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NEWS LETTER

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“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy” St.Mathew 5:7

Greetings to each of you receiving this Newsletter from all the children, staff and grandparents of M.B.K.G.Pannai. We are thankful to God for all his manifold blessings during 2004 and for keeping us all in good health and his joy in our hearts. We thank you all for your love, concern and prayers. As we press on in this New Year – 2005 trusting in our living savior, we are confident that He as our Good shepherd will lead and guide us each step of the way.

The New Year 2005 started with a Retreat for all the staff of MBKG Pannai on 3rd January 2005. The Resource person from Haggai Institute (Vellore Chapter) helped in renewing our vision and challenged us to be “Good and Faithful Stewards” of all that God has entrusted to us. There was a good interaction between the staff and the resource person on our “Strengths” and “Weaknesses” at M.B.K.G.Pannai and few suggestions were proposed to face the challenges and opportunities in the future.

From the New Director’s Desk:

I greet you all in the precious Name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. I consider it as a great honor and privilege to take up this position in this historic institution with a deep longing to do God’s will and my best in fulfilling the great vision of the founder, Dr. Ms. Pauline E. King. I am thankful to God who has made it possible at this stage of my life to give leadership to the team of men and women, dedicated to holistic development of children and other resident members of M.B.K.G.pannai.

Thank you all for your prayers and financial support in the past. May God richly bless you, your family and your church for your concern, dedication & sacrifice. We look forward to your continued prayers and support as we press on with the great task that God has entrusted to us.

Dr. R. Earnest Dhanaraj.

From the Secretary’s Pen

Dear Friends and well wishers of the MBKGP and the King’s School,

It is with great joy that I would like to inform you that our long and prayerful search for a suitable Director for the MBKGP is over. We have appointed Dr. R. Earnest Dhanaraj as the New Director for the MBKGP kasam with effect from 17th January 2005.

Dr. Dhanaraj is a Ph.D and M.Div. He has retired as a Senior Manager with over 30 years of experience working for a leading Multi National Company. He joins the MBKGP with a wealth of experience and we look forward to his valuable contribution as he leads the Institution into the next phase of its mission. Dr. Dhanaraj is involved with the Haggai Institute as a faculty member and a member of the Gideon’s

International. He is also on the Board of the Missionaries Shelter Project at Vellore and the Mukti Mission a very large Christian Mission and orphanage near Poona. I would continue to remain as the secretary of the Institution and continue to be involved with the MBKGP at the pleasure of the Pastorate Committee of the St. John's Church, Fort, Vellore who I represent.

In the few weeks since his taking over as the Director he has initiated a number of improvements in the functioning of the Home and the school. I am confident that under his leadership the quality of life for the children and the Grandparents will greatly improve. I wish to say a big "Thank You" to all of you with whose love, support and encouragement, the MBKGP continues to exist and successfully carry out its Mission to the Destitute Children and the Grand Parents. A Big thank you to all our sponsors and Donors. Please pray for the Ministry of Dr. Earnest Dhanaraj as he takes over the administration of the Institution.

HEALTH CORNER

Our health worker is continuing her good work of looking after the health of our children and grand parents. The medical team from Korea under the leadership of Rev. Chung Ho-Jin conducted a medical camp for our children and grand parents and offered valuable help and medical advice.

Thanks to all of you for your concern and enquiries through e-mails and letters about the safety and welfare of all of us in MBKG Pannai at the time of Tsunami floods during the end of December 2004. Since we are about 150 miles inland away from the seashore, we were not affected in any way nor our children who are here and also studying in other centers. Our hearts go out for the victims of the Tsunami tragedy and we request you all to pray for the great task of rehabilitation of the survivors of this tragedy.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER AND SPONSORSHIP:

Overhead Projectors: For effective communication and teaching we need urgently two overhead projectors, one for KMS and the other for Homes and Administrative Office. The approximate cost of two OHPs will be about US\$ 1000/-. Shall be grateful to any institution or individual who would help us to procure these two OHPs.

