

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor”. Psalm 112:9

MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI (FAMILY VILLAGE FARM)

April-September 2013

Yelagiri Hills in Vellore district was the venue for children's Summer camp, May 2013.

Holiday on a hill station

Children were taken to Peace Garden, Evan's Matriculation School, Yelagiri, a peaceful hill station nearby for their Annual Camp between 16th & 21st May 2013. Two themes were selected for this year's summer camp “Rejoice in the Lord” and “Expect the Unexpected”. Our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Charles Mani & Mr. Caleb of J - Ministries for conducting the Bible study for the first three days. The last three days, Pastor Abraham of Gospel for the Nations conducted the Bible study on the theme “Expect the Unexpected”. He focused on the theme of “who are you?” and “you are special”. There were group games, debates and practical talks on varied topics. They were relaxed, refreshed from the cool of the weather and their minds renewed with the Word of God. Each day children were led to a time of meditation on the theme with examples from the Bible. Children were taken to the park, boating house and trekking. The tour ended with a camp fire.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is an important summer holiday activity for the children. The theme for this year's VBS was **“It's your choice”**. A team of 5 leaders from **Scripture Union, Chennai** led the program. In addition to our Home children, a 100 more day students of King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School from surrounding villages attended VBS this year. We remain grateful to the Pastor and members of the pastorate committee, St John's church for their continued financial help for the VBS programmes over the past several years. With the funding from St. John's Church, we were able to provide a midday meal and transportation for the children from the villages who attended the Program.



From streets to safety

Admissions



Pavithra is 3 years old, comes from the streets of Vellore city. She was raised on the platform and helped her parents in begging.



3 years old **Martin** lost his father to road traffic accident and his mother works as a house maid. After the grandparents death, Martin had no one to care for...



3½ years **Sabitha** has a similar story of her father leaving the family. Mother was forced to work leaving her daughter alone at home.



4 years old **Pretishkanna** comes from a distorted family. He is the youngest of 3 siblings. His mother abandoned the children and the father had to bring them up all by himself.



Pooja's father died 6 months ago. She was left at the mercy of neighbours while her mother went to work. Her health and safety were at risk.



2 year old Nivetha has similar story of her father abandoning the family.

From Abandonment to Affection

These five grandparents were abandoned by their families. Their children refused to keep them. They were without shelter and food..some at the mercy of their relatives for a while and some at the temples surviving on the free food provided by the devotees. Most of them have medical problems but with no proper medical care.

After admission, they were completely screened for their medical problems and given treatment. They visit their physicians regularly and given food based on their medical recommendation.

Many of them maintain good health...They are happy, peaceful and spend their time fellowshiping with each other and interacting with the children.



Mrs. Gnanabackiam, 70



Mrs. Pattammal, 85



Mr. Murugesan, 85



Mrs.. Salammal, 68



Mr. Kandaswamy, 71

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KING'S SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Sports Meet August 31

Annual Sports Meet was held on Saturday and was attended by many parents and well-wishers and also our guest of honor Dr. Solomon Satish Kumar, professor of physiology and Deputy Registrar at CMC Hospital gave an inspiring message on Team spirit.

The first events were dance and exercise routines performed by several groups of students. Dumbbells, hoops, lezim, flags, a patriotic parade of India's national symbols and daring gymnastics all featured in this series of engaging recitals. The 100 meter sprints, 200 meter sprints, and 4x100 meter relays for boys and girls incited tremendous encouragement from members of the participants' respective houses. In the prize-giving, first-, second-, and third-place runners along with the winners from the Zonal Sports tournament in ball badminton, table tennis, long jump and triple jump were awarded with medals by our secretary Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi.



Teacher's Day Celebration September 5

To commemorate **Teachers' Day** this year, the students, in a gesture of gratitude, put up a cultural program of performances dedicated to their hard-working teachers. The atmosphere was a joyous one, students and teachers alike enjoyed the opportunity to appreciate each other in ways that the classroom environment often does not allow for. So much enthusiasm and fun made for a great celebration. A small gift was given to the teachers as a token of thanks for all the effort and time they put in throughout the year to deliver the high standards of education that our students obviously en-



Children entertaining their teachers



Thanks to the Vellore Institute of Technology University Students



MAD or **Make A Difference** is a youth volunteer network, working with orphans and unprivileged children in India. The team of young engineering students from VITU teach English through activity based learning for the Home children. A 3 day Dream camp was conducted for 65 children from V Std. to IX Std. It was a good exposure for the home children who participated.

The ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING for the year 2013 was held on September 28th at MBKG Pannai. The Secretary Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi presented the Annual Report for the year and explained about the developments. The Treasurer presented the Audited Financial Statement and Budget for the year 2013–2014 which were approved unanimously with much appreciation.



SPONSOR....

- a child / House Mother/ Grandparent for Rs.1500 per month
-a poor Day Student at King’s school for Rs. 12,500/- per year
-a meal for the children at Rs.2500/- for Breakfast, Rs.4000/- for Vegetarian Meal, Rs.6500/- Non - Veg Meal , Rs.2000 for Snacks
-Support “Higher Education Fund” towards educational expenses of unsponsored children

DONATE...

- Buildings have to be white/ color washed which would cost 6,00,000 Indian Rupees
- Dining Hall and Betty Keen Multipurpose Hall need to be furnished with 250 Plastic chairs that would cost 125,000 Indian Rupees (Each Chair costs Rs.500).
- The Lunch Hall at the King’s senior school needs to be covered on the sides with iron grill to prevent stray dogs and monkeys which would cost 3,00,000 Indian rupees.
- For the New king’s school building fund



VISITORS

Sam Brearley & Jo Caroussis UK .

Jo is the Head of the History Department in a large English school and while here, she observed and taught History lessons and delivered a training session for the teachers, leaving us with new strategies to implement, and Sam’s new teaching methods helped to improve the poetry analysis skills of our students.

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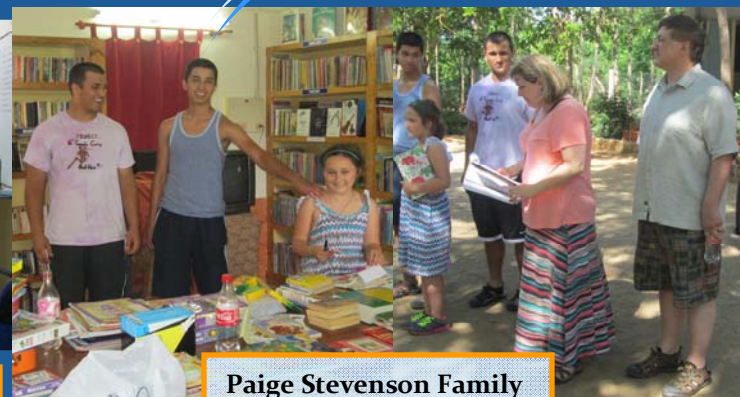
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Mr. Santhosh Zachariah

We were fortunate to have Mr. Santhosh Zachariah from Seattle, US and his two sons Samin and Sachin. They taught our younger students to play Frisbee while improving their English.



Paige Stevenson Family

We sincerely thank Ms. Paige Stevenson and her family from St. Louis, US for their generous donation of books, school supplies, and a photocopier to the school.