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"...The Lord does not refuse any good thing to those who do what is right" Psalms 84:11

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News Letter

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK :

Dear Friends,

Greetings. One more eventful year, 2006, has come to a close and the many milestones which we crossed make us thank God for all His faithfulness and constant care over us. We are also thankful to all of you co-workers, sponsors, prayer supporters, visitors and volunteers who spent time with us, and all of our partners in this growing ministry at M.B.K.G. Pannai. Without your help, prayers and support, we would not have progressed so much in the year 2006. As God counts on you for your involvement in this work, we also count on you for your continued support.

As we close this year and step into 2007, may God grant each one of us wisdom and strength to face all the challenges of the New Year. May the joy and love of Christ which we experienced in a special way during the Christmas season be a propelling and dynamic force empowering us to press on into the days and months ahead of us and help us to reach the set goals in various areas of our lives.

It is a great joy to see our children in the Nursery, Cottages, Boys' Hostel and those studying outside growing in their stature and understanding. We pray that God will bless and guide them as they continue to grow in the fear of the Lord and the knowledge of this world.

As we all step into the unknown future in this New Year, may we put our lives by faith in the hands of God who alone knows all things. May the little steps we take with God help us to achieve great things ensuring success and prosperity in our lives.

Dr. R. Earnest Dhanaraj
Director

THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY:

My family joins me in wishing all of you the very best for the New Year. God's abundant grace, your prayers and support, together with the dedicated work of the Director and staff at MBKGP and the Principal and teachers of the King's School have seen us through another year successfully.

This is a good time to "Thank every one" for their dedicated support to the ministry at M.B.K.G.P. I wish to personally thank and acknowledge our main sponsors: Global Ministries in the U.S.A. Their support and encouragement have been crucial to our Mission and operations. The Rev. James Vijayakumar and Ms. Linda Lawrence have a special place in our hearts for all the help and support they continue to give us.

I want to thank my good friend Franco Sibille and his friends from COME NOI in Italy for their continued and loving support for our children. Anna Hunter of the Belgravia Art Gallery in London is a very special friend of MBKGP, and we thank her for her continued support to the many children at the home and to the King's School. Her family and friends donated the entire Science Block, the Josh Memorial Library and the Sebastian Memorial Computer Lab to the King's School.

Finally I would like to thank all individual sponsors and the children of St. John's Church Sunday School for your love and support as well as the many overseas volunteers who, in the short time they spent with us, have added so much value to the Home and School.

In closing, I need to bring to the attention of all our well wishers in and around Vellore that as much as the children need your financial support, they also desperately need your love and affection. We have 49 children below the age of 5 in the nursery who want to be carried, cuddled and kissed. This, dear friends, is something that you can do, which will cost you nothing. The older children need friends with whom they can share their lives and who can guide and advise them on how they should plan their futures. During 2007 we invite you to join with us in our ministry as we work to improve the quality of the lives of the children in our care. Please drop in when you can and build friendships with the children in the home. Thank you, and have a wonderful year in 2007.

Mr. Tharyan K. Koshi
Secretary

OUR MISSION:

To reach the unreached, uplift the downtrodden, and to help the helpless young and aged. We will do this with love, care, appreciation, protection, education, discipline and training, thus enabling them to find their identity and self-worth and to become responsible human beings as God intended.

October, November and December were marked by joyous celebrations, praise-worthy achievements as well as tragedy. Looking back on the end of the year, we are deeply grateful for God's constant presence and strength, and we pray that the New Year will offer the opportunity for growth.

Diwali Celebrations

On Saturday, October 21st the children, mothers, grandparents and other residents of M.B.K.G. Pannai enjoyed Diwali celebrations. The children and grandparents received new clothes and all looked very smart for the day. The kitchen staff and mothers worked extra hard to prepare special food and snacks.

Many of our older boys and girls, who are currently studying outside of Pannai, returned for the long weekend bringing stories of their activities to share with us. The holiday presented a well-earned break that everyone enjoyed thoroughly.



Christmas Celebrations

With great excitement and anticipation, our Pannai children welcomed home their elder brothers and sisters who returned from their various courses and jobs to celebrate the Christmas holidays with us here. On 25th December, we held our annual Christmas celebrations in our auditorium. The program consisted of a Christmas message and service. Following this, the children entertained our guests with songs, a skit and several marvelous dances. The dances were choreographed and performed by some of our older girls who were back for the holidays, and this dance told the story of Jesus' birth. After the program, children and guests enjoyed their Christmas Dinner. It was truly a festive evening, and the joy of Jesus' birth was apparent to all who attended.



