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News Letter

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"Generous people themselves will be blessed, 'for they share their food with the poor'"

Proverbs 22:9



Mr. Samuel N.J. David,
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When a rich young man approached Jesus (Luke 18:18-23) to ask about eternal life, the Lord gave him a radical imperative: "Sell all you possess and give it to the poor, then come and follow Me."

Jesus didn't say this to everyone. In fact, He said it only to His disciples. He knew this man needed the challenge, even though he refused to accept it. Only greed held him back from freedom. Even though he claimed to obey all the commands, he miserably failed at the first one: "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Ex.20:3).

Jesus went straight to the central issue, preventing him from making a commitment he desperately needed to make. The man walked away, full of sadness. He clung to what he had, instead of committing to what he could obtain.

It is indeed wonderful being associated with the MBKG Pannai and with the King's Matriculation School which was founded by Dr. Pauline. E. King, a former nursing staff of CMC. A number of less privileged people the world over are benefited because of the love and concern of some individuals who have showed that it only needs a spark of concern to ignite a flame of compassion. Many individuals are led by God to obey Him by responding to this call in not clinging to what one has but by committing to what one, with God's help, can achieve. It is very gratifying to see the work of Dr. Pauline. E. King, being sustained and developed by a dedicated team at the MBKG Pannai and the King's Matriculation School where a number of students are studying and most of them are coming from the 27 villages nearby whose parents are mostly daily wage workers who have no social security. The largest segment of the world's illiterates are in India and we all know literacy is the only way to improve one's quality of life.

Today, it is clear that the wealth of nations and the well being of humankind will depend, to a significant extent, on ideas or knowledge. In the past, it was land, natural resources, labour skills, capital accumulation or technical progress that were the sources of economic growth and economic prosperity. In the future, knowledge is bound to be critical in the process of economic growth and sound progress. Without correctives, the widening gap between the "have's" and the "have not's" could then be transformed into a widening gap between those who "know" and those "who know not".

As Correspondent, I have visited the King's Matriculation School on many occasions and I am proud to state that facilities available here are equal to what most good schools in Vellore have. We are also proud and glad that a number of visitors both from India and abroad take their leave, come here and spend quality time teaching and playing with the children both in the MBKG Pannai and King's Matriculation School. We are certainly grateful to God for such folk who are not only contributing to the home and school but to some extent addressing the problems of our nation.

Jesus told a story (Luke 19:11-26) about a landowner who gave three men some funds to spend, save or invest. Each did as he saw fit, and when the owner returned, he rewarded them according to how wisely they used their resources. Those who multiplied what had been entrusted to them received even more to use. The one who failed had even his little money taken away.

Our Lord wants us to remember that we are brokers of the resources we have been given. These resources may include people, treasure, time, wisdom, and talents. When we broker these resources well, God rewards us and gives us even more to invest. When we fail, we lose what little we have.

This is a sobering truth, but one that we would do well to remember. Do you want more resources? If so, what are you doing with what you already have?

Today we all are working in God's vineyard, we all face the same alternatives as the rich young man who failed the test because of his greed (Luke 18:18:23) or the three men who behaved differently when a landowner gave them money.

May God bless every one of you.

HOME NEWS

We felt God's presence and His guidance throughout the year in every action we took to improve the quality of the lives of the children, mothers and Grandparents that he has committed to our love and care. His presence was close to us in our good times and in our difficult times and His GRACE AND MERCY was sufficient to see us through one more year successfully.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body meeting of the MBKGP was held on the 27th of July 2007. Various issues for the growth and development of Home and School were discussed at the meeting. The General Body was greatly appreciative of the Progress made during the year. We thank all our General body and Governing body members for their support and leadership in all possible ways to the Home and the School.

HIGHER EDUCATION

We are very happy to announce that the emerging stars of the home as mentioned in the last news letter; P. Peter Solomon, K. Venkatesan, R. Vinithra and R. Datchayani have done very well. Peter Solomon was admitted to the St. Peter's College of Engineering in the Mechanical Department at Chennai. We are proud of him as he is the first boy who is pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from the MBKGPannai. Venkatesan and Datchayani are doing their Diploma in Medical Lab Technology at SLR&TC, Karigiri. Vinithra is doing her Diploma in Radiation Therapy at CMC, Vellore.

CONDOLENCE

We deeply regret to report the passing away of our oldest grand parent Mrs. Meenatchi ammal, after a short period of illness.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES VISIT

A group of 15 members from Global Ministries, who are our major sponsors, visited the Family Village Farm for 3 days during the month of November. They were the representatives of United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ Church from US. 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 MBKGPannai and India.

