NEWSLETTER OF KARUNAI ILLAM FEBRUARY, 2018

Dear friends,

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

One month of the year 2018 is already over and we have entered February.

THOUGHT:

Statistics show that the average person's mind stays focused for only eleven seconds before drifting. Whenever your mind wanders to negative or distressing thoughts, turn your mind to great Bible verses that tell of the power, majesty, love, and mercy of God. Praise Him for past blessings. Positive and negative thoughts cannot occupy the same space in your mind at the same time. "I will sing each morning about your power and mercy. For you have been my high tower of refuge, a place of safety in the day of my distress: Psalm 59:16

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed-Finding as He promised, Perfect peace and rest. (Frances R. Havergal)

NEWS

Christmas was celebrated in 9 different villages. Most of the villagers gathered to see their children bring out the message of Christmas through songs, memory verses, dances and skits. In Sethuvalai, the theme chosen by the children was "Inner Beauty" and the whole



programme was very meaningful. Dr. Daniel Gunabalan, Principal of Ida Scudder School gave the message. We are very grateful to the Ortho Department of CMCH as they sponsored the dinner on that day as well as on another day when the entire department brought food and ate with us





In Arumparathy, Cheyyar, the celebration wason the 15th of January-during Pongal, as around Christmas time the villagers go for sale to different places. Last year it was under the trees but this year God has given us a nice building. About 25 of us including the missionary kids from Balar Nilayam arrived there at 11am.

The young girls stood outside and welcomed us with their handmade flowers. Even the children from the fortune tellers' community were there. There were dances, memory verses, skits and testimonies which were very touching. Mrs. Ramilla Selvaraj gave the message. The children were given gifts and the elderly were given blankets. The missionary Samraj's wife,

Peniel, had stitched pretty dresses for the Day Care children.



Visitors who came for the Christmas programme at Arumparuthy, Cheyyar



On 3rd November, Mothers in Prayer International was held and around 30 mothers were present in the chapel in Sethuvalai. Mrs.Mary Johnson and Mrs. Glory Paul from the College of Nursing taught them the four different steps of prayer and how two mothers together in one mind, based on the promises from the word, can pray for their children once a week for making it effective.



At Mothers in Prayer International

Seven boys attended the "HALO" camp conducted by BYM (Blessing Youth Mission) during the Pongal holidays in Sitteri Hills and 21 boys and girls attended a one day retreat conducted by Valuable Vessels Ministry on 26th Jan and were greatly blessed by it.

On the same day 41 women gathered in Periyar Nagar Church for a day of Prayer.

On 30thJanuary, we were invited by Vijayshree Jewelers for their daughter Shreeya's blessing ceremony which was conducted before the wedding in a Kalyana Mandapam. 53 gypsies along with Udavum Ullangal and Bless Trust beneficiaries were present. After the initial introduction, our gypsies performed a dance blessing the couple after which they were served a sumptuous lunch. Each family was given 5 kg Ponni boiled rice, 1kgToor Dhal and a litre of Sunflower oil. We are very grateful to them for their generosity.

This year for the first time a medical camp was conducted in Kamaraj Nagar. Dr.Margery Immanuel, Susheela Buckleraj, Annapushpam and I went and about 25 patients were treated. During that time Annapushpam got the children together and told them stories and taught them many songs.



❖ God has been so faithful in guiding and leading us so far that we should be celebrating our silver Jubilee in June, 2018. The Committee decided that we Start an "ENDOWMENT FUND" and if you would like to contribute towards it, please state it specifically. The account no. is the same.

We need your prayers and we also pray for you.

Shall close with much love and prayers,

yours in his service, Jean Jepegnanam

The bank details are given below if you want to support KI. cheques to be made in favour of "Karunai Illam Trust".

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