

## Newsletter of Karunai Illam Ministry. November,2016

Dear friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your encouragement, support and prayers. Continue to pray for us that we'll be always kept in God's will. The days have gone by so quickly and we are racing into November. Soon it will be Christmas and the end of the year 2016.

Though everything around us changes, only our Lord Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today and for ever. How wonderful to have such a loving Saviour with whom we can enjoy a close intimacy.

D. Wada Robinson, in his song says like this :

His forever only His: Who the lord and me shall part?

Ah!..with what a rest of bliss ,Christ can fill the loving heart!

Heaven and earth may fade and flee: Firstborn light in gloom decline:

But while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine.

### News

#### Education

I am extremely happy to inform you that all the three girls Anita, Kala and Moulika who joined diploma Nursing in CMC have passed their exams. Moulika scored 85%. Praise God for her achievement. Alex Pandian has joined Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram for a Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology. Thilagavathy will be finishing her Nursing course in Rainy Hospital this year. John, from the gypsy community is in the Shalom hostel, Gandhinagar, doing his 7<sup>th</sup> std., in Don Bosco. Three more gypsy boys, Sathyaraj, Ebenezer and Sanjay are in Karunalaya, Jabrapet and studying in the Higher Secondary School, Vanjur. Regular tuition is given in all the centres as most of the parents are illiterate and the children need extra help.



#### Medical Aid

Dr. Marjorie is now helping us with the medical work. Every Thursday evening, we go to a village. Some more ladies also come during that time and we do the gospel work simultaneously. Serious cases are referred to CMC&H.



## Staff

Thabitha, one of our staff members attended Community Lay Leaders Health Training Certificate Course conducted by Distance Education Dept., of CMCH which is very useful which could be easily adapted in village surroundings. Six of our staff members attended Ganesereth Muham arranged by TWR, Kalpakkam on Christian maturity. Peter Raj and Thabitha attended a seminar on Counselling Level 1 & 2 arranged by MUT at ODC. A State Level Consultative workshop on Health and Education of Vagiriyar (gypsies) was held in chepauk, Chennai. Sunder, our staff who works with the gypsies attended it. At every monthly staff meeting those who have attended such special programmes share their experiences with others so that everyone is benefited.

## Visitors

Lancaster group from United Reformed church, namely June, Ceri, Jean and Alison visited us. Dr.Rehab, wife of Dr.Safaa paid us a visit in Feb., In Sept., Rev. and Mrs. Harris Sukanandam along with their daughter, Nalini came to see us and we had a very meaningful time of sharing and celebration with them.



On Nov 1<sup>st</sup>., a team of 19 members along with Rev. Patrick Fitzgerald visited our gypsy centre. The children were happy to miss school that day and greet the visitors. It was a day of festivity, as they painted their nails, their faces, interesting games were held and had both western and Indian dances. They also white washed two houses. Each family had their photograph taken and they were also given 2 kg of rice, 1 kg dhal and 1kg of oil. It was raining on and off but nobody minded it.

## Community Hall at Arumparathy

**gypsy Colony, Cheyyar:** A community hall is being built here to cater to the needs of the gypsy friends here. We are hoping that we'll finish it before Christmas so that we can have Day Care, Tuition, medical work on week days and worship on Sundays as all this is done under the trees now.





**J Jireh Home at Kanipakkam, AP;** From a distance, it looks a haven of rest with bright and beautiful flowers in white, yellow, red, orange and blue. There are 16 children, well looked after, studying in a local Govt school., which has Telugu as medium of instruction .They are brought up in Christian nature by Pastor. Joshua and his wife Anita who are the care takers.

These precious children are physically,spiritually and academically doing well and growing steadily.

The children have already started practice for Christmas in different villages. Please pray that all the programmes should be very meaningful, enriching and bring glory to God.



Karunai Illam family takes this opportunity to wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a bright New Year,2017.



Shall close with much love and prayers,

yours in his service,

Jean Jepegnanam.

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