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News Letter

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Dear friends,

We praise and thank God for all His mercy and blessings showered to us during the past months. We are very grateful to all our sponsors for their continuous support and prayers. Special thanks to

Foreign Visitors: (Volunteers)

We are very thankful to Catherine and Harriet from England who visited and stayed with us in Pannai during March. They were so friendly with the children and helped them in their studies and taught them some songs and games. We thank Catherine for arranging our library books. We are thankful to Mr. David, Harriet's father for his short visit and the gift of toys and sweets for the children. We also thank Global Ministries for sending us volunteers continuously, it makes us feel that we feel we are loved and cared for. Though Sara came during our busy time of examination, the children loved her friendly approach and help during their study hours.

King's Matriculation School:

On March 6th we had our King's Matriculation School annual day. Children exhibited their talents through songs, dances, skits etc. Many students also received prizes for their proficiency in their studies. The graduation ceremony for X students was very solemnly conducted. The chief guest Dr. Ashok Chacko from CMC & Hospital, gave a very touching message. The Charity Day at King's Matriculation School on March 8th which was very thrilling and the small amount raised was given for the poor students to help pay their long pending fees.

All the teaching staff had a 3 days spoken English class taught by Ms. Sudha which was very useful. Some of our teachers also attended a special Mathematics seminar at Chennai.

Summer Holidays:

This summer was abnormally pleasant and cool due to the frequent rain showers. The all-staff tour to Kish Kintha (a recreation center at Chennai) was well organized and was quite relaxing after a long term's work. Summer Vacation was very useful for children and staff alike.

A film about a missionary of South Africa was also shown to VII, VIII and IX standard students and After the annual exams in April the children had their summer holidays.

Vacation Bible School:

The 10 day VBS (Vacation Bible School) was very enriching. We thank the Scripture Union personals who organized the same for us.

Also during the summer holiday the children learnt some craft work like glass painting, Emboss painting and organdy cloth flower making. They also learnt how to prepare phenyl and learnt to bind books, which have both become very useful skills term.

Children along with their new boys' hostel tutor helped to clean up and prepare the Basketball, Volleyball, Tennicoit, Throwball and Shuttle Badminton courts. Their daily warm-up exercises and morning and evening games make them more energetic and cheerful. We held matches for children in Basketball, Volleyball and Kabadi. Our Director distributed prizes for the winners.

Children went to their houses for a week's stay i.e., from 2nd May to 8th May and then returned back home to Pannai. For those who stayed back we had a days outing to Green Thunder (a recreation center at Arcot). The Nursery children, with the mothers, went to Zion Hill for an outing. Children also had study hours where they started reading for next year's classes.

From May 23rd to 27th the Summer Camp for Pannai children was held in Yelagiri Hills at the Samaritan's Residential School. This was really wonderful for the children as they were preparing to start a new academic year.

Compassion children, after their VBS, were taken to Kish Kintha for a tour.

We had the bore well repaired to add to our water supply

Building:

The Library and the Science block in the new school building are reaching their final shaping and we will be dedicating them within a month or two.

Bus:

God has granted us a new bus through the Global Ministries, U.S.A. for which we are very thankful. It will definitely be of great use to us.

Garment Making Unit:

Due to the increased orders from Christian Medical College & Hospital – the Garment Making Unit income has increased. It still needs improvement.

Bakery:

The use of the kneading machine has improved the quality of our bakery products.

Gardening:

The Volunteers helped to start a kitchen garden at the school area. Our home children cleaned a part of the campus and have planted some crotons. We have started beautifying the campus by cleaning and placing stones along the garden sides.

New sponsors and Scholarship endowment fund for King's Matriculation School:

We thank the Global Ministries for the Scholarship endowment fund for King's Matriculation School which they have sent. We also thank the Global Ministries for the new sponsors that they have allotted this year.

Farm:

From the Dairy we get 80 liters of milk every day. The surplus of about 35 litres of milk is sold each day.

Feed Mix Unit:

We are producing 8 to 10 tons of feed every month. The excess of 4 to 5 tons are sold to outsiders.

Children New admission / transfer / Boys' hostel

This June we have transferred five kids from the Nursery to the cottages. All are in 1st standard now. We have also transferred five boys from the cottages to the boys' hostel. As Eswari, who was learning Tailoring at the Garment Making Unit, has completed eighteen years, we have discharged her and handed her over to her mother. We have admitted two new children in the Nursery, and there are ten more on the waiting list.

Admissions to other Schools:

Rajeswari is joining Diploma Nursing at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram. Harry and K. Vijayakumar will be joining Lab technician courses at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram. Michael has joined a blind home at Katpadi. S. Venkatesh will be joining +1 at C.S.I Matriculation School at Ranipet. Kalai

megalai, Thangammal and Vijaya will be joining +1 at VRV . Kalaiarasi will join VIII standard at VRV. A few of our children were baptized and confirmed.

Obituary:

Miss. Rajaratnam, our grand mother who was a close associate of Ms. King and was serving M.B.K.G. Pannai as our residential nurse for a long time was sick for some time and passed away peacefully on 12th April 2004. We thank God for her service and pray that her soul may rest in peace with her master.

Thanks:

Thanks to Dr.----- who has arranged for Good Samaritan's purse for some of our Pannai children and school children.

Special thanks to the professors of the Sacred Heart College, thirupathur, who have been conducting Human Resource Development programme for our senior children, mothers, teachers and office staff, which was very useful and enriching.

Prayer requests: More sponsorship for children:

Out of the 149 children at Pannai only 98 are currently receiving sponsorships. More sponsorships would enable us to admit new children who are knocking at Pannai.

Computer Education:

As computers are introduced in all the fields-our children too need computer training. We need computers to train our children.

Grand Parents sponsorship:

We would like to make our grand parents stay here, more comfortable and happy.

Need of Gas oven for our bakery, so that we can able to improve our production as well as quality the cost is Rs. 60,000 US \$ 1400

We precede forward assured of our Lord's constant presence beside us in our every step towards the improvement and advancement of this institution.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Director.