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"Generous people themselves will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor"
Proverbs 22:9

Greetings! In the wink of an eye, the year 2009 has gone by and 2010 has dawned- another year buzzing with activities, another year of ups and downs, another year of bliss. As we stand upon the verge of the unknown New Year, what new experiences and what changes shall come but here is the cheering, comforting and gladdening message from our Heavenly Father, "The Lord thy God careth for you. All our supply is to come from the Lord. He is the source of our mercies."

HOME NEWS

MBKG Pannai was started with a vision to help the needy, the poor and the downtrodden. Our Home has been flourishing; nurtured by the graceful eyes of sponsors and well-wishers.

Staff Retreat

On January 2, 2010, a staff retreat was arranged to reflect and thank God for His abundant grace and mercy. Father Sebastian gave a wonderful message on 'Human Courtesy' which was thought provoking and the need of the hour. The school reopened on the 4th of January.

Pleasant Surprise

Rev. James Vijayakumar, South Asia Executive suddenly appeared like an angel at the FVF and spent a little time with the children.

The Generous Contribution of the Kirbys

The Kirbys' continued improving the Junior School Library and set up a play school for the nursery children during their visit in January. It was inaugurated by Dr. Renu Raju - Ophthalmologist, Schell Eye Hospital, CMC. Mr. Simon Kirby with the help of our volunteer Sara Majors took computer class for the ninth grade students.

Alumni Reunion

We started out the year paying tribute to our founder Dr. Miss Pauline King. The Alumni Association organized and funded a thanksgiving service during which a slide show celebrating her life was shown. The service was followed by a fellowship lunch and sport competitions for the children (alumni vs. M.B.K.G), complete with an awards ceremony in the evening. We are proud to say the Alumni Association are currently sponsoring eight children.



Health

Staff and visitors have noticed an overall improvement in the children's health. We attribute much of this to the sponsoring of multi-vitamin tablets given each night at dinner. A big Thank You Astors!



Kirbys' Play School



Dr. Renu - Inauguration



Sweet Chiming Bells!

Vijaya was brought to M.B.K.G Pannai at two and a half years by her father's relatives. Her mother committed suicide and soon after her father became psychotic. Vijaya was inspired by Dr. Pauline King, and ever since she was young, spoke of her desire to become a nurse. She completed her 11th and 12th grade in a boarding school. Afterwards, she was accepted into nursing school, and was offered a permanent job, along with housing upon seeing her dedication to the profession. She was recently married on the 15th of February 2010, in which many of the M.B.K.G staff proudly attended.

Board Examination

The tenth and twelfth graders are taking up their board exams, while the rest are preparing for annual exams.

Farewell, Spread your Wings and Fly!

Seven of our older children who successfully finished their professional courses have left their home sweet home. Best of luck to all.

Study Hall at the Boys' Hostel

The foundation stone laid by Michael Astor has now become walls and in due time, a complete room for the boys to learn and grow.

Step Up

One of the seven is Dhatchanayani. Dhatchayani's mother brought her to M.B.K.G Pannai at one and a half years. Her father deserted her mother while she was five months pregnant, without any means to survive. With the support of M.B.K.G Pannai and Global Ministries, Dhatchayani completed up to tenth standard at King's Matriculation School, and went on to complete her 11th and 12th grade at a boarding school. Now, she has completed a two year professional course, DMLT Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technician at SLRTC, Karigiri, and has been offered employment at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Mungelli, where Dr. Anil Henry is the director. After a one year assessment of her performance, they may sponsor her bachelor's degree in CMC Hospital.

Sara's Reflection

When asked to summarize my experience of living at M.B.K.G. Pannai for the last six months, I laughed in my head and thought, impossible. I could never in a paragraph find the words to explain what I've seen, who I've met or what I've learned in my darkest and happiest moments. So I will share what has been one of my favorite times of day, everyday, for the last six months; the evening cottage prayer after the study, after dinner. We pull out two mats, lay them together and sit cross-legged in a circle without any gaps between us. We sing a couple action songs, read from the bible, pray and always end in our singing prayer of, "Praise Him." It is small and intimate and it is in these brief moments that I can see and feel how much everyone cares about one another.

- Sara Majors



Dhatchayani

A. Rajeswari - Mrs. Amirthavali was given in marriage to Mr. Arul when she was 14 years. She had two children and passed away soon after A. Rajeshwari was born. Their grandmother has tuberculosis and was unable to care for the two children without a sound income. They were living in a house made up of mud and leaves. After inspecting the children's living arrangements, both were admitted at M.B.K.G Pannai.

These children may not be alive today had they not been admitted into MBKG. The fate of these children has been changed because of you - dedicated sponsors and supporters - and most importantly our Lord Jesus Christ whom without, none of this would have been possible.



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Republic and Sports Day Celebration

On the 26th of January, Republic Day was celebrated with great pomp and splendour. The guests of honor were Dr. Vivek Joseph a neurosurgeon and his wife Lallu Joseph from CMC Hospital. Dr. Vivek Joseph started his speech by quizzing the children on India's Independence. He reminded them of how blessed they are and encouraged them to take advantage of every opportunity. Our national flag was hoisted and paid due respect. Republic Day was followed by the Sports Meet. Despite the hot sun, the atmosphere was filled with great merriment.

Annual Day

On the 5th of March, the School Annual Day was celebrated. Social Welfare Officer, Ms. Saroja Thiruvengadam was our guest of honor. She began her speech by recognizing the injustices done to girls regarding education. She then encouraged the students to achieve their goals through hard work and perseverance. There was a variety of cultural programs ranging from dances to skits. Twenty-five 10th standard students graduated on this day. They were given a lighted candle, as a symbol that they may be a light to society, casting away the darkness of poverty and ignorance.

