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Family Village Farm

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead – 1 Peter 1:3

Staff Retreat

On January 2, the staff of MBKG Pannai and the King's school gathered together for a time of fellowship at Betty Keene Memorial Hall. It was a day's program with singing praises to God, thanking Him for all the blessings in the past year and His continuous guidance in the New Year. Mr. Jacob, an evangelist and a staff member of CMC Hospital shared the word of God from the Gospel of John about the benefits of abiding in the true vine - Jesus Christ. The staff was blessed by the message immensely and dedicated themselves to be fruitful in the vineyard of God. The day came to an end with refreshed feeling of renewed strength and enlightenment; ready to carry out each one's responsibilities in a more effective way.

Alumni Meet

On Jan 22, the former children of MBKG Pannai got together to commemorate the 12th anniversary of Dr. Pauline E. King's death. They came with their families to honor Dr. King whom they fondly called 'Mummy'. There was a prayer meeting to thank the Lord for the great and glorious life of Dr. King after which the Alumni President garlanded her statue and many shared their memories of childhood at MBKG Pannai. The air was filled with nostalgia. A fellowship meal was arranged by the alumni for the staff, residents and visitors. In the afternoon, everyone enjoyed a variety of games. The reunion was a memorable one for everyone who was present on that day.







2 year old Saranya lost her mother a year ago. Her father was unable to care for his three daughters. The older children could manage with the help of their aged grandmother but being the youngest, Saranya needed

more attention. She was admitted to the nursery and has well adapted to her new home.

3 year old **Monica** lost her father in a work related accident; her mother works for a meager daily wage and struggles to support Monica and her two older sisters. The family is homeless and receives no support from



relatives. There was no one to look after little Monica while her mother was at work and she was left without proper food and care. Now, she receives the care she needs in the nursery and is happy with the other children.



68 year old Kamala is a widow with two daughters. Both are married and unwilling to care for their mother. Nowhere to go Kamala stayed with her niece for a while. When she was no longer welcome there she came

MBKG Pannai. She is now a happy grandmother in her new home.





Adieu to our beloved children

Six of our children have completed their training recently and are employed. We thank the sponsors who supported these children and the donors who contributed to the 'Higher Education Fund'. These children are sent back to their families and the society with high self esteem and skills to earn a living.



Vasanthakumar grew up in the Family Village Farm from the age of three and a half years. Now, he is a Medical Laboratory Technician at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Odanchatram. Vendamani was brought to MBKG Pannai at the age of 1 year 4 months old when she lost her mother. She has completed Medical Laboratory Technician course and works at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Odanchatram.



Tamilarasan was admitted to MBKG Pannai at the age of four. He studied up to 10th grade and now works as a Ward Aid at CMC Hospital.







Stephiyal was taken into the Home at the age of 3 years. Now, she is working as a R a d i o t h e r a p y Technician at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatran

Shakila was brought to the Home when she was just 1½ years of age. Now she is a Registered Nurse at CMC Hospital, Vellore.



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We thank the sponsors and donors who supported these precious children towards a bright future...



...Our website has been updated and revised. Please visit us at www.mbkgpkasam.org





KINGS SCHOOL NEWS

The sweeping tide of time has swished by in an incredible pace and is fleeting fast; 34 years have sped by since 1978. Goaded on by the vision of our founder and geared on by the need of the hour, we love to make the educational journey multifaceted. By the abundant grace of God we have accomplished our task in the way that God wants us to do it. With our hearts full of gratitude, we praise the God Almighty for all His miraculous deeds and blessings.

MOTIVATION SPIRIT

One of God's glorious gifts to mankind is to bestow upon him the dawn of a new year. Solemn Eucharistic retreat was arranged to entrust our school and all the activities of the year into the hands of God. To renew and recharge our spirits, an all-Staff retreat was conducted by Mr. Jacob, Junior officer, A-Block, CMC Hospital, on 2nd January 2012.

