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He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given. Proverbs 19:17

Glory to God We give all the glory, honor, praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord for His goodness upon our home and bringing us into 2011. This far the Lord our Ebenezer has led us and we pursue this journey hoping that the Lord would continue to lead us in the coming years. We thank Jehovah Jireh our Provider for meeting the needs of this ministry through our National and International sponsors, Donors and Well Wishers.

HOME NEWS

New Year's Day On 1st January we had our New Year Service at Betty Keen Memorial Hall conducted by the presbyter of the local church. The Pastor gave a wonderful message and the residents of MBKG Pannai stepped into the New Year with the blessings of the Almighty God. Thereafter the children relished chicken Biryani for lunch.

Staff Retreat On 2nd January all the Staff of MBKG Pannai got together at the campus for spiritual refreshment and to renew their commitment to this ministry. Rev. Giftus Joshua, Chaplain from Christian Medical College Hospital led the staff into a time of prayer, discussion and counseling. The staff were immensely blessed by the meeting and were ready to face the challenges ahead.

Pongal Festival It is a harvest festival celebrated on 15th January exclusively in the state of Tamil Nadu. Tamilians celebrate the harvest of paddy and sugarcane and offer to Sun God. On this day, a Special food called sweet Pongal is prepared with rice and Jaggery. At the Family Village Farm the children enjoyed eating sweet pongal and sugar cane.

Alumni get together On January 23rd all the past children of MBKG Pannai with their families came together to celebrate their childhood days at the Pannai. They paid homage to Dr. Pauline E King and provided a fellowship meal for the children. Later in the day, they conducted games and distributed prizes for the winners. Some of them shared their immortal memories of the Pannai and encouraged the present children to maximum utilize the service to have a bright future like how they were blessed. It was truly a encouraging and a motivating event for the children. They also sponsor six of our home children. The day came to an end with the great sense of gratitude to the Lord and our founder.



Alumni get together 2011



Health talk by Nurses league Sunday School Annual Day



Staff Retreat January 2011



Vasanth Kumar, Gold Medalist



**Rev. Peter Lucky & Group
Plymouth Church, Kansas, US**



Lise & Andersen's Visit



Marie & John Ramsbottom



Rev. Robert & Jenny

New members of our Family

Mrs. Shanthi and Mrs. Valarmathy two young women were admitted to our home as nursery mothers. Mrs. Prema, a 70 year old woman, was admitted as grandparent.

We Commend our New Professionals

Our home children Miss. Vendamani and Mr. Vasanthakumar completed their Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technician course and are employed at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram a town 500 kilometers from the Family Village Farm. We take pride in Mr. Vasanthakumar who was the best outgoing student of his batch and was awarded gold medal. Pavithra another aspiring nurse at the college of Nursing, Christian Medical College & Hospital has won many medals in sports and extra curricular activities.

Fair View Christian Church's Visit

A group of eight members from Plymouth Church, Global Ministries, lead by Rev. Peter Lucky who are our sponsors, visited the Family Village Farm for three days during the month of January. They were the representatives of United Church of Christ from USA. We all had a great time with them and they thoroughly enjoyed their visit. We are waiting to hear from them after their return to the US and we are very eager to hear about their experiences at the MBKG Pannai and in India.

Volunteers and Visitors

Ruth Lawless, a friend of Peter Kirby was here for 3 weeks in January. She took spoken and conversation English classes for students at senior school.

Julie Bettridge, a friend of the Astors arrived at the Pannai on 19th January for 2 months and continued Ruth's program of Spoken and conversation English classes. She also helped Mrs. Emma Koshi with her DREAM projects.

Sam Brearley visited for the second time in this academic year and continued to teach History and Geography for 8th standard students and also helped to edit the last news letter.

Mrs. Eve Kirby was with us in February and continued her work in the junior school library and play school. She also helped the junior school teachers make posters to help the children with their vocabulary.

Rev. Robert and Jeny, Marie White and Mr John Ramsbottom, and Linda Adams visited our school and appreciated the good work that is carried out here. On our request Rev. Robert said a special prayer for the 10th students and their forth coming exams.

Thank you friends for all that you did for our children. The interest you showed toward the development of the school was very encouraging and motivated us to do better.

KING'S SCHOOL NEWS

The school reopened for the third term on the 4th of January. As this is the most crucial term of the whole academic year both teaching faculty and the students were assiduously preparing for the upcoming Annual examination. Students of 10th standard were given special attention in preparation of the board exam which commenced on 22nd March.

National Festival

The National festivals were celebrated to inculcate patriotism and make students feel proud to be Indian. With gratitude and joy we celebrated our Republic day and Sports Day in a special way. Mr. Elango, Kalaimagal Transport was our guest of honor. The parade, the unfurling of the National Flag and the thoughtful address from the chief guest left us with fond memories of the day. The Sports meet was also held with due pomp and show, with a practiced march, colorful mass drill, impressive and scintillating dance of the girls. The overall championship was won by Paul House.

Farewell

As a repetitive calendar event, this year we gave a heartening- bid – adieu for the outgoing 10th standard students.

Annual Day

The Annual day function was carried out in a grandiose manner. The precincts of the campus were embellished with more decoration. Our chief guest for the occasion was Ms. Marie White, UK who delivered an apt message for the 10th standard students who got graduated. Dances were performed with elegance. The English play, "The King Lear" was enacted with bubbling enthusiasm which won rapt attention from the audience.

A significant milestone

The King's school has been upgraded to Higher Secondary status. The government has approved two year pre degree education which is a boon to the community as well as our home children where the children could complete their school education from lower kindergarten to 12th standard at one place.

Long awaited need.... Met

Our a decade old 15 seater minibus was replaced by a 36 seater TATA STARBUS SKOOL. This has enabled us to provide good transportation to our school children who come from surrounding villages at cheaper cost. The total cost of the vehicle was Twelve Hundred Thousand Rupees (12 Lakh). We need funds for repayment of loan that was taken towards the purchase of the minibus.



Mr. Elango - Republic Day



Annual Day Celebration



Mrs. Eve Kirby, UK.



Drs. Margaret, UK.

Vellore Ladies Circle

Vellore Ladies Circle had fulfilled our needs through a generous gift of three sewing machines, collection of dresses and snacks for all our residents on the World Women's Day. We appreciate and thank Mrs. Priya Raman, Mrs. Nandhini Manivannan and the whole team from Vellore Ladies Circle for supporting us and making our children happy.



FLASH ANNOUNCEMENT, In view of the very close association between the CMC Hospital and the King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kasam, the King's School invites the employees of CMC Hospital to send their children to the King's School for the academic year 2011-2012.....Seats are reserved for employees of CMC Hospital, for classes from LKG to XI, Please contact the CORRESPONDENT OF KING'S SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE.

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 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, 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. 5000/- and Sweets Rs. 1500/-.]

Special Request

As King's school was upgraded to higher secondary, two more classrooms for 11th and 12th standard were added and we are in need of classroom furniture which would cost us a total amount of 1,60,000 Rupees (20 sets at the rate of Rs.8000) that is equivalent to 3650 US Dollars.



Andrew & Skyler Mills, USA

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