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News Letter

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*Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.
The Lord be with you all. II Thessalonians 3: 16*

We exalt God for His extravagant grace upon us during the past 10 months and made it possible for us to enter into the last quarter of 2011 with assurance of His continuous presence and power.

We celebrate her great life and her 37 glorious years of service to the society as Founders Day on her birthday 4th June. We carry on the legacy.....of the legend and we are proud to be a part of this noble mission.

Fond memories of our Founder.....



Dr. Pauline E. King

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 1969 she founded the Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai (MBKGP) also known as the Family Village Farm a living community for orphans, elderly and the destitute.

Born in Hillsdale, Pennsylvania, on June 4, 1917, Pauline King was the youngest of four children. Her parents belonged to the Evangelical and Reformed Church (now a part of the United Church of Christ), where at the age of five she heard a missionary doctor describe his work in Africa. He told stories and showed pictures about children suffering from malnutrition and disease, and he explained how he was able to help them. From that moment on, Ms. King was determined to be a missionary and help people, especially children, in lands across the sea.

A missionary and public health educator in post-war India, her philosophy was, *"I may not be able to do much, but I can do something. And, if I do what I can, maybe others will help."* It was with that thought in mind that she took in her first destitute family and began changing the lives of thousands without hope through the (MBKGP) Family Village Farm.

Ms. King worked for many years as a professor and public health nurse at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore and she managed the Family Village Farm until her retirement in 1988. In 1979, Ms. King was honored by India with the President's Award for meritorious service to the community, one of the highest honors bestowed to India's citizens.

Our Mission Statement

★ To reach the unreached, uplift the downtrodden, and to help the helpless: young and aged.

★ We will do this with love care, appreciation, protection, education, discipline and training.

★ This will enable them to find their identity and self - worth, and to become responsible human beings as God intended.

Our Vision Statement

To ensure holistic development of children by meeting their physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs through meaningful activities so as to make them successful, faithful and valuable individuals

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION

We would like to thank CAF for granting us eligibility which would make giving simpler and tax-effective from the UK . Our Ref: 588608/ChCP043

Grandparents' day out.....

On 22nd July 2011 we took our house mothers and grandparents on a picnic to a near by place called Zion Hill. It's a retreat center with a small church on top of a hill. It's a quiet and beautiful place away from the hustle and bustle of the city where you could enjoy the scenic beauty of landscapes. House mothers and grandparents enjoyed various activities such as bible quiz, singing competition and running race. All of them participated enthusiastically and enjoyed the trip. Winners were awarded prizes.



New Members of the Family



Pavithra

◆ Pavithra's mother committed suicide due to family problems leaving her six children with her illiterate husband who works for a very low daily wages. Pavithra is 3 yrs old and the youngest. She needed more care and attention. She is admitted to the nursery and goes to lower kindergarten. She has adapted well to her new home.

◆ Roghan has a similar story. He is a smart child, cheerful and friendly. He is four years old and goes to Lower kindergarten.



Roghan

Metamorphosis.....

I and my twin brother were brought to Pannai at the age of one year by my mother because we were deserted by our father. My mother is illiterate and neither had a job nor relatives' support. We were in utter poverty. But after coming to MBKG Pannai I grew up as a healthy child in the knowledge of Jesus. I was educated in English medium and was trained as an auxiliary nurse midwife. Now I have a job and can support my mother. I am grateful to God and MBKG Pannai for giving me a good life. I thank my sponsor for supporting me and teaching me to share my blessing with others. *- Ramyakumari*



Ramyakumari



Avinash-Sundas

I got admitted here in this home when I was just a nine days old baby. Here all my basic needs were met along with the love and care by the people at the Pannai. It was my dream to become a nurse and serve people. Now I am happy to say that I have successfully completed my bachelor's degree in nursing at College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore. Currently I am working as a Tutor in Christian Mission Hospital, Mungeli, Chattisgarh (M.P) I thank all the people especially my sponsors who have helped me a lot to come up in my life to this level. I also thank God Almighty for his support and guidance that I received at the FVF through all my life. I will continue to serve the people and do my level best in my profession. Thank you so much. *- Avinash Sundas*

Kalaiselvi came to MBKG Pannai at the age of 3 yrs. All through her school education she was interested in sports and won many prizes. Now she is 25yrs old and has completed her Master's Degree in Physical Education from YMCA College of Physical Education, Chennai. She performed well and was awarded a college first in her final examination. She is also a University Champion. Her education was paid for by an Education Loan from the bank. Now, she would like to pursue her academic career, and is aspiring to do a MPhil (Master of Philosophy in Physical Education), with a long term hope of completing a doctorate and teaching in higher education. A two year MPhil program would cost a Hundred Thousand Rupees (Rs.100, 000) and we have planned to avail an education loan from the bank.



