

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF KARUNAI ILLAM, DEC., 2013.

Dear friends,

Greetings to you in our Lord's Name. Our hearts are full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father who had guided the Karunai Illam family throughout this year and enabled us to celebrate one more Christmas. We really thank you for your encouraging letters, suggestions and support. We remember to pray for you and your family.

THOT:

It is Christ's Birthday. In among all our activities should come sweet thoughts of the love of God. The gifts we may receive should make us think of the greatest gift of all – when God gave His son. Let us all try to make our Christmas full of memories of Christ. Let the blessed love of Christ make a glad Christmas in our hearts, helping us to be like Christ himself in love, unselfishness and forgiveness.

1 John 4:11 'Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.'

News

Programs:

'Valuable Vessels' group conducted a program for the youth in which many of our youth participated and were benefited.,

A Training program took place in Periyar Nagar by Child Evangelism Fellowship was attended by twenty young people and it was very uplifting.

St. John's Sunday school children took some of our gypsies to Kasam during their picnic, where after all their play, they taught the girls to do some bead work and they made some necklaces and bracelets with beads which they proudly wore at the end of the day under the leadership of Viji.

20th Anniversary Thanks Giving Day was celebrated on 8th June in Ida Scudder School. God's faithfulness in the past years shared by the various members of KI was inspiring and touching. Many of our KI members presented a cultural feast for the audience. The chief guest of the program was Mr. J. Ramesh, Christian film maker, Chennai. Around 400 people attended the program and glorified God.



Training Program by CEF



During Gypsy mala

A Gypsy Mela was held on October 19th and the speaker was Sr. Prema who is a gypsy herself and her testimony was very powerful and touching. Her daughter Sr.Suvetha led in praise and worship and around 250 gypsies from different gypsy pockets were gathered to hear the testimony and were much encouraged to grow in God's Grace.

Education

All the children were promoted this year, two girls Kauvery and Thillakavathy got into Diploma Nursing in Rainy Hospital, Chennai. Pandian has joined for a 6 month course (AC Mechanic) in RUSHA. The tuition classes in different centres are very beneficial as the parents are illiterate. 7 girls are admitted in Rehoboth Hostel and four boys in Arul Yesu Illam, IMF, Thiruthani.

MEDICAL

Medical Programs take place regularly and Dr. Pushpa Eapen comes without fail whenever she is free in spite of all the inconveniences encountered in the villages.

VISITORS



Dr. Geoff and Pastor Joy Levine along with their son James (UK), Retd. DRO Mr. Mohan, Mrs. Mary Osterling (USA), Mrs. Dorathy Vick, her brother, her daughter and two grand children (USA), Mark and his two church members Molly and Amy (USA), The Humanitarian Clowns International, Mr. Growse (Blossoms Leather) from Hosur and Dr. Nirmal from Bengaluru visited our centres and contributed their efforts to promote the standard of living of the villagers using their own talents..

ACTIVITIES

1st week of August being 'Breast Feed week ' 15 students from the college of nursing, CMC visited Sethuvalai gypsy centre and showed them the importance of breast feeding through songs and skit.

Under the leadership of Ms. Lynda Christopher, Dept. of Social work, Auxilium College visited our centre with a group of girls and conducted a HIV Awareness Program through songs and skit.

The VBS teachers' Training Program conducted by IBL was attended by all the staff who subsequently taught the children the deeper truths of the Bible in their own centres with the help of some available volunteers.



Jus' Beads

Now the Periyar Nagar women are taught to make beads with paper by viji and it is a source of earning for them.

STAFF

The following friends spoke in our staff meetings and encouraged us. Rev. Selvaraj from Solid Foundation Ministry, Bro. Luther from TWR, Bro. Nobleraj from CEF, Rev. Rajendran, Pastor, St. John's church, Rev. David Premkumar, Mullai Outreach Ministry, Dharmapuri, Bro. Selvam retd staff of BYM., Rev. Chandakanth, and Rev. Paul Dhinakaran (retd missionary of BYM). On 24th and 25th of July a staff training programme was conducted at Pravagam and the resource people were Mr. Herbert Samuel, SU and Rev. Walter Sundar Singh, Ranipet. We had a Bible Study on James by Walter and Herbert imparted many methods of training to reach people with the gospel. The games "Swedish Long ball" and "Blind Volley ball" which we had in between the sessions were invigorating. The food and accommodation was excellent.



On 30th and 31st August, IMA National Leadership conference was held in Hindustan Bible Institute and college and the theme was a 'decade of opportunity'. Viji, Shankar and I attended the conference and was much blessed by it.

OUTREACH



The new places that are reached by our youth are Senkuttai, Yeriputhur, Agarancheri, Alliandal, Akkarai, Kudisai Karai, Valluvar Colony, Annasipalayam, and Narayana Kuppam. Obeying the commandment of God, nine gypsies, two from Kamaraja Nagar and nine from Periyar Nagar and fourteen from Devikapuram took baptism.

J Jireh Karunai Illam, Eguva Palakor, Chittoor Dist.



By God's grace, in August, the home started functioning with proper staff and 8 destitute children selected from the nearby locality. They are aged between 5 – 8 years of both genders. They attend the government school in the nearby village. A visit is made every week to assess the proper functioning of the home.

PRAISE POINTS

Praise God for

- enabling us to build a chain link fence around the home
- providing us with committed staff for looking after the home
- the permission to run the home from the District Women and child Development Agency, Chittoor
- the staff, volunteers, prayer partners, committee members and sponsors
- all the program and activities that has sustained our faith
- the children who have joined for higher studies
- safe delivery of twin girls to Vaitheeswari



Vaitheeswari with the twins

PRAY FOR

- wisdom for all the school going children
- those who took baptism to grow in faith
- Sathya and Roja's child who has mental complications
- Venkatesh who had injured his back
- the youth to stand firm in the Lord
- all the Christmas programmes to be meaningful and enjoyable
- all karunai illam members that we should be in the center of God's will in the coming year

Kindly let us know your e mail id so that we can reduce the postage cost.

We, the karunai illam family take this opportunity to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Christ centred New Year .2013.

With much Love and Prayers

Yours in His service

J. Jepegnanam

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