

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF KARUNAI ILLAM MINISTRY, NOVEMBER - 2014

Greetings to all of you in the name of Lord and Savior

We are very grateful to you for your prayers, concerns and financial assistance. We pray for you and your family members regularly. Another Christmas is around the corner.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT:

What Christ is to us we ought, in our human measure, to be to others. Christmas means love. Christ came to our world to pour divine kindness on weary, needy, perishing human lives. The Christmas spirit in our hearts should send us out on the same errand. There is need everywhere for love's ministry. We should learn the true Christmas lesson of gentle, thoughtful kindness to those we love and to all we meet in life's busy ways.



New Contact at Aaripudhur

NEWS

By God's grace all the children are studying well. And tuition centers help them a lot as most of the parents are illiterate. We are very grateful to Dr.Puspa Eapan for helping us with our medical work. We go to Aaripudhur, Vinnamangalam, Anaikut, Allianadal, Cheyyar, Kamaraj nagar and Devikapuram. We are unable to find a suitable doctor to our Thanipadi centre as it is 120 kms from vellore.

TESTIMONY

Visalakshi, a poor rag picker is a powerful witness for the Lord in Sampath nagar. She is a widow with two sons. Elder one died of electric shock leaving his wife and two children. The younger one is an alcoholic, not taking care of his family. During daytime all three women go rag picking to earn their livelihood. In spite of all this problems around her, Visalakshi holds prayers everyday in front of her little hut, for which 10-15 people come. And seven of them have accepted the Lord and getting ready to take baptism.



Visalakshi's Prayer group

Nandini is an ardent believer in Jesus Christ from Narikuravar community, Sethuvalai. Every Tuesday along with some of her believing friends she takes the gospel to a place called Aaripudhar, another gypsy community and a prayer cell is formed there. As they were planning for her marriage, her mom died suddenly. Please pray for Nandini's future.



Miss.Nandini

VISITORS:



Cordelie



Joy and Geoff Levine



Valerie, Carey Frey and Eli

Dr. Cordelie from Switzerland, Joy and Geoff Levine from England, and Valerie Frey, Carey Frey and Eli, their grand daughter Dr. Joe Bergeron and Bernard visited our centers. In March, members of St. Luke's Orthodox Church accompanied by two pastors visited Periyar nagar. The young people put up a skit and showed them a film on cleanliness. They taught them a song and donated 10 big dustbins. All were given snacks. In October, 18 students from department of social welfare from Auxilium College, Vellore visited our NK center. Helena, Ted, Talia, Beryl, Bro. John Varathan, Padmarani and their son Paul visited our centers in October and spent their valuable time. Mrs. Aswathy Vijyakumar paid a visit in October.

JUS' BEADS:



Paper Beads



The first bead curtain with Nandini and Mary

Jewellery and ornaments which include necklace, bracelets, broaches, ear rings and eye glass holders made exclusively from paper beads, beads and semi precious stones. These special paper beads are handmade by the women. We have occasional Exhibition cum Sale in places wherever we are invited. We get orders for curtains made of paper beads. The first bead curtain is shown in the picture.

J Jireh Karunai Illam in Kanipakkam road, Chittoor district, AP. functions well under the leadership of Pastor Joshua and his wife Anita and a helper Parimala. There are 15 children now and they go to the government school nearby. They get extra help from the staff in the evenings. They are brought up with Christian values.



Tiny tots of JJ Karunai Illam

STAFF

There are 17 staff members now and most of them are couples and so easy for them to work with families. 5 of our staff kids are studying in Kings & Queens Higher Matriculation School, Arakonam and they stay in the hostel.



Staff Training Programme at Pravagam

Our staff had their annual retreat on 15th and 16th of August in Pravagam.

Mr. M.C Ponniah & Mrs. Sathyavathy Ponniah are resource people. Both of them are retired missionaries from BYM. They have worked in Orissa for 23 years and they have rich spiritual experience. Six sessions were held by

them on Holiness, Boldness, Sacrifice, and Fervency which was mixed with their experience. Peter Raj conducted a quiz from the Bible. Rajeswari, from periyar Nagar centre who is doing her bond in College of Nursing took care of all the ten children and kept them occupied with some interesting activities.

The speakers for our staff meetings are Mrs. Grace Jebasheelan, PG assistant Physics in Government Girls High School, Mrs. Felcia Victor, Mrs. Nesam, Mrs. Rani Anburaj, Mrs. Florence Jayshanker (BYM) Bro. Madhan Singh and Mr. John Varathan (Gospel for the People).

PRAYER POINTS:

Praise God for

1. all the visitors, sponsors, volunteers, committee members and prayer partners.
2. the staff retreat which was a great blessing to all of us.

Pray for

1. all the children in school to study well.
2. Nandhini, Mary, Sarath Kumar and Parameshwari that they get suitable Christian partners.
3. the Christmas programs in all the centers.
4. for the new contacts made in Aripudur, Pakkam, Sandavasal, and Vinayagarapuram this year.
5. Churches to be built in Periyar Nagar and Cheyyar
6. a community hall to be built in Thanipadi



A Christmas wish:

"Bless us, Lord, this Christmas with quietness of mind. Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Show us that in quietness we can feel your presence near, filling us with joy and peace throughout the coming year".

"May God, who hears our every prayer, bless
you in this holy season and throughout the new year"

We, Karunai Illam family wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Christ centred New Year, 2015.



with much love and prayers,
yours in His service,

J. Jepegnanam

Jean Jepegnanam

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