Kalaiselvi

Thank you Ladies.....

Our friends from the Vellore Ladies Circle visited the home on 3rd October and made the children feel special by donating evening snacks, clothes and four new ceiling fans. We are indeed grateful for their frequent visits and contributions.



KING'S SCHOOL NEWS

Remembering our teachers with gratitude.....

Teachers' Day falling on 5 September in India is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the great educationist and Former President of India. It's a tribute to the hard work put by the teacher to educate a child. On this day our students made the teachers feel special by giving gifts, reciting poems about them and according honor and recognition.



Teacher's Day



Destiny Programme



*Computer Lab Dedication
- Junior School*



Dream Project



*Rev. Dr. Vijay &
Group, U.S.A.*



Smart Class



Claire, Kate and Lauren

New Correspondent... Mrs. Lallu Joseph of

CMC Hospital and a member of our Governing body and General body has agreed to take on the responsibility of the office of the Correspondent of the King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School. We are looking forward to the leadership of Mrs. Lallu Joseph at the King's School to guide the School during the initial days of it becoming a Higher Secondary School.



Mrs. Lallu Joseph

Education Enhancers.....

Destiny Education Program In our efforts to improve the quality and standards of teaching and learning at the School we continue to engage the services of the Destiny Education team, Mumbai. We have them take one session every term. Peter and Joy from the team scheduled a workshop for the teachers to introduce them to new teaching methods and ways to implement them. New strategies on reading and lesson planning were proposed, as well as techniques and tools to make learning fun.

Smart class was introduced at King's school for students to learn difficult and abstract curriculum concepts watching highly engaging visuals and animations. This makes learning an enjoyable experience for students while improving their overall academic performance in school. Smart class also enables teachers to instantly assess and evaluate the learning achieved by their students in class with an innovative assessment technology.

Dream Project This is a special ongoing project headed by Mrs. Emma Koshi, that focuses on developing computer skills for 4th to 10th grade children and Adolescent Education and Communication skills for 14 and 15 year old children.

A NEW COMPUTER LAB AT JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School received a gift of 12 computers from our Secretary Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi. They were dedicated on the 22nd of August by Rev. Clive E Ponnuraj, Presbyter, St. John's church, Vellore and Mrs. Rev. Sujana Clive. Now children of lower grades will have the opportunity to learn about computers and develop their skills.

QUOTE FROM VISITORS

Upon arrival we were taken aback by the warm welcome we received. The children with their big smiles and passion for learning made our time at the school a pleasure. The mothers and grandmothers also made us feel like part of the family at the home, which we will always keep in our hearts. The Indian hospitality has been amazing; from the mothers, cooks, teachers and children, which has made our time at MBKG Pannai so special. We have every faith that the efforts and passion put into these children will continue and see even further success in the near future. Claire has noticed great developments in both the school and the home, particularly the quality of spoken English, since her visit in 2008. May this hard work and these improvements continue in the future. We look forward to visiting you again soon. Keep up all the good work! All our love - Claire, Kate and Lauren

Guests

We were honored to have with us Rev. James Vijaykumar and Rev. Don and the group from Olmsted Community Church, Ohio, USA. The group spent time with the children specially their sponsor child Devi and at the King's school. They also traveled with our students coming from nearby villages in the school bus. Their active participation in the morning and evening prayers with our children at the home and their appreciation of our activities was very encouraging to us and we look forward to have them again.

Rev. Vijay & Rev. Don with Devi



AGM 2011



The Annual General body Meeting of *Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai* (MBKGP) was held on 20th September 2011 at the Josh Library.

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. 5500/- and Sweets Rs. 1500/-.

New Appointments:

Mrs. Tamilselvi has joined us as Junior School In-Charge at the King's Matriculation Hr. Sec. School.

Mr. Victor Palani has joined us as Residential Warden at the Boys' Hostel, MBKG Pannai.



NSS Students from Auxilium College

- YES ! I Want to keep the light of hope alive by;
- Sponsoring a child for Rs.1350/- or US\$ 30 per month.
- Sponsoring a grand parent for Rs.1350/- or US\$ 30 per month.
- Making a Special gift of _____ to be used for _____

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