

# Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai (Family Village Farm)

Kasam, Katpadi, Vellore – 632007

#### DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019 -2020

First and the foremost, I thank God for having given me the opportunity to serve this great institution and thank Him for guiding and leading me through the many crisis situations, challenging times and the good times.

With God's abundant grace and mercy and with the active support of our sponsors and hard work of our staff we were able to meet all our commitments and needs.

I would like to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors and well-wishers, the chairman and the board members. It is your counsel, generous support and prayers that has enabled us to successfully continue and abide by the vision and mission of our founder Dr. Pauline E. King

I would like to begin my report by personally acknowledging and thanking our principal sponsors the Global Ministries, USA, St. John's Church, Alresford UK, Mr. John Ramsbottom & Friends, (Friends of Kasam, UK), Individual sponsors and donors abroad and our many friends from the CMCH and the Vellore community for their generous support in cash and kind.

In the month of May 2019, Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithiyanandham took charge as the ex-officio chairman of the MBKG Pannai Society. In the same year in September, Dr.B.J. Prashantham took charge as the secretary and Rev. Jared Arul Jebareuban as Treasurer. Dr. Ernest David took charge as the Correspondent of King's School.

#### 1. HOME

We are glad to report that we are making continuous efforts to improve the quality of life of our children and grandparents. Our house mothers are daily motivated and encouraged to render good care for the children and the elders. Our grandparents maintain good health with regular medication and periodical check-up. As our grandparents are aging fast the responsibility of taking care of them is becoming a big challenge. We are striving hard to provide quality care for each of them. This year, twelve children and three grandmothers were admitted to the home.

The organization has under its care 180 children from the ages of 2 years to 21 years, 10 House Mothers and 21 Grandmothers living together in 8 cottages, a nursery and a boys' hostel.

#### 1-01 Integrated Complex

MBKG Pannai continues to be the best 'Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children' in Vellore District. There are periodical visits carried out by the Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit along with the District Social Welfare officer to inspect the place, residents and records. It stands to the credit of the staff for their great effort in maintaining the required standards and documentation for this award being given to the MBKG Pannai for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row.



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#### 1-02 Home Statistics

Number of Residents					
	Play School 09		House Mothers	4	
Children in Nursery	LKG & UKG	15	34		
	Standard: I	10			04
	School Going	70		House Mothers	6
Children in Cottage	Higher Studies	13	84	Grandparents	21
Children in Cottage	Others	01	04	Wardens	02
					29
	School Going	36			
Children in Boys' Hostel	Higher Studies	21	62	Warden	01
	Employed	05			01
Tutors		02			
Cooks		03			05
Summary					
Children	180	GRAND TOTAL – 219			
House Mothers	10				
Grandparents	21				
Wardens	03				
Resident Cooks	03				
Resident Tutors	02				
House keeping	00				
Total	219				

#### Admission

In the year 2019-2020, we admitted **Twelve** children (Three girls and Nine boys), and Three Female Elders to the Home.

#### **Discharges**

In March 2020, Ten of the Home children were discharged. Six girls and Four boys.

**Girls**: Abirami.G, Archana.V, Beaulah.D, Haripriya.R, Jenifer.J, Keerthana.H, Lakshmi.D, Maria.S, Pratiti.C, Suganya.P,

Boys: Alex.D, Jeeva.M, Lakshmanan.K, Rajesh.S, Vasudevan.R, Tamilmani.R

#### 1-03 Education

- No. of Home children studying from LKG to 12<sup>th</sup> grade at King's Matriculation Hr. Sec. School is **131**.
- This academic year 10 of our Home children appeared for 12<sup>th</sup> grade board examination and 8 got through successfully with good marks.
- In the 10<sup>th</sup>grade board examination,



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#### **Higher Education**

After completing 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our children are enrolled to professional and Vocational training course depending on their academic performances and interests.

When our children reach the age of 18, they cease to receive sponsorship money 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. We thank the donors and sponsors who have helped us to meet our higher educational expenses and we earnestly seek your prayers and support in building up this fund.