Building Maintenance: We are still waiting for donors for this project estimated to be about Rupees 1,25,000(US\$2750)

*We request for Donations and sponsorship for our children and grand parents.
Donations to MBKG Pannai is exempted under section 80(G) of Income Tax Act 1961.*

News from the Superintendent of Homes

Dr. Ms. Pauline E. King's fifth death Anniversary was observed on 20th January. Thanks giving service was conducted by our local pastor. On 16th January the Alumni of MBKG Pannai had a special gathering and service. They had sports and games for all and distributed prizes. They have committed to support five of our pannai Children and this effort is much appreciated

"Pongal" is the festival of harvest in this region and was celebrated at MBKG Pannai on 14th January. Children decorated their courtyard with color powders and flowers. They were given special sweets and eatables significant to this festival.

During December children were busy with the Half-yearly examinations. Many of our Pannai children have fared well and for those who could not do well in the exams special coaching classes have been organized.

Boys and Girls of our Homes went on Carol rounds along with their wardens, Tutors, Administrative Officer and Superintendent of Homes during the Christmas week to the homes of well wishers of MBKG Pannai. We thank the staff and tutors who helped in training our children and leading in the Carol rounds.

Shirley Ann is a child of MBKG Pannai. She joined ANM course, after that Shirley got a chance to do her diploma nursing at CMC Hospital. Now she has finished her course successfully. She is a calm and quiet girl and a model for her brothers and sisters at MBKG pannai. We praise and thank God for leading her and blessing her.

Three of our XII Standard girls were baptized and confirmed.

Visitors: Mrs. Marie White a volunteer from England was with us during the month of December 2004. With her rich experience in the field of education, she taught English to the Children in the Primary School and took conversation classes to the teachers of Primary Section. She presented some Indian Musical Instruments to the boys' hostel. She spent considerable time in teaching "Patch Work" to the girls in garment making unit and helped in organizing the library book in KMS.

Our sponsors and well wishers, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Work visited pannai with their daughter's family during January 2005. We are grateful to the Clyde family for their generous gift of gas oven to the Bakery unit.

Dr. & Mrs. Ramanujam visited us on 3rd February 05 and were happy to see the play equipments that they had sponsored, have been installed. Dr. Sheela Gupta, the Medical Missionary from Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission, Kedgaon near Pune visited on 10th Feb 05 and commended the commitment and dedicated service of the staff of MBKG Pannai.

King's Matriculation School

Christmas celebration at KMS on 8th December was grand and the message of Christmas was clearly shared with the children by Rev. Charles Irwin, the presbyter of St.John's Church. The Christmas play by KMS children was really impressive and meaningful.

India's Republic day was observed on 26th January 2005 at KMS. Dr. D.S.Emmanuel, Professor of Electronics and Communication Engineering of Vellore Institute of Technology took the salute in an impressive march past and spoke to the children on duty and dedication to self, school and finally to the nation.

KMS SPORTS DAY The KMS Annual Sports was held on 29th January. Dr. Sathiyamoorthy, the Head Master of Voorhees Higher Secondary School was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

News from other Units

Dairy and Feed Mixing Unit:

Cows and grownup calves are in good health, with marginal increase in milk production. Dairy is able to support the milk requirement of the Home and we are continuing to supply surplus milk to a nearby milk chilling plant.

Our Feed Mixing unit is maintained to meet the feed requirements of our Dairy animals and to supply feed to selected customers in our neighborhood.

GARMENT MAKING UNIT: We are getting limited orders of making different items required for CMC Hospital. The required materials for our children & homes are made periodically depending on various needs.

Concluding Note:

In this Institution with multi various activities and above all entrusted with the lives of children an individual leader cannot achieve much without the support of the Team. I am grateful to the co-operation and great support received from Mrs. Vatsala Vijayakumar, the Principal of King's Matriculation School, Mr. A. Sebastian, Vice Principal, Mrs. Sheila Mahimai Rufus, Superintendent of Homes and Mr. Y. Kirubahara Daniel, Administrative Officer and the Wardens. They join me in sending you all warm greetings and wishing you all God's blessings during the coming months of this year 2005.

“God loveth a cheerful giver” 2 Corin 9 : 7

Director.