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"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work"

We Praise God... for all His blessings upon our home. The Lord has been gracious, and merciful to all our children, house mothers and grandparents and also to all the staff of MBKG Pannai.

After working hard for annual examinations in March and April, our children always look forward to an annual holiday during May. This year children enjoyed unusually long summer holidays, as schools reopened later than usual, due to political changes in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Our older home children who have gone to study at different institutions across India visited us during the holidays. The place bustled with the happy noises of our precious children enjoying their holiday time with brothers and sisters. Several summer activities were planned to make this holiday a memorable one.

Summer Camp 2011

Children were taken for summer camp to a hill station called Coonoor, around 400 kilometres from Kasam. The tour was for 5 days and the theme was "Arise and Shine". Our children had an opportunity to interact with the tribal people of the Nilgiris and participated in their cultural program. Young men and women from the tribe also shared the story of how they came to know the Lord Jesus Christ. A team from Gospel Preaching Centre of Coonoor, reached out to

New members of the family



Shoban



Sathiyaraj



Karthick



Chandru

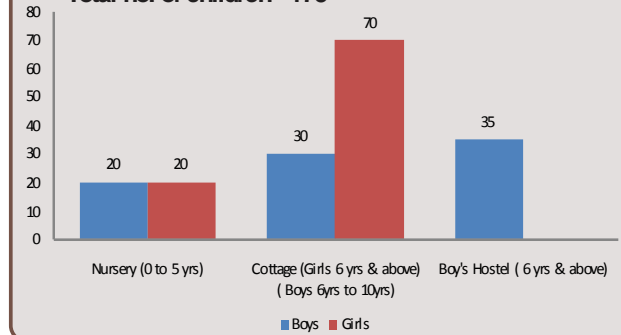
A brand new life full of Love and Hope.....

our children with the Gospel through a delightful and entertaining magic show. The children also had an opportunity to attend the Flower Show a famous annual event in south India. The children also visited a water Park called "Black Thunder" and enjoyed playing, sliding and splashing in the water.

Statistics 2011

No. of children in Nursery	40
No. of Children in Cottages	100
No. of children in Boys' Hostel	35
House Mothers - Cottage & Nursery	13
Grandparents	8
Residential Wardens	2
Residential Cooks	4
Residential Nurse Assistant	1
Residential Tutors	5
Total	208

Total no. of children - 175





Sathiyaraj is the only child of Ramesh and Ruba. Ramesh is a rickshaw man who works 12 hrs a day and earns about Rs.50 to 75 per day. When Sathiyaraj was 6 months old his mother deserted the family. Her whereabouts are still unknown.

Sathiyaraj was left under the care of his grandmother, who used to tie him to the door latch with a rope before leaving for work. She kept water but little food for him during the day. Considering the pitiful state of the child and the helpless father, Sathiyaraj was admitted at the age of 2 yrs to our nursery. On admission the child was malnourished and irritable. It's been 4 months now and he has gained weight, plays with other children and smiles at people who visit him.

Vacation Bible school

was conducted by the Scripture Union Team and the theme for this year was "Walk in my ways". Not only our home children but a total of 112 children from surrounding villages also attended the Bible school. Transportation and lunch were sponsored by the Pastorate committee members of St. John's Church, Vellore.

We bid farewell to three of our home children.....

Kaviya a 10 year old girl and Prakash an 11 year old boy who were admitted to our home at the age of 3 have been given a new home by their uncles, who were willing to adopt them and offer them the love and security of a family home. Hepzibah a 22 year old young lady who came to Pannai at the age of 3 yrs has completed her Diploma in Radiography and now works at Christian Medical College & Hospital. She was also discharged and lives with her mother. We are delighted to have had the opportunity to nurture, care for and raise these children in the Love of God, and to have given them a good education and a bright future. *We wish to thank all our kind sponsors for your prayers and support in making these children upstanding, healthy and happy individuals in our society.*



Hepzibah

Success Story.....



I am Peter Solomon a 21 year old Engineer. I was brought up in MBKG Pannai from the age of one. I did well at school with 80% score in 12th grade. I completed a 4 year Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering this year and got a job at Food Additives Manufacturing Company -SNAP Naturals Ltd. I thank the Lord for my home -MBKG Pannai. I thank the higher authorities, staff at Pannai and my sponsors for nurturing me. Thank You All.



Peter Solomon

First Engineering Graduate of MBKGP



**Mr. & Mrs. Vijaya Arivarasan
with their Child**



I am Mrs. Vijaya Arivarasan, now the proud mother of a 5 month old male child. I came to MBKG Pannai at the age of just 6 months. I was nurtured in the Christian faith with love and hope. I had the privilege of completing an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife course and work in Christian Fellowship Hospital, Ambilikkai. The management of MBKG Pannai arranged my wedding and I was married to Mr. Arivarasan, an electrician who works in the same place as I do. I am grateful to God, MBKG Pannai and my sponsors for giving me a good life.