DEDICATION OF JANICE WORK MEMORIAL DINING HALL

On 29th of November, the Janice Clyde Work Dining Hall was dedicated to the Glory of God by Rev. Dr. James Vijay Kumar & Ms. Linda Lawrence. We were very happy to have them on the occasion as they knew the Clyde Work family intimately and have been very closely associated with the MBKGPannai for many years. The dedication service was also a solemn occasion when we remembered the Clyde Work family in our prayers and praised God for the life of Jan Work and her love for the MBKGPannai and the many children sponsored by them.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We celebrated Christmas on 25th of December. Mr. G. Chandra Sekar, Warden/PRO of MBKGPannai was our Chief Guest and delivered the Christmas message to the children. We also had a warm fellowship dinner with our board members, local sponsors and our well wishers.



Ms. Linda, Elzene & Rev. Frank,
Global Ministries, USA.



Rev. James Vijaya Kumar,
Southern Asia Executive Director, USA.



Rev. James & Linda
Dedicating the Janice work Dining Hall



Culturals



The Group of
Global Ministries



Students of VIT
Presenting the Christmas Gifts.

KING'S MATRICULATION SCHOOL NEWS

ZONAL SPORTS MEET

It was a great honour for the King's School to host and organize the Republic day zonal sports meet for girls. This was held in the school premises on the 26th and 27th July 2007, and games on 9th and 10th August 2007.

Approximately 110 schools in and around Katpadi participated in the competitions, which covered all athletic events and games such as Hockey, Basket Ball, Hand Ball, Volley Ball, Foot Ball, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Shuttlecock, Kabbadi, and Kho-Kho.

More than 1500 students took part in it. 150 Physical Education Teachers from the various schools and 50 officials from the district board were present at the sports meet.

The District Educational Officer declared open the sports meet after the grand march past by the participants along with the Physical Education Teachers.

Thanks to the Dean, College of Nursing - CMC, who had sent her staff to support us with Medical Aid. We remain grateful to our board members and the sponsors who guided and helped us with raising funds to meet the expenses for hosting this event.

INAUGURATION OF SEBASTIAN COMPUTER LAB

On 11th October 2007, the Associate Director of CMC, Dr. Ravi Korula inaugurated the 22 new computers donated by Ms. Anna Hunter for the Sebastian Computer Lab. The School has now sufficient systems for the children to learn. Once again our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Anna Hunter for providing our children with this opportunity to learn computers.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day was celebrated with pomp and splendor on 14th November in fond remembrance of our former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. The Teachers entertained the students with their cultural programs. Koko & Cheryl Miller our volunteers also joined in cheering the students.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES VISIT

The visit of the Global Ministries was a momentous event of the year 2007. The Rev. Dr. James Vijay Kumar unfurled the National Flag at the Senior Section and took the salute, at the time of the March past. Ms. Linda Lawrence Inaugurated the Junior School Exhibition on 30th November which was enjoyed by every one.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas was celebrated at King's School on 6th December 2007. Rev. Clive. E. Ponnuraj, Presbyter of the St. John's Church brought to the children a beautiful Christmas message. We remain grateful to Sugantha & Avantica two young Engineering students from the Vellore Institute of Technology, who spent 10 days at the King's school helping our children in many ways and who also helped our children learn a few carols. The Christmas Play and the Dances captivated the hearts of the audience.

FLASH ANNOUNCEMENT, In view of the very close association between the CMC Hospital and the King's Matriculation 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 2008-2009.....Seats are reserved for employees of CMC hospital, Please contact. Mr. Samuel N.J. David, Senior Personnel Manager, CMC Hospital and Correspondent of KING'S MATRICULATION SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE.



Zonal Sports Meet 2007



Events



Inauguration of Sebastian Computer Lab by Dr. Ravi Korula



Christmas Celebrations



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Honoring mothers



Boys at the hostel



Nursery Children with a Mother



Christmas cheer fund gift from CMCH



Screening of Children by Dr. Christianna and her daughter



Boys at the Cottage

NOTE OF THANKS

As we come to the end of year and to the beginning of a new year we would like to thank all our well wishers, donors and sponsors. We also extend our heart felt thanks to all the administrators, doctors & all the staff of CMCH & SLR&TC for all the help rendered to us.

Please, partner with us in this ministry by,

- Praying for the children in the home and school, mothers and grand parents that they may be comforted in all the ways and that we are good stewards of all of God's Mercy, Grace, Care and Love to all these precious children of God with love and affection.
- Paying us a visit and spending time with our children.
- Sponsoring a child for a month, a quarter or a year. (Approx- Rs.1350/month or US\$30).
- Sponsoring a house mother and grandparents. At present there are 14 destitute women as mothers and 6 grandparents. Sponsoring a grand parent or a house mother for a month would be Rs.1350 or US\$ 30, which provides for food, shelter, clothing, medicine and recreation.
- Supporting our Endowment Fund for Higher Education. This fund goes towards funding our out of sponsorship children who are doing their professional course in different areas like Engineering, Physical Education, Para medical education etc...
- 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/- and Non-Vegetarian meal - Rs.4000-).

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

- Sponsoring a child for Rs.1350/- or US\$ 30 per month.
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