



Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai

Family Village Farm

(Registration No.7 of 1969 Under Registration of Societies Act of 1960)

A living community for destitute Children, Women and Female Elders

Newsletter
August 2021

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Hope for MBKG Pannai (FVF) Home amidst COVID Concerns....

In the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic, due to the sudden surge in the COVID 19 cases in the country, from May 9, 2021 onwards the government of Tamil Nadu announced complete lockdown. The district of Vellore too witnessed a massive spike in COVID 19 cases during the second wave of the pandemic. In spite of the panic and the chaos outside the walls of the MBKG Pannai (FVF) Home, the residents felt safe and calm inside the campus. Our primary concern, at that point was for the health and the wellbeing of the Children, House Mothers and Grandmothers we serve. We continued to monitor the situation around COVID 19 including guidelines from the state government as well as the local government authorities and diligently followed the standard operating procedures.

Children with flu like symptoms were isolated and prophylactic measures were implemented. Swab test for COVID 19 was performed on all residents which fortunately turned out be negative for all of them. 38 residents were vaccinated against COVID 19 that included children above the age of 18, House Mothers and Grandmothers. The residents were blessed to have uninterrupted supply of food, medicines and other basic needs during the lockdown. The administration office was closed for almost two months in the months of May and June 2021. Nevertheless, the essential staff were available to meet the needs of the residents.



With the Corona virus cases dropping in the district of Vellore, the State government announced a slew of relaxations against the ongoing lockdown beginning July 1, 2021. On the same day, the admin office started to function normally.

Though schools are still closed, the children of the Home have daily class room learning from 10am to 12N with the help of study materials from the school. The teaching faculty from Kings school assist the Home children with their learning. While some of the older children studying in colleges attend online classes, many others have gone back to their residential colleges. We could say in our experience that the COVID 19 pandemic has brought out the best in many of our friends and partners who showed compassion and empathy and offered their helping hand during these extraordinary times. We take this opportunity to thank all of them for their continued support and prayers. Many generous people sponsored special meals for the residents even during the lockdown. We would never have been able to transition smoothly through the hard times without your support. **We are overwhelmed with gratitude to all of you, kind hearted people that love the MBKG Pannai (FVF) Home!**



Children and Elders tested for COVID -19



18+ Children vaccinated against COVID -19



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CHAPEL OF JOY



Rev. Don Asman & Mrs. Judith Asman



Bishop cutting ribbon to dedicate the chapel

The children and the elders will now enjoy a quiet time in prayer and fellowship at the Joy Chapel that was constructed at the Home campus recently. MBKG Pannai family thanks Rev. Donald Asman, Mrs. Judith Asman and the United Church of Christ, Judd Street, Hawaii, USA for funding the project. The Chapel was dedicated on August 2, 2021 by the Chairman of MBKG Pannai Society, Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithiyandham, Bishop in CSI Vellore Diocese.



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.

Visit of a Member from TN Commission for Protection of Child Rights



Nursery

In July 2021, Mr. K. Durai Raj, member of the Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights visited the Home and inspected the Children's living areas, Central Stores, Treatment Room, Kitchen and the Dining Hall. He was impressed with the clean, Child and Elder friendly facility. Mr. K. Durai Raj appreciated the Director for his dedicated and hard work in taking care of the children. He also appreciated the essential staff for being with the children at the time of COVID 19 crisis.



Store



Kitchen



Director's Office

New Member of the Family



Mrs. Prameela

In April 2021, Mrs. Prameela, a 70 – year old destitute woman joined MBKG Pannai family. She is happy to be in the company of the children and other grandmothers at the MBKG Pannai (FVF) Home.

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 3000

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Your Donation in kind is just a click away...

"GIFT A SMILE" online charity.

Log on to www.amazon.in—click 'wish list' at the right top corner - enter 'Mudhiyor Balar KudumbaGrama Pannai,' and you will find items for the children and elders.



**House Mothers (Care Takers) with
water bottles, Bed Sheets and Towels**



**School Sandals for
the children**

The children, women and elders receive essential items through the 'Gift a Smile' Online Charity. A huge thanks to all the anonymous donors that have so generously donated items on the wish list for the children and elders at the MBKG Pannai Home.