An Emerging Star



When it comes to sports, Kalai Selvi knows her stuff. During her high school years, she won numerous medals and trophies at the District Level in athletics and sports, and she holds a Divisional Sports championship for 2004-2005.

Her current passion? Cricket. Kalai Selvi is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education at Auxilium College where she fulfills the practical portion of her course by playing wicket-keeper.

Dr. Earnest Dhanaraj, the Director of M.B.K.G. Pannai, says of Kalai Selvi: "She is a hard working student [who] bears excellent character. She is talented and shows initiative to do innovative things. [Kalai Selvi] is committed to take up responsibilities and carry out her work to the satisfaction of superiors." We pray that God will continue to guide Kalai Selvi in all of her endeavors.

Karthik

If you are out and about on a sunny afternoon between 4:30 and 5:30, you will see many of the Pannai children laughing and playing outside. You will also see one boy staying close to Victoria Amma, his cottage mother. This is Karthik, or "Blind Karthik" as his peers affectionately call him. As the nickname indicates, Karthik is blind. He also has developmental and psycho motor disabilities.



Despite the limitations of his world, Karthik greets strangers and friends alike with a big smile, planting a kiss on an extended hand. Truly Karthik is a child of God and a blessing to all who interact with him.

KING'S MATRICULATION SCHOOL

Exhibition and Charity Day

In October, the school held a joint Exhibition and Charity Day. In the usual fashion, children and teachers worked hard to prepare charts and displays covering numerous academic topics as well as doing artwork and handcrafts that were sold as part of the Charity Day. We are grateful to all those who came to support King's Matriculation School for this event.



Special Achievements

Ten girls represented K.M.S. in the annual Dance Mela hosted by Roundtable 23 for children of the Vellore District.

On 3rd November Stephiyal and Porkodi, both tenth standard students, participated in the District Level athletics competition in long jump. Stephiyal came away with first place and Porkodi with third. This moved them forward to the Divisional Sports meet, which was held on 23rd November. Congratulations Stephiyal and Porkodi!

Children's Day

To celebrate Children's Day on 14th November, the teachers of K.M.S. put on a program for all the school children. The program included a group song, several solo songs, a humorous skit, a group dance, two solo dances and a debate regarding the benefits of and problems with television. Children and teachers alike thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon!

Christmas Celebration

The School's Christmas celebration was held on 5th December with Dr. Graham of Australia as the chief guest. After Dr. Graham's message about a small boy experiencing firsthand the love of Jesus at Christmas time, K.M.S. children performed several group dances as well as a skit and the choir sang Christmas carols.



Finally, school ended with a busy schedule of midyear examinations. We are looking forward to the start of a new calendar year and with it a chance to rejuvenate ourselves and start fresh. We ask for your prayers to be with our teachers and tenth

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OUR VISION

To ensure holistic development of children by meeting their physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs through meaningful activities so as to make them successful, faithful and valuable individuals.



standard students as they begin intense revision and preparations for their March examinations.

Condolence

We were greatly grieved at the death of Mathan Kumar, aged 4 1/2. Mathan Kumar of our Home died of encephalitis in Christian Medical College Hospital's Pediatric I.C.U. on December 8th. Please join us in praying for Mathan's family as well as the Pannai community as we deal with this loss.

Happy Birthday!

It was a joy to celebrate Mrs. Achyama John's birthday on 25th Nov 2006 with her here at Pannai. Mrs. John, thank you for all the years you spent with us at Pannai. We lift you up in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with many more years of health and joy.



Thanks

We wish to express our gratitude to the women of Bethel Church in Kingston, ON, Canada who contributed money to our Scholarship Fund which helps to pay for post-secondary education of our children such as Kalai Selvi.

We also extend our thanks to

Dr. Clydework family

Astor family

Simon Kirby family

Rev. Stephen Pinch

for their continuous support to our children generously.

Visitors and Volunteers

Laura Baines and

Matthew Willett were with

us from November 26th

until December 8th.

During their time here,

they immersed

themselves in the

community and left their

colorful mark by way of a

mural, which they painted

in the nursery. We are

grateful to them for giving

of their time as well as for their generous gift of a DVD

player, which will be used to show educational

programs during the school year and children's movies

during the holidays. We wish them all the best in the

coming months and hope to see them back again in the

future.



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