

# MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI

## FAMILY VILLAGE FARM

*BLESSED BE THE LORD, WHO DAILY LOADS US WITH BENEFITS, THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION!*

*PSALM 68:10*



**New Marble Bust of  
Dr. Ms. Pauline E. King  
Donated by the MBKGP Alumni**



**A volunteer from USA, giving away  
prizes for winners**



**Laying wreath to the tombstone of  
Dr. Pauline E. King**

## NOSTALGIA FILLS THE AIR...on January 20, 2013

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 United States of America. In 1969 she founded **Mudhiyor** (elderly) **Balar** (children) **Kudumba** (Family) **Gramma** (village) **Pannai** (Farm) called in English as the **Family Village Farm**, a living community for orphans, elderly and the destitute. The objective of MBKG Pannai is to provide a house for the homeless and thereby enable the orphans and destitute to help each other as well as to utilize the opportunities we provide them for their betterment. Many helpless and deserted children are brought to our Home which readily takes in infants and children either four or under four years of age. In all there are 178 children, 13 mothers and 13 aged people staying as grandparents in the cottages.

The work of FVF is going on, thanks to the donations obtained from various national and international sources. Individuals and churches sponsor children by sending funds regularly that enable us to provide good living conditions, food, education and medical care. We bring up children in a family set up inculcating spiritual and family values, showing them the love that they failed to receive from their own families, teaching them to value relationships and making them worthwhile individuals in the society.



The children, who grew up here, now self-esteemed individuals in their communities, join together at MBKG Pannai to commemorate

the **death anniversary of Dr. Ms. Pauline E. King** whom they fondly called "Mummy". They come from far and wide effortlessly to pay homage to their mummy with hearts full of love and gratitude. They garlanded her statue and held a prayer meeting to thank the Lord for all that they received from this place. Many children who are well settled in life shared their testimony and encouraged the present generation to make use of the opportunity.



### **Sporting event**

The adults became children once again and enjoyed the day with fellowship lunch and sporting events reminiscing their childhood days at the Home. For many this is the only place that they know as their home and family. The MBKG Pannai Alumni sponsors nine children.

# HEARTY TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR MRS. ACHYAMMA JOHN

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*Mrs. John entered her eternal rest on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013.*

## 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, education, discipline and training.

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

## REMEMBERING THE SELFLESS SERVICE OF MRS. JOHN, FORMER HOME SUPERINTENDENT AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MBKG PANNAI. 1986 - 2002

*Mrs. Achyamma John joined MBKG Pannai as the Home Superintendent on an honorary basis in the year 1986 after her retirement from the post of Dean, College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore. She served the institution for 17 years fulfilling the Mission and Vision of her friend and colleague Dr. Ms. Pauline E. King, founder of MBKG Pannai.*



*The residents of MBKG Pannai fondly called her "Auntie". She was a loving person....at the same time very firm in her values. She was the perfect role model of a good Christian, responsible citizen and a courteous human being. She was sensitive to the needs of the downtrodden and readily helped the needy. Simplicity, Humility and approachability were her virtues.*



*The most admirable quality in Mrs. John was her punctuality. She set an example by coming to office daily at 8 am for Morning Prayer whether rain or sunshine and taught her subordinates about maintaining correct*

*account even for a small amount. She had a unique routine and working style which she followed without fail meticulously.*

*She was good in counseling and problem solving: she corrected the mistakes of her subordinates without hurting or embarrassing them.*

*She made progress report on every child, mother and grandparents once in three months and documented by hand in their personal files. She led a simple life and taught the residents of MBKG Pannai to live a simple life making use of all the natural resources.*



**Paying homage to Dr. King**

*Mrs. John travelled to the United States of America at her own cost to raise funds for the organization. Also she visited her students in the Gulf countries and raised a substantial amount of money.*

*She lived a life committed to Christ; she lived for others and invested in ways that continue to bear fruit even beyond her service and her lifetime.*



**Turning the sod to lay cornerstone and unveiling the same for the dining hall in 2002**





## TIME TO SAY ADIEU



**Rev. Clairnel Nervik, USA praying for the graduates of 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Top) and the outgoing 12 graders (Bottom).**



### Results 2013

**12<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> batch)- No. Appeared: 25 No. Passed - 23**  
**School Topper in 12<sup>th</sup> Std.: P. Rekha - 1023/1200**

**10<sup>th</sup> - No. Appeared: 29 No. Passed - 28**  
**School Topper in 10<sup>th</sup> Std.: M. Monisha - 475/500**  
**Centum in subjects: 6 Above 400: 16**

*Congratulations to the Principal, Teachers and Students for the good results in 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>*

**The Farewell 2013** of the 12<sup>th</sup> graders began in the golden hours of 12<sup>th</sup> February. After a brief speech by our Deputy Director and the faculty, the students had a warm welcome from their immediate juniors. The girls of 11<sup>th</sup> standard with their mellifluous voice gave a sweet melody, followed by the distribution of mementoes. The students departed with a heavy heart which was a touching moment.



**Dr. Sunil Chandy giving away the certificates to the graduates.**

## ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

**The Annual Day** this year assumed importance not only because it marked a milestone in the history of King's but also it witnessed the two remarkable graduation ceremonies of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> students. Scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>, the function commenced about 6 in the evening with a bang. Dr. Sunil Chandy, Director of CMC Hospital was the Guest of Honour and gave a thought provoking speech not only to the students but the gathering as well.

