

Newsletter of Karunai Illam, March, 2017

Dear friends,

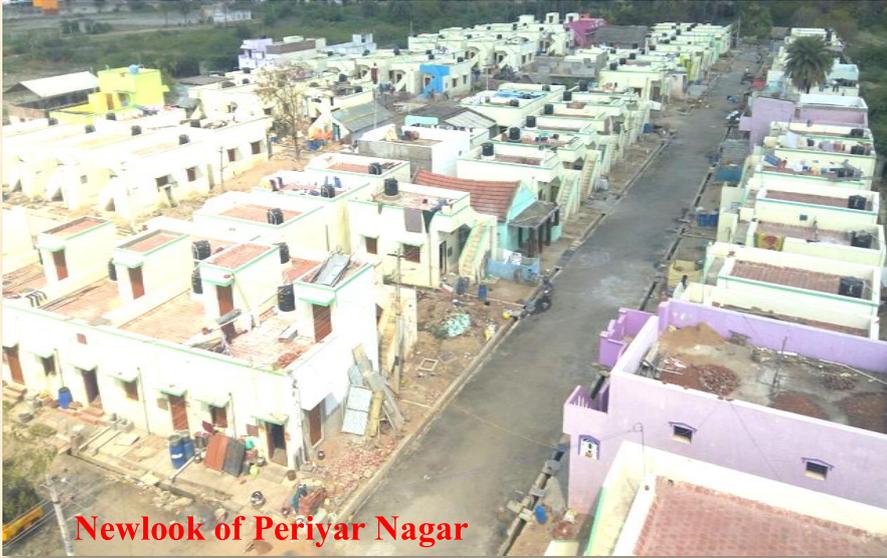
Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

God had been doing marvelous things and many are coming to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

NEWS

PERIYAR NAGAR

PN which is situated behind Mango Mandy has 148 plots which were given by the government for the poor when they were shifted from behind the fort fifteen years back. The people here were building houses according to their capacity, some mere huts and some



Newlook of Periyar Nagar

concrete buildings. But two years back, a central govt project called *Kudisai Matru Variyam* project chose PN to implement their building scheme. Their condition was they should have a patta in their name and should contribute Rs.50,000/ and they would build a beautiful concrete building with water and toilet inside. They built 120 houses and laid a good concrete road and they left only last month. Thank

God.

On Republic Day, a retreat was held for youth and 52 boys and girls attended it. The speaker was Senthil, (Library, CMCH) and everyone who attended was benefitted.

On 8th Feb., a meeting was held for the dropouts in PN by the social workers of LCECU and about 12 children were present with their mothers. They were encouraged to pursue their studies.

SETHUVALAI, Vallandaramam

Twenty one years ago the District Collector built 26 houses for the families in the gypsy colony. Now, as and when their children get married, they do not have a home of their own and so they build small thatched huts adjoining their parents' houses. Rev. Patrick Fitzgerald from Ireland, along with his church members, visit Karunai Illam every year. They decided to build houses for the families who do not own one and so far they have built two. The third one is under construction. They also repaired the roof of the church and it looks new.



Seduvalai Church after renovation

These vibrant believers have started early morning worship from 5am-6am for women and 6am -7am for men. We are praying that it will become a model gypsy village and bring glory to God.

During the Christmas season, a Haggai group and 25 persons from CMCH attended the function at Sethuvalai and they contributed for the Christmas dinner. Thanks are due to them.



Tuition centre
at Kamaraja Nagar

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This place is situated near Virinjipuram. The villagers are mainly daily wage workers. We have a tuition centre here and about 40 children attend the tuition classes. The graduate boys from the same villages take tuition after their work. On Nov 8th Mrs. Nellie Jeyathilak, to commemorate her husband's death anniversary, came to spend time with the children, pray with them and give them

some snacks. She noticed that the tuition centre needed a door and windows and so she arranged for iron grills and an iron door. These have been painted and it looks more like a place for learning now! I am very grateful to Nellie for having responded to the need she saw in Kamaraja Nagar.



Christmas Programme
at Arumbaruthy Gypsy colony, Cheyyar

ARUMPARATHY GYPSY COLONY, CHEYYAR

For the past three years we have been celebrating Christmas in this colony during the Pongal holidays because that is the time all the families are around. During Christmas time they go out to sell their goods. This time many young people participated and glorified God.



Community Hall

For many years the families had been worshipping under the trees and we were all praying for a church building. God heard our prayers and the Karunai Illam Community Hall was made possible through the sacrificial giving of Joy, Geoff Levine and their daughter Ruth and son-in-law Martin. We plan to use this facility for worship on Sundays, fasting prayer on Fridays and also as a centre for day

care, tuition, sewing classes and medical services. It was dedicated to the glory of God on January 30th as Geoff and Joy were in Vellore. Our thanks are due to them.

Many new villages have been contacted by our missionaries. In Alliandel, a church has started with some members of that village through the contact made by Pastor Peter Raj of Devikapuram.

STAFF PICNIC CUM RETREAT

On 23rd and 24th of Nov., our staff went for an outing to Yelagiri and stayed in Shaloam which was a beautiful spot. Pastor Premkumar, his wife Lillian and his daughter Johanna who work among the tribals in a remote area in Dharmapuri were the resource persons. We were



enriched spiritually by the talks. Johanna led us in worship and during the sessions for the staff she looked after the children. She also arranged interesting games for us. We had a lovely time at Yelagiri.

VISITORS

During the past few months we have had several visitors. These include Dawn, a friend of Joe and Denny Fleming, Dorothy Vick's friends, Jill, Mary, Jeena, Grace Moses' friend, Amul and her son Mark from Lebanon, Joy and Geoff Levine, Kate Gunther, Dr. Peter Hill and his wife Christine and my sisters Sheila, Beulah, Sheila's son Pastor James and his wife Eunice. We were greatly encouraged by these visits. Kindly remember the children from all the centers who are writing their 10th and 12th Board Exams and pray for their future.



Ps. James making the dropouts enacts a story

Once again we thank you for your support. Please continue to remember the work of KIM in your prayers- that we should be always in the centre of God's will.



Sis. Eunice imparting the fact that all we need is JESUS

Ps. Joy Livine telling them a parable



Worship time at Seduvalai Church



With much love & Prayers,
Yours in His service,
JEAN JEPEGNAM



Cheerful kids at Muruganandhal

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