NEWSLETTER OF KARUNAI ILLAM, Dec. 2017

Greetings in our Lord's name.

Time flies by. It looks as if the year started only now, but the Christmas season has come so quickly. What have we done with the time? Psalm 90:12 says 'Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" The Bible also says "one who is wise wins souls". So let us ask God to give us wisdom to win souls for His kingdom in the short span of life that we have on earth.

Let me thank you all for your kind, encouraging letters, contributions, and for giving us the articles which we needed like camera, sewing machine and a garbage cart. They will all be well used.



A Marriage Enrichment Seminar was held for 15 couples of Periyar Nagar in Zion Hill on Oct 2nd, it being a holiday. Away from their mundane work along with the resource persons Bro. George and his wife Prema, we proceeded to Zion Hill near Kasam. Very practical talks were given by Bro. George with personal experiences for a peaceful home. They were seated as couples and the men served tea to their wives for a change! Lunch was like a love feast- what each couple had brought was shared by all. There were some games which everyone enjoyed. After that whoever felt energetic enough to climb the hill, did so. Altogether it was an enjoyable and meaningful day.



Pastor.Peter Raj who is stationed at Devikapuram who has contact with more than 20 villages has formed prayer cells which will hopefully become a church soon; the group leaders are trained periodically.

We had a very fruitful time when a team came along with Rev.Stancil Robert from 7th Nov to 10th. Every evening they were taken to different centres after the children came back from home. They taught them some lively English choruses with actions, the story of creation, death and resurrection of lesus, the reason why lesus came into the world.

The children were given some puzzles to solve and a book mark on which they wrote a verse. They were taught to make a cross and each one was given a gift consisting of a face towel, a cake of soap, a brush, toothpaste, a biscuit packet and a bar of chocolate.







On 11th Nov., Sathya's house located in the gypsy colony, sethuvalai was dedicated for the glory of God. This is the first house with a toilet. We are very grateful to the donor. At the function, Mr. Joseph Sugunaseelan, retired professor from Thiagaraja Engineering College, Madurai, spoke about the wise man who built his house upon the rock. We had dinner for all after the function..

Shalini, from Kamaraja Nagar an ardent believer in Jesus Christ scored very good marks in her plus two exam but somehow missed applying for CMC. But by God's grace she got in for B.Sc. Nursing in Nightingale College of Nursing, Coimbatore. She is happy there and is slowly settling down.



The new gypsy centre which started sometime ago at Arumparathy village near cheyyar is growing well. In the morning after the Day Care and lunch some young girls stay back to learn sewing as both Samraj and Peniel working there as missionaries know how to sew. Dr.Anbu suresh, Medical Superintendent of Scudder Memorial Hospittal. Ranipet has kindly agreed to adapt this gypsy colony as their outreach programme for health care.





"Rescue Team Training And Competition" Programme was orgainised on 11th Nov., and some of our boys from Periyar Nagar got awards from the collector for swimming and climbing trees with the help of ropes.



J Jireh Karunai Illam: A cow and a calf has

been gifted to KI. It gives 4 litres of milk in the morning and 4 litres in the evening and so the children get good, fresh milk. Thanks are due to the donor.

Here is the picture of the garbage cart which was bought recently for Sethuvalai centre; we hope they will be able to segregate the garbaget properly and dispose of it. Thanks to the donors.



- → 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.
- ♣ As we have started sending the mail online please send your mail id.
- ♣ As we have to celebrate Christmas in a number of villages, please remember it in your prayers and what children are going to do should glorify God and bring the real meaning of Christmas.



On behalf of our Karunai Illam family I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas

and a Bright New Year, 2018
God bless you all.

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 are to be made in favour of **Karunai illam Trust**.

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