It was a grand and an unforgettable day with a splendid display of the students multifaceted talents which were maximally harnessed and were on visual display.



*Dr. Sunil Chandy addressing the crowd*



*Part of the crowd*



*Principal presenting the annual report*



*Cultural program*



*Children display their talents in different types of dances*



## 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

## Story of Kavitha and her two daughters



**Kavitha with Elakiya,**

Kavith's husband, a handicapped man died due

to a heart disease in 2012 leaving her and the two daughters in utter poverty. Kavitha went to live with her aged father who could not take care of the two little girls while she went to work. Moreover, kavitha's meager daily wages was not sufficient to provide for the family. Now, Kavitha is a cottage mother and her two daughters Bhavani, 2 years and Elakiya 1½ years old were

admitted to the Nursery.



**Kavitha's first daughter Bhavani**

## Monica is happy in her new Home.....

2 year old Monica was admitted to the Home in March 2013. Her father abandoned the family leaving his sick wife and only daughter Monica without shelter and savings. Monica's mother neither went to work nor was able to care for her child due to her sickness. The family lived in poverty.

Monica was taken into the nursery and is getting adapted to her new home gradually. she is a cheerful girl with a cute smile.



## From uncertainty to hope.....



**Mohanraj**

3 years old Mohanraj and his mother Sathiya joined the family village farm recently. The father committed suicide due to family problems leaving his wife and only son hopeless. With no relatives to support the mother and son were in hand to mouth existence. No place to live and no money to survive, Sathiya approached the Home for help. Now she works as a house mother and her son is in the nursery.



**Sathiya**



It was Marie's 5th visit and my 3rd to MBKGP Family Village farm, and again we were amazed by the success of all involved in ensuring the happiness of every child. If Pauline King were alive, she would be proud to see how her Christian message had been translated into Tamil Nadu reality by a conscientious and caring team.



The children are indeed fortunate, and secure. This was reflected in the open nature of their greeting on our arrival - we could be a favoured aunt and uncle, and are reminded by the children of our previous visits. We also note the continued improvements to the buildings and grounds, and the tidy nature of the main areas- not a typical Indian trait!

The children also play a significant part in the academic success of the nearby King's School, which has been awarded the highly prized Matriculation status. This enables students to stay at the school



to take pre- college and - University examinations. During our visit the headmistress, Vatsala, asked Marie to present awards to the students who had

won a 'team ' prize in a Mathematics competition for schools, not just in Tamil Nadu, but also from adjoining states.

Talking to the older 'children', who have a key role in the support of their younger colleagues, their ambitions, post school and college/ university, are to follow many of their former colleagues now established, into the nursing, teaching, medical and engineering professions.



**Administrative Staff**

They deserve to succeed, and will do so, thanks to the vision of Pauline King, and a dedicated team under the Directorship of Mr. Daniel, of hardworking office , kitchen, ground and teaching staff plus the housemothers for the girls and younger children. We especially appreciated help from Ratna, the Home Superintendent, Anita, i/c sponsorship, and from Helen in the kitchen, who in addition to producing about 600 meals in a day, manages the occasional little

extra for we two 'privileged' guests Underpinning all this effort is the continued support of the Koshi family.

We were sad, leaving after an all too short visit, and spending time with the children we sponsor, but also happy, knowing that, whilst the bright, helpful ,open and amusing older children we talked to will have moved on by the time we next visit, we will enjoy the same welcome from the next generation.

**Home Girls**



**Mr. John Ramsbottom & Ms. Marie White, UK**

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Visitors and Volunteers encourage and motivate us, reminding us that the MBKG Pannai community extends beyond our walls, and indeed beyond the borders of our nation. On 12<sup>th</sup> February Rev. Phil Collins, a longtime supporter of our Home paid us a visit along with his church members who sponsor 12 of our children. Rev. Phil entertained the children with a puppet show.

*Quotes one of the visitors....*

*It was a delight to be with all the lovely children. Your staff is so dedicated and your hospitality was so generous.*

*Mrs. Barbara Griffiths,  
St. John's Church, Alresford, UK*

## Sponsorship

☉ Sponsor a child / a house mother/ a grandparent for **Rs. 1500** or **US \$ 30** per month

☉ Sponsor a Day student's education at King's School for **Rs. 12,500** or **US \$ 250** per year

☉ Sponsor a meal for the children at **Rs. 2500/-** for Breakfast, **Rs. 4000/-** Veg-Meal, **Rs. 6000/-** Non – Veg Meal, **Rs. 2000/-** for Ice-cream/ Sweets/ Snacks/Fruits.

## Donation



### Blessed with a new bus.....

40 Seater TATA Skool Bus was purchased for the King's school to meet the growing need for transporting children from various location of Vellore City. The bus was purchased by availing a bank loan.

Donations are welcome towards this cause and donors may send their donations by way of a cheque in favour of **MBKG Pannai** or by wire transfer to our bank Account No: 1074717231, Central Bank of India, Vellore.

### New school building.....

The total construction cost of the building has reached an alarming amount of **One Crore Rupees (200,000 US Dollars)** and we need funds to complete the building before the stipulated time set by the government.

**Urgent Appeal**



**Rev. Phil Collins & the team, St. John's Church, Alresford, UK**