Litter Project

Our volunteer from the US, Sara Majors initiated the Litter project in January where each class was assigned one week in which they were responsible for cleaning the school grounds. The students went above and beyond the call of duty, not only did they pick up all the trash but some classes even pulled out the shovels to clear weeds from the grounds and uncover forgotten flower beds. Sara also made posters and presented them at assembly to educate the children about pollution and its effects on our environment. We thank Sara for encouraging us to take pride in our school.

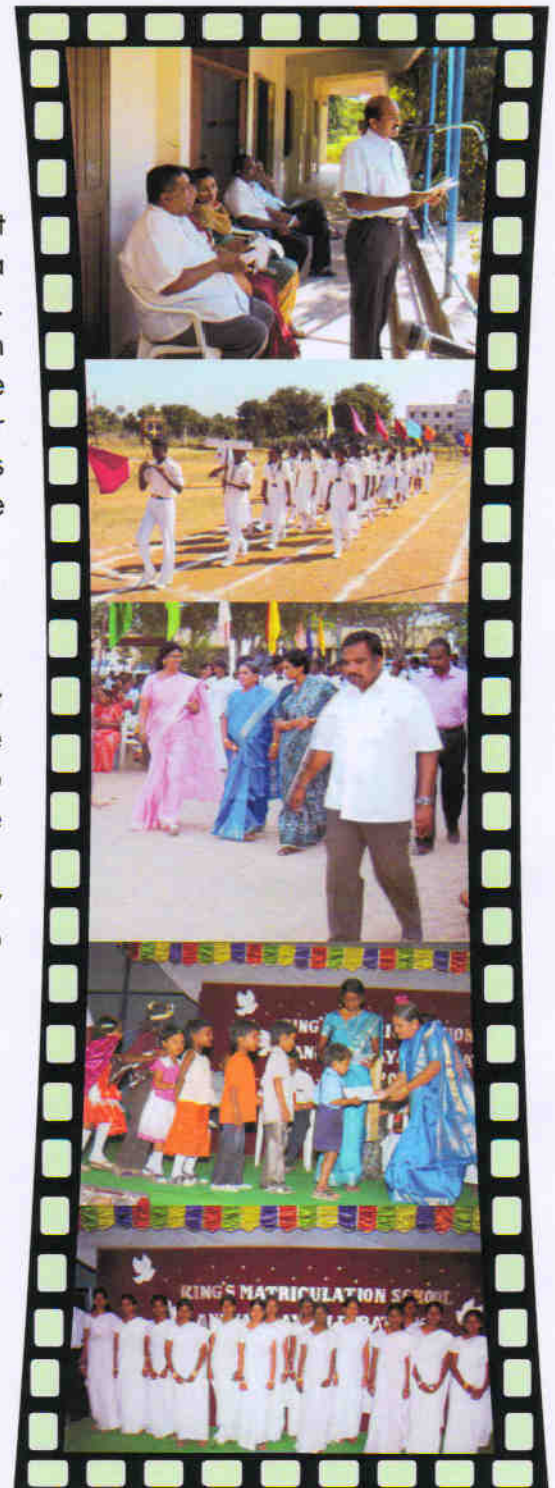
Workshops and Training Programs

On 27th January, the principal and the English teacher attended the SathyaBama memorial seminar on 'Quality in Schools'. The focus of the program was on how to improve the quality of education and thereby producing better citizens.

On the 13th of February, the ninth graders were taken for an eco-trail trek. They were taken to Thandayan Kottai which is 40 kms from the school. The students were taught on water conservation techniques, environment protection and related matters and about the lives of tribal people. We thank Mrs. Emma Koshi, the SPW Director, India for arranging the trip and Peter Kirby for sponsoring the same.

Value Education

The Scripture Union brought inspiring and meaningful devotion to our morning assembly through action songs, skits and puppet shows. Our sincere thanks to the Gideons International Group for distributing the New Testament to all students.



Visitors

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Simon Kirby, Ms. Eve Kirby, Peter Kirby and Amanda from UK, Mr. Selvathambi, Sara Majors, Gwen, Rev. David Banks, Betsy Praveen, Chris Ferqueron and Dale Thomson from USA and Sujantha David from Canada.



Chris and Dale

Painting of the School

We owe our gratitude to the Astor family for their generous donation to paint King's Senior School buildings.



Rev. David Banks' Visit

Rev. David Banks from Atlanta, Georgia paid a visit to the school and the home and appreciated the good work. He immediately sponsored two of our day students.



Please, partner 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 remain good stewards of all of God's Mercy, Grace, Care and Love to all the precious lives that He has placed in our hands to care for and love.
- 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, 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 at King's Matriculation School 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. 1500/-, Vegetarian Meal Rs. 2500/-, Non-Vegetarian Meal Rs. 4500/- and Sweets Rs. 1200/-.]

Success Story of King's Day Student

Priya, the daughter of a mason, studied from her kindergarten class through 10th grade at Kings. She grew up in a village where women are discouraged to pursue education of any kind. Priya was determined to rise above her current situation and the perpetuation of the low economic status of her family. After graduating from King's with high marks, she studied at a convent and through merit, earned a seat in a government dental college, where she has successfully completed her first year. Thanks to Global Ministries for her scholarship.

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- YES ! I Want to keep the light of hope alive by;
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