S.No	Name	Courses and Institutions	
1	Alisa.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai	
2	Ajithkumar.V	Electrical course at St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam	
3	Arun.S	ITI – Electrical & Electronics, Montfort ITI Chennai	
4	Archana.V	Diploma in Nursing, CMC, Vellore	
5	Arunkumar.P	Motor Mechanic course at St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam	
6	Balavijayakumar.R	Motor Mechanic course at St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam	
7	Bhuvaneshwari.P	B.Sc in Nursing, Christian College of Nursing, Ambilikai.	
8	Chithra.M	Diploma in Nursing, CMC, Vellore	
9	Dillibabu.S	Diploma in EEE, CSI Polytechnic College, Salem	
10	Gunanithy.M	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore	
11	Haridoss.D	Fitter cum Blacksmith course at St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam	
12	Haripriya.M	Diploma in Nursing, CF Hospital, Oddanchathiram	
13	Jagadeesan.N	General Nursing & Midwifery at ETCM Hospital Kolar	
14	Jayanthi.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore	
15	Jayasudha.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai	
16	Janakiraman.K	Diploma in Nursing, CMC, Vellore	
17	Lakshmi.S	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai	
18	Latha.K	Diploma in Nursing, CMC, Vellore	
19	Nivetha.S	Health Assistant Course, Pravagam, Vellore	
20	Nithishkumar. A	Diploma in Optometry, GM Eye Hospital, Mettupalayam	
21	Priya.V	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore	
22	Prakash.M	B. A., English Literature, Voorhees College, Vellore	
23	Ragavendra.C	General Nursing & Midwifery at ETCM Hospital Kolar	
24	Rubini.B	Health Assistant Course, Pravagam, Vellore	
25	Santhosh.M	Diploma in Operation Theatre Technology, ETCM Hospital, Kolar	
26	Sivalingam.K	Bachelor's in Physical Education, YMCA, Chennai	
27	Sivasakthi. A	Diploma in Radiology Technician, ETCM Hospital, Kolar	
28	Soniya.P	Health Assistant Course, Pravagam, Vellore	
29	Vickram.V	Diploma in Optometry, GM Eye Hospital, Mettupalayam	
30	Vignesh.S	General Nursing & Midwifery at ETCM Hospital Kolar	
31	Velan.D	Fitter cum Blacksmith course at St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam	
32	Yesuraja.P	General Nursing & Midwifery at ETCM Hospital Kolar	



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# Children enrolled to Higher Education – Professional and Vocational Training this academic year 2020 - 2021

S.No	Name	Courses and Institutions
1	Aswini.K	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
2	Atchaya.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
3	Arthi.P	Diploma in Health Assistant Course, Pravagam, Vellore
4	Gunavathy.B	Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery, SMH, Ranipet
5	Hemavathy.P	Bachelor's in Physical Education, YMCA, Chennai
6	Monish.S	Bachelor's in Physical Education, YMCA, Chennai
7	Radhika.S	Diploma in Health Assistant Course, Pravagam, Vellore
8	Raghul.K	Diploma in Aneasthesia Technology, CMC, Vellore
9	Robert Clive.P.K	Diploma in Hospital Sterilization, CMC, Vellore
10	Shalini.S	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai

#### **Employment**

S.No	Name	Course Completed	Employed At
1	Alex.D	Radiology Technician	Naruvi Hospital, Vellore
2	Jeeva.M	Technician	Electronics Company, Chennai
3	Lakshmi.D	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife	Elder Care Facility, Bangalore
4	Suganya.P	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife	Elder Care Facility, Chennai
5	Rajesh.S	GNM – Staff Nurse	CMC Hospital, Vellore
6	Sivakarthi.P	MRD Technician	CMC Hospital, Vellore

We are today focusing on good higher education and the team at MBKG Pannai today is committed to getting our children admitted to various courses in different disciplines in the many good educational institutions in Tamil Nadu. We have done our best to ensure that every child has some professional / Vocational training to meet the challenges of facing life outside the Institution after their discharge from the Home. This is a dramatic change that has taken place in the last 20 years. I would like to place on record the remarkable support we get from the College of Nursing at CMC for the training of our children since 2002. I wish to thank the Dean Dr. Mrs. Vathsala Sadan and every member of our society from the nursing college for this great support.

