minerals.

### HEALTH CAMP



Later, the nursing team did a health screening on the children: they checked their weight, height, eyesight and blood pressure. They wrote all the results on a piece of paper and gave it to the children. They also gave medicine for minor ailments.

**We thank the Dean and the Community Health Department, College of Nursing, CMC.**

Our special thanks to **Mrs. Rajeshwari Siva and the nursing team .**

### WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day was observed on December first at King's to raise awareness among students regarding the problem of HIV and AIDS, a disease that affects the immune system of the body. A talk was given in the morning assembly based on the theme "Focus and Achieve—An AIDS-free generation".

Thanks to *Christian Medical College Hospital—Christmas Cheer*



In the month of December, a group of CMC staff visited the Home to share the joy of the season with the residents. They distributed cakes and gifts to the children, mothers and the elderly.



We are grateful to the *Vellore Institute of Technology University* for contributing to the welfare of the organization in many different ways. We thank the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellors for permitting their students to visit the Orphanage regularly and implement programmes like MAD, Dream Camp, group activities and sporting events which gives our children opportunity to learn new things and become creative. Besides this, group of students visit and distribute snacks to the children periodically.

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- Sponsor a child/ a Mother/ a grandparent for Rs 1500 or US \$30 per month
- Sponsor a Day student at King's School for Rs.15,000 or US \$300 per year
- Sponsor a meal at just.....  
Breakfast – Rs. 3000/-  
Veg Meal – Rs. 5000/-  
Non-Veg Meal – Rs. 7000/-  
Sweets/Snacks/Ice-cream – Rs. 2500/-

## DONATE

- For construction of compound wall around the Orphanage campus which costs Rs 25,00,000 or US \$42,000  
**A stretch of 1 ft costs Rs 800 or US \$15**
- For white wash / painting of Home & school buildings that costs Rs. 14,00,000.  
**One class room costs Rs. 28,000**
- For the new King's school building loan repayment  
Total cost of the building – **Rs 1,00,00,000**  
Total loan amount – **Rs. 80,00,000**  
Donations received to date – **Rs. 43,79,178**

