



He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high, shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1



Newsletter - June 2020

Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai

Family Village Farm

The Alumni Reunion is organized by the Old Students Association of MBKG Pannai every year on the death anniversary of their beloved "Mummy", Dr. Pauline King, the founder of MBKG Pannai. The Reunion is the most important gatherings held at the campus. The past children of MBKGP Home, now proud adults of the society gather together for the whole day to reminisce on their life at the Home and how it helped them transform their lives.

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The day began with the alumni paying homage to Dr. Pauline King by placing flower garlands and lighting candles on her statue as well as on her tomb. The Alumni does this ritual every year religiously as Dr. Pauline King was their beloved mummy, a personification of love and compassion.....an angel of God who touched and transformed hundreds of lives.



Advocate Mr. Ganesh Shalini, 12th Gr Nurse Mr. Ravikumar

This year the reunion was held on Sunday, January 20. After paying their respects to their mummy, the alumni and the present residents gathered at the BKM Hall. The meeting started with prayer followed by two of the alumni's testimonies. They recalled the quality life they enjoyed at the Home, how they utilized the opportunities and also how, sometimes they failed to, which led to regrets later in life. The testimony by one of the present children was appreciated with an applause. The morning session ended with a fellowship lunch and in the afternoon there were sports events and fun games followed by prize distribution for the winners of the competition and also gifts for all the present children.



At the end of the day, members of the alumni discussed about their future support to the Home and also events to be held in the upcoming year. Senior members of the alumni, presented a cheque for their yearly contribution to support 16 children. The alumni reunion was a joyous and a memorable occasion for all.

A Story of Transformation



Rajesh, a smart and an aspiring young man completed General Nursing and Midwifery course at College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore and works as an Emergency Room Nurse in CMC hospital, Chittoor. He was taken in to the MBKG Pannai family at age 3. All through school, he was a bright student; he was fortunate to complete nursing at the reputed nursing college in the country.

The financial assistance through the Child Sponsorship Programme enabled him get good education. He was nurtured with love in a healthy and a child friendly environment. The upbringing at the Home taught him good values and helped him develop self-esteem and self-worth. Now, he is a confident young man and also a respectful member of the society with a secure Job and Income. Thanks to his sponsors and donors of Higher education fund for making this possible.



The organisation continues to hold the status of the best « Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children » in the district awarded by the state government of Tamil Nadu.

Student Nurses Association, College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore



In March 2020, representatives of Students Nurses Association from College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore visited the Home. The SNA sponsors two children. On their visit, the students presented a check of the sponsorship payment to the director. MBKG Pannai thanks the student nurses for their visit and continued support.



District Supply Officers



Mrs. Baby Indira, DSO (Left)



In January 2020, Mrs. Baby Indira, the district Supply Officer from the department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection visited the Home. She was accompanied by the Taluk Supply Officer. The officers inspected the Home, the Central Stores, Dining Hall and also the records and registers. The MBKG Pannai Home avails subsidised commodities such as Rice, Wheat and Sugar from the government. The officers were impressed with the maintenance of the Home and the registers.

Inspection by Vellore District Officers during COVID – 19 Pandemic



MBKG Pannai is taking all necessary measures to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 in the campus. In light of the Pandemic, under the guidance of the director all the preventive measures set by the government are being implemented on daily basis. The residents were made aware of the dangers of the COVID 19 and the preventive measures to keep them safe. The campus is sprayed with a disinfectant twice daily, wearing mask, frequent hand washing and social distance are being carried out strictly. Besides these measures, the residents are administered a daily dose of Multivitamin, Kabasura Kudineer (an Herbal Drink for Immunity) and a well-balanced diet. Visitors are restricted and essential staff are permitted inside the campus only after hand washing and hand sanitization. Below are a few photos of the residents following the preventive measures:





Visitors

In February 2020, Dr. Catherine Nichols, Executive Mission Personnel, Global Ministries and the Vice President, Division of Overseas Ministries, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA visited the Home. As an officer of the Global Ministries as well as a child sponsor, this was her first visit to the Home. She spent two days with the children, house mothers and the grandmothers. MBKG Pannai greatly appreciates her keen interest in the welfare of the organization and thanks her for her visit. Here she quotes.....

"My time at Family Village Farm, though brief, was such a rewarding experience. To see good people doing God's work and creating family for those who are without was a real joy and a blessing. I only wish that all communities cared as deeply about children as the wonderful house mothers, wardens and administrators at Family Village Farm. And a special thanks to the children who shared their stories with me. Our family sends love and strength to all of you through this pandemic".