### 1-04 Prayer fellowship and Scripture Classes

Scripture classes are held on evenings of Mondays, Tuesdays, and first Saturdays. The children are taught bible stories and songs by different groups of missionaries from Vellore such as Bro. Yesurajan, Bible Centered Ministries, Bro. Joseph & Team, Monday Prayer Fellowship and Bro. John Reuben, Youth for Christ.



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Regular Sunday Morning Worship Services are conducted at the campus and on first Sunday of the month Holy Communion Service is conducted by the Presbyter, CSI Church, Kasam. On Sunday evenings, children attend Sunday school conducted by wardens and tutors.

Weekly Prayer Fellowship for House mothers and elders are conducted by Rev. Walter Sunder Singh, Fishing for Christ Ministries, Ranipet and Sisters of Shilo Ministries, Vellore.

#### 1-05 Summer Activities

#### Children's visit to their Homes

At the end of the academic year in the month of May 2019, when the school closed for annual holiday, children with families were sent to their homes for a week from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as part of summer program. This is an integral part of our program as it helps children keep in touch with their immediate family and also helps them understand the value of good opportunities at MBKG Pannai. Children who stay in residential colleges visit MBKG Pannai during their annual holiday.

#### Vacation Bible School

The annual VBS was held at the Home campus from April 2 to April 29, 2019. We registered 200 children. It was conducted by Scripture Union and the theme for 2019 was "Unmasked!! Remove Masks – Receive Blessings" based on the scripture verse from Ephesians 4:22. On the final day of the VBS, a grand programme was organized. The children displayed their talents in skits, songs, reciting memory verses and other competitions. All participants and winners of the competitions were awarded with certificates and prizes.

#### **Summer Camp**

The 2019 annual summer camp was held from May 21 to May 26 at CSI Polytechnic College, Salem. Children above 13 years of age were taken for the camp. Over 5 days, the children were spiritually enlightened by team of ministers from Children and Teens for Christ Ministries, Trichy headed by Bro. Mohan were the resource persons and the theme was "You Are Special" based on the scripture from the gospel of Luke 12:7. Besides this, the children were taken for sightseeing to nearby places and Water Amusement Park.

#### 1-06 Visitors

In February 2020, many Sponsors and Donors from abroad visited the Home We would like to thank all of them for taking efforts to visit the Home, stay at the campus and spend time with the children.

- Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala, Sounthern Asia Area Executive, Global Ministries, USA
- Mr. John Ramsbottom, Mrs. Marie White, Dr. Ajit Kadirgamar and Mrs. Gita Kadirgamer from the United Kingdom.



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- Dr. Catherine Nichols, Vice President, Division of Overseas Ministries, Indiana, USA
- Pastor Patrick Fritzgerald and 15 members from The People's Church, Dublin, Ireland
- Mrs. Aparajita Ajit and Family, UK
- Mr. Patrick Trant and Mr. Mungo Reeves, UK
- Mrs. Marianne Collar, USA
- Mr. Peter Conrad & Kahini Kirby, UK

#### **Students' Visits from Colleges**

Students from various colleges visit the facility regularly as part of their syllabus / Field Trip and Projects.

- 2 MSW students from Voorhees College
- 3 MSW students from Auxilium College
- 1 MSW students through Psychiatric Department of CMCH
- 6 M. Sc. Nursing students from College of Nursing, CMCH
- 25 Students from VITU as part of their Ethics and Values Class
- 40 GNM Students, Scudder School of Nursing, Ranipet

#### **Visits of Government Officials**

- June 14, 2019 District Level Inspection Committee comprising of the District Protection Officer, RBSK M.O Team 2, Katpadi Block.
- August 3, 2019 Mr. Sivakalaivanan, Chairman and Mr. David Baskaran members of the Child Welfare Committee, Vellore District
- September 23, 2019 Mr. M.A. Kuddus, F.C. Directorate of Social Welfare Department, Chennai 15
- October 24, 2019 DLIC by DCPO, Child Line Representative, Vellore District
- November 20, 2019 Mrs. P. Sankari (OSC), Case Worker, DSWO, District Collectorate
- November 20, 2019 Mr. M. Jeeva, Rural Development Officer, Vellore
- January, 29, 2020 & March 24, 2020 Mrs. P. Murugeswari, DSWO, Vellore
- February 20, 2020 Mrs. Baby Indira, District Supply Officer

