



But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3



Newsletter – January 2021

Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai

Family Village Farm

With COVID 19 Pandemic impacting everyday life, MBKG Pannai thrived through the tough times by adhering to the protocols of the government and also with the support and prayers of its friends and partners. The Children, Elders, House Mothers and the Staff continue to remain healthy and safe. We acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of our friends and partners during the critical times in 2020 due to the pandemic.

*MBKG Pannai
Family
wishes you a
Healthy
and a Safe
New Year 2021!*

The residents ushered in the New Year 2021 with hope amid the COVID 19 shadow. Almost a year of closure, in January 2021, schools and colleges reopened for regular classes for 9th to 12th grades. Residential colleges too, were reopened in the month of January and our children studying in various residential institutions went back to their hostels.

We thank our sponsors donors, well-wishers, visitors, volunteers and friends of MBKG Pannai for the love, prayers and financial support all these years and especially during the unprecedented COVID crisis in 2020. Your consistent support has enabled us to continue our mission to provide quality life to the children, women and the elders.

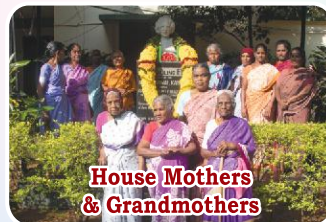
We extend our gratitude to all food donors for sponsoring special meals and snacks for the residents. Also, we thank the board members for their guidance and contribution to the welfare of the organization.

Alumni Reunion 2021

Every year on January 20, the death anniversary of Dr. Pauline King is commemorated as Alumni Reunion Day. This year the reunion was not held due to Covid-19 Pandemic; yet a few of the senior members of the Old Students Association visited the Home and along with the present Children, House mothers, Elders and Staff paid homage to their beloved "Mummy" Dr. Pauline King.



Alumni



House Mothers & Grandmothers



Alumni



Nursery Children



Cottage Children



Staff

Annual General Body Meeting 2020

In December 2020, the Annual General Body Meeting of MBKG Pannai Society was held at Christian Counselling Centre, Vellore. The Chairman of the Society Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithyanandham, Bishop in Vellore Diocese presided over the meeting. Dr. Abraham Joseph, Department of Community Health, CMC was elected as the vice-chairman and Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development, Christian Medical College was elected as the honorary Secretary of the society for a term of 3 years. Rev. Jared Arul Jebareuben, Presbyterian in charge of St. John's church continues to serve as the honorary Treasurer. The Director presented the annual Report of the year 2019 – 2020 and the Treasurer presented the Financial Report of the current year and the budget for the coming year. The members appreciated the reports and as always gave their suggestions for further developments of the organization.



The organization 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.

Continuing the Mission of Building Lives to a Better Future...



Aswini.K

General Nursing & Midwifery
Christian Medical College, Vellore



Atchaya.P

General Nursing & Midwifery
Scudder School of Nursing,
Ranipet



Gunavathy.B

General Nursing & Midwifery
Scudder School of Nursing,
Ranipet



Shalini.S

General Nursing & Midwifery,
CSI Rainy School of Nursing,
Chennai



Arthi.P

Health Assistant Course,
Pravaham Community College, Vellore



Radhika.S

Health Assistant Course,
Pravaham Community College, Vellore



Monish.S

Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education
Science, YMCA College of Physical
Education, Chennai



Hemavathy.P

Ten children completed 12th grade in March 2020 and all of them were enrolled to higher education for the academic year 2020–2021.

When the children reach the age of 18, normally they cease to receive sponsorship but we continue to support their higher education which includes professional, vocational or technical courses. We are in a difficult situation here as these courses are very expensive. For this reason, we have created a scholarship endowment fund for higher education to help us meet these expenses.



Robert Clive. P.K

Diploma in Hospital Sterilization,
Christian Medical College,
Vellore



Raghul.K

Diploma in Anaesthesia Technology
Christian Medical College, Vellore

We thank the donors and sponsors who have helped us meet the higher educational expenses and we earnestly seek your support in building up this fund. You may contact the Sponsorship Coordinator at mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com / mbkgpdirector@gmail.com

More Success Stories.....



Janakiraman. K

Janakiraman was fortunate to study Nursing at College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Vellore. He completed the course successfully and works at Christian Medical College Hospital, Chittoor. After his mother's untimely demise, he was admitted to the MBKGP Home. He was nurtured with love and care. He was taught good values and encouraged to pursue his ambition of becoming a confident young man.

Though Rubini a 20-year-old could not complete her 12th grade, she did not lose hope of going to college. She completed a diploma in Health Assistant course at Pravaham Community College, Vellore. Currently she works as a Nurse Aid at Amazing Love Home, an Elder Care Facility in Kanchipuram District.



Rubini.B

A huge thanks to the Sponsors that supported the children and Donors that contributed to the Higher Education Fund which enabled us to fulfil the mission of MBKG Pannai..... enabling the children to find their Identity and Self- Worth and to become responsible human beings as God intended.



Haripriya.M

22-year-old Haripriya. M was brought to MBKGP Home at the age of 3 after her father's unexpected death. She completed diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery at School of Nursing, Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram in Dindigul district and works as a Staff Nurse in the same hospital.



Soniya.P



Nivetha.S

Soniya.P and Nivetha.S share a similar story with Rubini. Both of them completed diploma in Health Assistant Course from Pravaham Community College, Vellore. Currently, the girls work at the Autism Residential Community, Vellore. The centre trains Soniya and Nivetha to care for people with Autism.