Today, education demands much more creativity and commitment than in the past. The sheer explosion of knowledge in the field of science and technology has dominated the curriculum at all levels of education. Thanks to the Secretary Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi for making us reach another milestone in introducing computerized Smart class facility, both in Senior and Junior School. We owe our sincerest thanks to Mr. Larry Morris, a good friend of our Secretary Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi

CELEBRATIONS

Republic day was duly honored with the presence of Ms. Lallu Joseph, our Correspondent .The parade, the unfurling of the tricolor and the thoughtful address from the chief guest left all of us with fond memories of the day. The sports day, a true celebration of the bubbling vigor of youth, was also observed on the same day. The spirit of sportsmanship was alive during the school inter house events. There were competitions between the four houses-King, Scudder, Betty and Paul, the overall chan pionship was bagged by King House, the name after the founder.

Annual day was celebrated with due pomp and show, on the 23rd of February 2012. Mrs. Gomathi, the District Social Welfare Officer, Vellore District, was the guest of honor. She shared with the parents all the beneficial schemes offered by the Government. 29 of our grade X graduated this year.

A REQUEST Please uphold our 10th grade students in your prayers as they are writing their board examination and also our children who are writing their annual examination.

Admissions are open for all classes from LKG to Standard XI at King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

Principal's visit to the United States

Our Principal Mrs. Vatsala Vijayakumar has been again invited by the Global Ministries in the US to attend the Board meeting and General council meeting of the Global Ministries in Chicago US on April 11. She has been then invited to travel around the US visiting churches and sponsoring bodies on behalf of the Global Ministries.



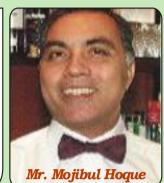
- The buildings comprising nursery, cottages and staff quarters at MBKG Pannai are 44 years old and wearing down. Each building needs to be protected by a rooftop structure to prevent water seeping into the structures and prevent the building from further damage. A steel structure on top of each building would cost around ₹.200,000 USD 4000.
- The buildings have to be white / colour washed which would cost ₹.600,000 USD 12,000.
- Dining Hall and Betty Keen Multipurpose Hall need to be furnished with 250 Plastic chairs that would cost ₹.150,000 - USD 3000 (Each Chair costs ₹.600 USD 12).
- The Lunc's Hall at the King's Senior School needs to be covered on the sides with iron grill to prevent dogs and monkeys which would costs ₹.300,000 USD 6000.



John with his friends at Indian Night - Hyde Heath

Marie White and John Ramsbottom have held a couple of games evening parties for friends at their house in Hyde Heath, England. The first, on New Year's Eve, also enjoyed a fabulous Indian meal produced by John's friend, Mojibul Hoque, who owns an Indian restaurant in the nearby town. Hearing the intention to use the evening to raise funds for the Orphanage, Mojib provided the food at no charge. This set the standard for the evening and over £ 500 was raised for the orphanage.

The second games evening was held in Mid-February and enough was raised to sponsor a child for one year.



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 isit and spend time with our children.
- Sponsoring a child for a month would be₹.1500 or US \$ 30, which provides for food, shelter, education, clothing, medicine and recreation.
- Sponsoring a house mother or a gandparent for a month would be₹.1500 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 Engenieng, Physical Education, Para medical education etc.,
- Sponsor a Day Student's education for a year at King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School for 12,500 or US\$ 250 to enable them to continue their studies here.
- Sponsor a meal for all our children during your family functions, Anniversary, Birthday, festivated other special occasions [Cost: Breakfast ₹. 2000/-, Vegetarian Meal ₹. 3500/-, Non-Vegetarian Meal ₹. 5500/- and Sweets ₹. 1500/-.

Gratitude...



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- YES! I Want to keep the light of hope alive by;
- ◆ Sponsoring a child for ₹1500/- or US\$ 30 per month.
- ◆ Sponsoring a grand parent for ₹500/- or US\$ 30 per month.

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