#### 1-07 Celebration

#### Christmas

On the evening of December 25, 2019, the Betty Keene Memorial Hall was filled with cheerful children in dazzling attires, happy House Mothers, Grandmothers, Staff, Alumni and Wellwishers. After the bible reading by Ashwini.K, our 12<sup>th</sup> garde student, the chief guest Bro. Rajesh Nirmalkumar, Valuable Vessels Ministries, Vellore delivered the Christmas message. The audience were captivated by the children's dances, carols and skit. Master of Ceremonies were the children themselves. Mr. Rajkumar, Staff Nurse, CMCH compered the programme



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and Mr. Rajesh, did the vote of Thanks. The celebration ended with prayer and benediction by Mr. Solomon, Catechist, CSI Kasam Church followed by fellowship dinner. Thanks to Global Ministries, USA and Mr. Retbin Rajeev, a child sponsor from Bangalore for their donation towards Christmas dinner.

#### **Christmas Cheer Fund – CMCH**

MBKG Pannai Family thanks the management and employees of Christian Medical College Hospital (CMCH) for their huge annual contribution from their Employees' Christmas Cheer Fund. In December 2019, the Hospital was represented by the staff of Accounts Department that visited the Home and distributed new dresses to the residents. The staff sang a special Christmas carol for the residents and Rev. Edwin delivered the Christmas message.

#### Visit of TNAI- Local Unit, CMCH

Nurses from Christian Medical College Hospital representing the TRAINED NURSES ASSOCIATION OF INDIA – LOCAL UNIT visit the Home every year before Christmas to meet the children. In December 2019 Mrs. Nirmala with two members of TNAI Local Unit visited the Home and entertained the children with a Christmas story and taught them an action song. The Local Unit of the association sponsors a child.

#### Visit of SNA, College of Nursing, CMC, 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.

#### Visit of the Overseas Mission Team, Dublin

In December 2019, the Overseas Mission team of People's Church, Dublin headed by Pastor Patrick Fritzgerald, Senior Pastor visited the Home with Christmas gifts for everyone. It was a joyous and memorable day for the residents of the Home.

#### Visit of Mr. John Rambottom and Ms. Marie White

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.



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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. Besides the sports fund, they formed the "Friend of Kasam, UK". The total amount of funds received from Friends of Kasam, UK is GBP 18,000/- for the year 2019 - 2020

#### **Staff Retreats**

A year ending thanksgiving service was held on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to praise and thank the Lord for all the blessings we received throughout the year.

The start of 2020 was marked by the annual staff retreat. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the staff of the Home and the school gathered together for a time of fellowship. After an enlightening message, the staff rededicated themselves to work diligently and serve the institution with their best.

#### 1-07 Alumni Reunion

On January 20, 2020, the alumni of MBKG Pannai gathered at the Home campus to celebrate the life of Dr. Pauline E. King, on her death anniversary in January. The past and the present residents of the Home paid homage to their 'mummy' and testified to the good upbringing at the home. The programme was followed by a fellowship lunch and thereafter a sporting event in the afternoon. Thanks to the association for sponsoring 16 of the present children.

#### 1-08 Health and Nutrition

The children, mothers and grandparents continue to be in good health. Routine medical check-up for the grandparents are done at S.I.H - R & L.C, Hospital, Karigiri and Government Primary Health Center Thiruvalam. We follow a scheduled well balanced food menu, a daily multivitamin tablet and a fruit three times a week for the children, mothers and grandparents. Once in 6 months de-worming and quarterly weight and height check are being done to monitor children's growth.

We thank the government Primary Health Centre for supplying sanitary pads for the children at the Home and the School. In addition to this, they administer vaccination such as TT and medication for de-worming regularly. We also thank the Health Inspector for arranging to carry out the anti-mosquito fogging in the campus.

#### 1-09 Counseling Sessions and Medical Camps

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,



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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.