KING'S SCHOOL NEWS



11th Grade Students



Mr. Durai Jasper - Staff Retreat



VBS - 2011



Annual Camp 2011



Staff Picnic at Cape

With the encouragement, effort and dedication of teachers and the hard work and enthusiasm of students, we have achieved 90% results this year. As our school has been upgraded to higher secondary, 22 students have been enrolled into our new 11th standard.

Recently 16 year old Rekha achieved the outstanding score of 90% in her 10th Grade board exam, the highest result this year. Rekha lost her parents shortly after she was born, leaving her and her sister (who is now married) in the sole care of her grandfather. She was enrolled here at King's at the age of 3 and since then has always been consistent in producing excellent results.



Rekha

Rekha's favorite and strongest subject is mathematics, in which she achieved 97% in her exam. In the future she hopes to study software engineering at a local university. Without the generous support from the Global Ministries it may not have been possible for Rekha to achieve all that she has so far.

Staff Retreat

Our staff retreat was conducted on June 1st as is our custom before the start of a new academic year. Mr. Durai Jasper, PRO, Christian Medical College & Hospital was invited to speak. Our members of staff were strengthened by his wise words, and we all felt invigorated and eager to undertake the challenges of the year ahead.

Admissions

At the start of the new academic year we welcomed 150 new students into our school. We have such a large (and growing) intake because of the exceptional results our pupils have been fortunate enough to receive, and because of the kind support of our well wishers and donors. The current strength of the school is 730.

Last year we were able to provide scholarships for 240 of our students. We remain indebted to our generous donors, who support and improve the lives and prospects of so many children.

Sponsored Lunches

Due to the seemingly perennial failure of monsoons in this part of India, the parents of many of our students are finding it increasingly difficult to pay school fees. Some of our pupils, numbering 65 or so at present, need the additional support of free school lunches, which are often the only nutritious meals they receive. Sponsoring lunches for one child for a whole month costs approximately £2/\$3 or just ₹. 5 per day.

Sponsorship Appeal

In order to help our students maintain and prolong the lives of their bicycles, which are often a significant expense for their families, we have decided to construct a cycle stand. This stand will protect student's bikes from direct sunlight, sharp stones and thorns, and the routine damage which arises from stacking multiple bikes against one another. We estimate that this will cost approximately ₹. 200,000 or £2,900/\$5,000 which will be divided into two installments.

Please, partner with us by...

- Praying for the children in the Home and School, our mothers and grandparents, that they may be comforted and blessed and that we may remain good stewards and continue to serve in God's Mercy, Grace and Care.
- Sharing your Love with the little children who love being carried and cuddled. So, please pay us a visit and spend time with our children.
- Sponsoring a child for a month would be Rs. 1350 or US \$ 30, which provides for food, shelter, education, clothing, medicine and recreation.
- Sponsoring a house mother or a grandparent for a month would be Rs. 1350 or US \$ 30. This is an urgent need as many of our mothers and grandparents are not sponsored.
- Supporting our Endowment Fund for Higher Education. This fund goes towards funding our aged out of sponsorship children who are doing their professional courses in different disciplines, like Engineering, Physical Education, Para medical education etc.,
- Sponsor a Day Student's education for a year at King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School for Rs.10,000 or US \$ 250 to enable them to continue their studies here.
- Sponsor a meal for all our children during your family functions, Anniversary, Birthday, festivals and other special occasions [Cost: Breakfast Rs.2000/-, Vegetarian Meal Rs. 3500/-, Non-Vegetarian Meal Rs. 5000/- and Sweets Rs. 1500/-.



Marie & Johnbottom, U.K.

It was great to see our friends again at Kasam earlier this year, and we were touched by the very warm welcome we got from everybody. There has been a huge improvement to the tidiness of the 'village' and enthusiastic support for Marie's clean-up afternoon. The extension to the older boys' hostel has given them more opportunity for leisure activities and we were impressed by some of their table tennis skills.

The King's school year end presentation was excellent with some extremely accomplished stage performance from students and it was good to see so many 'Home' children at the forefront in both sketches and academic results.

New Designations:

The following changes have been made in the designations and functions of a few key members of the team at MBKG Pannai Home.

They are;

Mrs. Ratna Chandran
Superintendent of Home

Mr. J. Babu Jayakumar
Public Relations Officer

Mr. S. Soundar
Accountant

Mr. M. Shantha Kumar
Maintenance In-charge

Mrs. Anita Grace Paul
has joined us as the Sponsorship Co-Ordinator at MBKG Pannai Home.

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