Wedding



First Engineering graduate of MBKG Pannai, Mr. P. Peter Solomon tied knots with Anu Augusty, an IT professional from Chennai on December 28, 2020 in Chennai. Peter was brought up at the MBKGP Home since the age of 2. He specialised in mechanical Engineering and currently works as an Executive - Maintenance, at Dr. Oetker India, Rajasthan.

King's School News

The academic year 2020 -2021 was supposed to have started in the month of June 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the schools were closed in India and regular classes were not taking place. But King's school like the rest of the schools in the district started online classes from June 15, 2020 onwards for upper classes and from July 1st for the lower classes. As most of the students are from the MBKG Pannai Home and also from surrounding rural areas, they were not in a position to buy smartphones or laptops for the online classes. While, just 25% of the students attend online classes, 50% of the students who were unable to attend online classes were given study materials from school to study at home. The remaining 25% of the students neither attended the online classes nor received the study materials from school. The school is taking necessary measures to track down these 25% of the children that are missing classes.

The number of COVID-19 cases has significantly decreased since November 2020 and with growing concerns surrounding the future course of action for students of Classes 10 and 12, who will have to take their board examinations, the State government decided to reopen schools for students from grade 9 to 12 alone on January 19, 2021. As per the Government instructions classes are being conducted with all precautions and standard operating Procedures for the safety of the students as well as the teachers are being followed strictly for the prevention of Covid-19. Parents are happy to send their children to school. However, it is a very challenging period for the teachers to bring back the study pattern for students because of the long break. Schools have been receiving Multivitamins and Zinc Sulphate tablets from the Government Primary Health Centres and are advised to administer these supplements to the students periodically to boost their immune system.

In the meantime, the national festivals like Independence Day (August 15) and Republic day (January 26) were celebrated modestly. Recently, Tamil Nadu State Government has announced that all students from kindergarten to grade 11 should be promoted without conducting the final exams. However, Grade 12 students will appear for board exams from the first week of May 2021.

Christmas Gifts from People's Church, Ireland



Every Year for Christmas, Pastor Patrick Fitzgerald of People's Church in Dublin, Ireland with his family and Overseas Mission Team of his church visits the Home and donates individually packed Christmas gifts to the children, House Mother and Elders.

In December 2020, due to Corona Virus Pandemic, the team could not visit the Home. Nonetheless, they were thoughtful in sending gifts to everyone at MBKG Pannai Home for Christmas.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude and thank Pastor Patrick and his church for keeping up their kind gesture even during the difficult times.



Christmas Gifts from CMCH, Vellore

MBKG Pannai thanks the Management and Employees of Christian Medical College Hospital for their annual donation of Christmas dresses to the Children, House Mothers and Elders from their Employees' Christmas Cheer Fund. In December 2020, the hospital was represented by staff of Accounts Department that visited the Home and distributed the dresses to the residents.

Routine Vaccination for the Children



In November 2020, Public Health Nurses from Government Primary Health Centre, Thiruvalem administered booster dose of Diphtheria Tetanus (DT) Vaccine for the children between the age group of 5 to 15. The PHC also gives us a monthly supply of Sanitary Napkins for the girls and Deworming tablets as well as over the counter medicines such as Paracetamol and Vitamin Supplements.



Visit of Government Officers

The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) and the District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members visit the Home periodically to inspect the facility, interact with the residents, check the Records and Registers and also to inspect the overall maintenance of the Home. Besides, these regular officers' visit in the end of last year, a few other officers from the district administration visited the Home.



Mr. J. Partheeban, DRO, Vellore

Mr. J. Partheeban, the District Revenue Officer, visited the Home with his family and sponsored a special meal for the children and elders. He also donated stationary items for the children. He appreciated the facilities available to the children and elders and also the care given to them.

In October 2020, the Chairman and members of Child Protection Unit and Child Welfare Committee visited the Home to select children that have completed 18 year of age for After Care Programme. The officers interviewed 16 children personally and suggested for Financial support of the Directorate of Social Defense.



Mr. S. Ganesh, RDO, Vellore

In November 2020, Mr. S. Ganesh, Revenue Divisional Officer inspected the Home in order to sponsor 100 beds from the district administration. He was impressed with the concept of the family unit and wished the children and the staff the very best for the future.



DCPU & CWC Members

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Retirement

Mr. Yesian.G, the Tailoring Master of Garment Making Unit (GMU) retired in June 2020. He served the institution for 25 years. He was diligent in his work as well as punctual to work. Besides training young people in tailoring skills he made garments for the residents. He has tailored hundreds of Staff uniforms, School uniforms and Christmas / Diwali dresses for the Children and Elders. Also, he has tailored hospital outfits such as Operation Theater gowns for doctors, Patient gowns and Aprons for Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore.

A simple farewell party was organised by the management at the Home campus. The secretary of MBKG Pannai Society Dr.B.J. Prashantham congratulated Mr. Yesian for his dedicated service to the organization and presented him with retirement benefit.



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.

Cost of meals or snacks:

Breakfast – INR 5000
Vegetarian Meal – INR 7000
Non Vegetarian Meal – INR 10,000
Snacks / Ice – Cream – INR 2500

To sponsor a special meal / snacks...

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