#### 1-10 Make A Difference (MAD)

Make a Difference is a youth-driven, non-profit organization working to ensure better outcomes for children in orphanages and street shelters. MAD's vision is that even the most vulnerable children in society are able to realize equitable outcomes. Enthusiastic engineering students from Vellore Institute of Technology University who are MAD volunteers visit MBKG Pannai on the weekends to help our children. They tutor them in Science and Mathematics. They conduct a 3-day outbound experiential camp called the **Dream Camp** that help children to achieve their dreams through personal discovery, exploring new talents by challenging themselves & taking responsibility of their action/decisions. We thank the MAD volunteers for investing their time and effort in our children.

#### 1-11 Obituary

Mrs. Chandra Kanagarayan, an 85-year-old grandmother passed away in November 2019 after a brief period of age related illness. She served as a warden at MBKGP Home from 1993 to 1996 during the period of Dr. Pauline King. Her funeral service was held at the Home campus and the burial was done at the cemetery of CSI Kasam church.

#### 2 Sponsorship Program

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" is the experience of the good-willed people in the sponsorship program. Regular updates on the children and the happenings at the Home are the key to the success of the program. In addition to this, the salary deduction facility has made it more convenient for the sponsors and regular donors from CMC Hospital to continue their support.

When sponsors express their desire to support a child, a welcome pack with a brief history of the organization, background information about the child (a case history), a recent full-size photograph and a handwritten letter or a colouring page of the child is sent to them. Regular updates of the children are sent to the sponsor with the quarterly newsletter. In addition to this, an e-mail contact list of the sponsors is being maintained to make the correspondence quick and cost-effective. During special occasions and festive times, sponsors who have email IDs are sent video clips of the children singing or reciting a rhyme which makes them very happy.

#### **Statistics by percentage:**

Sponsors	Percentage of Sponsorship
Global Ministries, USA	77%
St. John's Church, Alresford, UK	2%



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Friends of Kasam, UK (Mr. John Ramsbottom & Friends)	4%
National & Local Sponsors	12%

5% of our children are currently without sponsorship. We would greatly appreciate your help in attaining 100% sponsorship for the children in the Home. I would like to thank Ms. Anita Grace Paul, our Sponsorship coordinator for her remarkable contribution to the programme.

In addition to the regular child sponsorship programme, people join us in celebrating their special occasions such as birthdays wedding anniversaries, thanksgiving and memorial days by sponsoring special meals / snacks to the children and elders. There is a tariff for the meals. In the recent times, number people sponsoring meals has increased which has reduced the food expenses considerably.

#### Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) London, UK

After a very thorough 'Due diligence' study and report we are for the last many years a REGISTERED CHARITY for UK donors. This registration allows all donors from UK to route their funds through the CAF, UK. The advantage of routing funds through the CAF UK is that the CAF adds on the tax rebate given on the donation and sends it to us.

#### Gift A Smile

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India is a registered public charitable trust, a part of CAF International network, whose mission is to promote and support strategic giving for a more equitable and sustainable society. CAF Partners with one of its clients, Amazon India, to help NGOs such as ours through a programme called 'Gift a Smile'. This is an in-kind donation program which let NGOs create their own wish list of products (books for children, sports equipment, puzzles, etc. and medical equipment like health monitors & mobility aids and a host of other products available on Amazon website) that are needed. This wish list is then displayed on Amazon's landing page and is visible to any person who visits the website and intends to fulfill a particular wish of the NGO.

I am glad to bring to your attention that, MBKG Pannai continues to be a beneficiary of this program. If you wish to donate through this programme you may visit <a href="www.amazon.in">www.amazon.in</a> and find our wish list.

#### 03 Bakery

The bakery unit was started initially as a training program for the boys who dropped out of school. In recent times, we have none of the boys who dropped out of the schooling system. The unit continues to run solely to meet the needs of the home and a few regular consumers. 22% of the bakery products are consumed by the home. The unit continues to run at a low profit which is less than the previous year. In the end of March 2020, Bakery production was stopped due to Covid 19 pandemic.



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#### **04 Tailoring Training Center**

The garment making unit was started to train the girls who dropped out of school. As we have NO girls dropping out of the school system the unit continues to run to meet the needs of the home and few regular customers like the CMC Hospital. The unit provides tailoring training to poor girls from the surrounding villages and also caters to 50% of the stitching requirements of the home. The TTC was closed due to Covid 19 since the end of March 2020.