An Enthusiastic English Couple from the UK make a lasting impact on lives at the Home

In January 2020, Mr. John Ramsbottom and Mrs. Marie White from the United Kingdom visited the Home. The couple visit the home in the beginning of the year annually. They have been associated with the orphanage since 2003. Since then, they are closely involved in the development of the Home and their contribution has been colossal. Besides their personal sponsorship of 4 children they have introduced 18 new sponsors who sponsor 33 children. In addition to the Child Sponsorship, their friends donate substantial amount of money towards special projects as well for general purpose.



Mr. John Ramsbottom & Mrs. Marie White



During their visit, John and Marie spent their entire time with the children. They organised their usual Table Tennis Competitions for the boys at various ages and also a first competition for the girls. In addition, they initiated Basketball coaching for the girls. The couple are keen to developing the sporting skills of the children, and the Sports Fund they created is used to pay the basketball coach, to purchase sports equipment and accessories, including badminton racquets and cricket bats, and provide prizes for the children who excel in sports. The outcome is reflected in the general take-up of these activities and the representation of Kasam children in Vellore District team selections.

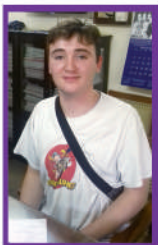


Also, in order to help the children, communicate with their sponsors effectively, Mr. John conducted classes for the older children on letter writing which not only helped the children write good letters to their sponsors but improved their language in general.



John and Marie, bring lot of gifts for the children and elders from their friends. One such regular gift is watches for the older children. This year too, they brought watches, clothes and toys for the children from their friends. They participated in the Alumni Reunion and paid their respects to the founder. The residents love them dearly and look forward to their next visit.

MBKG Pannai Family thanks John and Marie for their enormous efforts and huge positive impact on the lives of the children. Also, we thank their friends, each one of them for their partnership in transforming the lives of the children they support.



Mr. Patrick Trant (left) and his friend Mr. Mungo Reeves (Right) from the United Kingdom visited the Home in February 2020. They were introduced to the Home by Mrs. Eve Kirby, UK a long-time friend of MBKG. The young men spent time with the boys at the boys' hostel, taught them Spoken English and sports and also assisted in cataloguing books at the Home library. MBKG Pannai thanks them for sharing their skills and talents with the children.





Mr. S.K. Duraipandian, the Deputy Superintendent of Police - Vellore District, visited the Home and interacted with the children and elders. MBKG Pannai thanks him for spending his valuable time with the residents amidst his hectic schedule.

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COVID 19 Pandemic Update

At MBKG Pannai Home, in the third week of March, at the height of panic and uncertainty in the country due to the killer virus, the government for the first time announced lock down just for a week from March 24 to March 31. Following the lock down, we were instructed by the district administration and the Social Welfare Office to send those children that had a parent or a guardian to their respective homes to avoid crowding at the orphanage thereby preventing quick spread of the virus. The other children stay on campus. Similarly, the older ones studying in colleges were also sent to the orphanage as their educational institutions closed. Elderly women were advised to stay in the orphanage. Also, the house mothers stayed back to take care of the children and elders.

The director and the essential staff such as the wardens and the cooks were on duty to take care of the residents. As per the instruction of the Child Welfare office, every day the wardens make phone calls to the children staying outside to check on their wellbeing. A daily report on the health status of residents is sent to the district administration. So far, none of the residents were affected by the virus. Daily disinfection by fumigation and spray, social distancing, wearing masks and hand washing are being carried out in the campus. Visitors to the campus are restricted during this time. The children will be called back to the Home when orders are passed by the district administration. Regarding finances, the orphanage faces acute shortage of funds due to lack of active fundraising and absence of food donors. We are raising funds to meet the ends. Any amount of donation at this critical time will be highly appreciated. For further information, you may contact the director or the Sponsorship Coordinator at mbkgpdirector@gmail.com / mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com. ***We take this opportunity to thank you personally for continuing your support and we sincerely appreciate your contribution to the welfare of the children and elders.***

Tuberculosis Awareness Campaign

On February 21, 2020, Mr. Egambaram, the District Health Educator and Mr. Chakravarthy, TB Supervisor from the Department of Tuberculosis, Director of Medical Services Vellore, visited the Home and conducted a Tuberculosis Awareness Programme for the house mothers and elders. The officers explained in detail about the disease, signs/symptoms, diagnostic tests, treatment, Prophylaxis and also facilities available at the government Primary Health centres. The officers have planned to conduct similar programme with the children in the future.



Sponsor a meal or a snack

Celebrate your Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Thanksgivings, Festivals and other special occasions with our children and elders by sponsoring meals and snacks. You Just donate money and we will prepare the meal.

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