#### 05 King's School

King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School caters to the educational needs of the children from the Home as well children from the surrounding Villages. It continues to provide quality education at an affordable cost. The strength for the academic year 2019 - 2020 was 725.

#### 5-01 Academic Excellence

In the 2020 Board Examinations, the students have fared well. In the 9<sup>th</sup> batch of 12th grade, out of 44 students 37 passed with 84 % percent result. The class topper in 12th grade was Pasupathi. G with a score of 521 out of 600. In 10th grade, all the 44 students were declared pass. In 10th grade, the class topper was Shanthini.N who secured 473 out of 500.

#### 5-02 Statistics

S.No	Category	Strength
01	Students	725
02	Teaching Staff	41
03	Non-Teaching Staff	20
	Total	786

#### School reopening and closing

The school reopened on  $6^{th}$  June, 2019 in the academic year 2019 - 2020 and came to an end on the  $24^{th}$  of March 2020, earlier than the normal date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### **Annual Day**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August King's school celebrated its Annual Day with great enthusiasm and zeal. The event started off with a prayer song by the school choir. The invited chief guests were Dr Arun Tom Mathew, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, VIT University and his wife Mrs. Gina George, Lecturer Dept. of Computer Science, Auxilium College. The Chief Guest Dr. Arun delivered the Annual day speech and distributed the prizes to students in various field like Academics, Arts and Sports. School Annual report was presented by the Principal Mrs. Anna Jagadish.

#### **Sports Day**



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This year King's School celebrated Independence Day along with Sports Day. Ms. Subi Swetha, International speed skater, Team India was the guest of honour. The chief guest lit the ceremonial Olympic torch after the spectacular, impressive and well synchronized march past by all the four houses. She also felicitated the young players and gave an inspirational speech on "Hard work". The children that won the competition were presented with Medals and Trophies.

#### **Christmas Celebration**

Christmas is the festival which inspires the spirit of sharing and carrying. The theme of our school Christmas celebration was "Jesus the light of the world". The invited chief guests were Prof. Dr. Rajesh Isaiah, Dept. of Radiotherapy, Christian medical college & Hospital, Vellore and his wife Mrs. Vanitha Rajesh. Dr. Rajesh gave a message on Christmas and drew the attention of the audience. The entire school vibrated with the echoes of Christmas carols. The cultural items were both in English and Tamil. The skit enacted by the junior school children inspired the spirit of sharing and caring. Students performed varieties of programs which highlighted the true meaning of Christmas.

#### GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLWDGEMENTS

- I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our well-wishers, donors and sponsors.
- Our chairman the Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithyanandham, Bishop in CSI Vellore Diocese for his leadership and prayers. We continue to pray for his ministry at the Vellore Diocese.
- Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala and Ms. Linda Lawrence of the Global Ministries in the US for their love, support and encouragement to us at all times.
- Mr. John Ramsbottom and Mrs. Marie White from the UK, for their continuous support for the development of MBKG Pannai. They visit us regularly and give their valuable suggestions for improvement of the Home and School.
- Mr. Simon Kirby family, UK for their continued support of the Kirby's family Scholarship fund for the poor children at the King's School.
- St. John's Church, Alresford, UK for their contribution to the Child Sponsorship programme and general support to the organization.
- Make A Difference (MAD) Volunteers from VITU, who selflessly come to the Home to teach the children.
- Pastor Patrick Fitzgerald and his church for their remarkable contribution to the development of the Home.
- The Director, the Faculty, Students, the General Services Board and friends of CMC Hospital, Vellore for their generosity and support to us. We wish to place on record our gratitude to the General Services Board for their generous gifts every year during Christmas.



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- The administrators, doctors and staff members of CMC Hospital and SIH-R&LC hospital for giving medical attention and also for taking care of our children, when we send them to their hospitals for medical care.
- Dr. B.J. Prashantham, the Secretary and Rev. I. Jared Arul Jebareuban, Treasurer for their leadership and support to the organization.
- Members of the Executive, Governing and General body for their continuous support.
- Alumni Association of MBKG Pannai for their involvement in the welfare of the organization.
- Staff of MBKG Pannai for their dedicated work and support for the welfare of the children and the development of the organization.

Y. Kirubahara Daniel Director.

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