



# MGRC NEWS

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## Eye Camp Conducted in Aruvikkara Panchayat

An eye camp was conducted for Aruvikkara Panchayat at the Bethelgiri CSI Church, Cheriyakonni, on 14th February 2015. The medical team from the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology consisted of Doctors Vidhya and Jisha, Technicians: Sukanya, Sithara, Subina and Seles, and Eye Bank Counsellor Santhi.

A total of 107 patients, consisting of 42 men and 65 women, were examined. Seven cataract cases were detected. They will be followed up with surgery. Forty three patients were given medicines and 38 were given spectacles.

Mr.K.John, Hon. Director, Prof.(Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Baby Kurien, Hon. Jt. Secretary, Mr. Chacko Mathai, Manager (Admin), Mr.Faustin M Rajan, Manager (CBR), Office staff and Community Workers consisted of the organizing team. Rev. ArunKumar, Vicar and the Parishoners of the Bethelgiri CSI Church rendered all cooperation for the successful conduct of the eye camp.



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## From the Editor's Desk

**“The day which we fear as our last is but the birthday of eternity.” ~Seneca**

The most certain thing in the life of any person is death. However, the time of death is most uncertain. No one knows when it comes. Death of a loved one is always painful. The pain is aggravated when life ends at a very tender age. Parents and relatives suffer excruciating pain when their young children die. It is the most difficult thing to bring any kind of consolation to people who lost their young ones. And it is foolishness to even try. Words become inadequate at such times. However, our mere presence with them might be of help. Our sincere prayers will also help. And it is our moral responsibility too.

**“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.” Romans 14:8**

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## Eye Camp at Aruvikkara Panchayat







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## **CBR Program: PMR Field Visit**

The visit of doctors from the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department, Medical College, Trivandrum was conducted in Kudappanakunnu and Vattiyoorkavu Panchayats on 26 February 2015. Dr. G.Zachariah, Dr. Maheswar Vijay and Dr.Sangeetha Ramdas consisted of the medical team. Four clients in Kudappanakunnu Panchayat and two in Vattiyoorkavu Panchayat were examined. Medicines prescribed were supplied the following day. Both the clients and the family members were given instructions on how to follow up with the treatment and physio-therapy.

Prof. (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Faustin M. Rajan, Manager (CBR), Mr.C.L.Johny and Mrs. Sindhu (Community Workers) accompanied the medical team.







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## CBR Program

Number of Clients Cared for the Previous Month	
Visually Impaired	8
Orthopaedically Handicapped	181
Hearing Impaired	10
Mentally Retarded	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>

## Obituary



Mr. K.C.Eapen (95), Nellettu Kandathil, Kuravankonam was called to his heavenly abode. His funeral was conducted on 14th Feb. 2015. He retired as Executive Engineer from Public Works Department, Govt. of Kerala. He was a former committee member of MGRC.

Mr.K.John, Hon. Director, Cdr. A.C.Mammen, senior member of MGRC and former Secretary, and Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, had visited the house and paid homage to the departed soul, on behalf of MGRC. May his soul rest in peace!





## CBR Program: Economic Rehabilitation

### New self employment schemes sanctioned during the previous month.

Sl.	Name	Category of disability	Panchayat	Category of scheme	Amount ₹
1.	Surendradas	OH	Vellanad	Petty Shop	3000
2.	Aji	OH	Vilappil	Candle Making	3000
3.	Samma	OH	Vellanad	Firewood business	3000
4.	Anilkumar	OH	Vattiyoorkavu	Lottery business	1500
5.	Chandran	OH	Vilappil	Petty Shop	3000
6.	Vikraman Nair	OH	Vilappil	Vegetable shop	3000
7.	Indira	OH	Vellanad	Tailoring	5000
8.	Aswani	MR	Kudappanakunnu	Tailoring	5000
9.	Sandra	OH	Vilappil	Tailoring	5000
10.	Manu	MR	Aruvikkara	Tailoring	5000
11.	Devaki	OH	Aruvikkara	Tailoring	5000
12.	Sivadev	MR	Aruvikkara	Tailoring	5000
13.	Abhijith Lekha	OH	Vilappil	Tailoring	5000



## **CBR Program: House of Sheela gets new roof**

### **Sheela Soman (33 Yrs) Vellanad**

She has been suffering from poly arthritis from the age of nine. She suffers pain in all joints. As a result her steps are not steady and she tends to fall frequently. Her father suffers heart and asthmatic problems. Mother is having mental depression. Sheela is the eldest of three sisters and both the younger ones are married. She is provided continuously with the medicines she requires. The roof of her house has been dilapidated and it was renovated by repairing the structure and replacing the roof tiles with fibre sheets, at a total cost of about ₹ 52,000 - , thanks to the Holy Trinity Prayer Fellowship, Orthodox Church Centre, Iloor, Trivandrum which donated the amount.

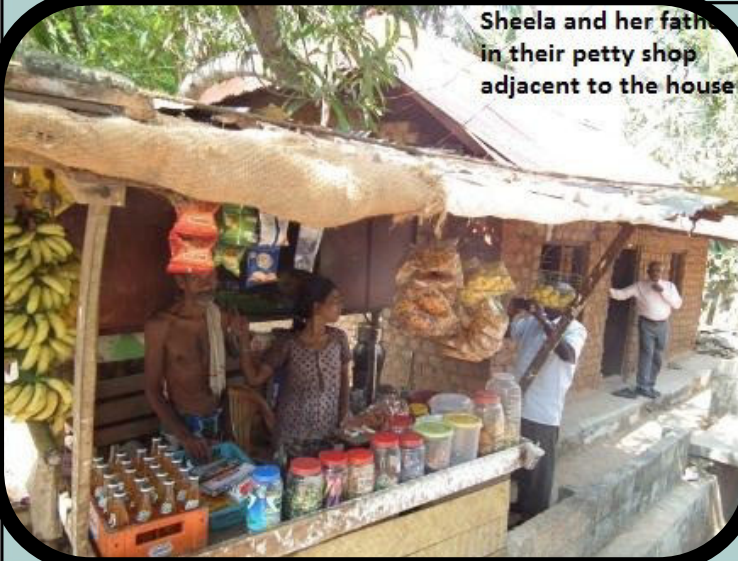
**Sheela's house after renovation**



**Sheela, with her father in front of their house**



**Sheela and her father in their petty shop adjacent to the house**



**Sheela's house before renovation**







*Our Patron Saint*

*Mar Gregorios*

*of*

*Parumala*

*Our President*

*H.G. Geevarghese*

*Mar Coorilose*



## **Vision Statement**

- ◆ MGRC is a non-profit making society registered under the Travancore-Cochin Scientific, Literary and Charitable Societies Registration Act (Reg. No. 235/83)
- ◆ MGRC tries to bring succor to persons with various types of disabilities such as visually impaired, orthopedically handicapped, hearing impaired and mentally retarded
- ◆ Area of operation consists of six village panchayats around Trivandrum city.
- ◆ Medical, economic and social rehabilitation service is provided to all deserving persons with disabilities in the area irrespective of their caste, creed or religion.
- ◆ This is a community based rehabilitation work and therefore the beneficiaries live and work in their own homes.
- ◆ Beneficiaries are chosen irrespective of cast, creed, or religion.

## **Services rendered**

- Counseling
- Transporting them to hospitals
- Giving medicines & provisions
- Arranging surgery, physiotherapy etc.
- Providing equipment such as artificial limbs, calipers, braces, crutches, hearing aids, spectacles etc.
- Providing finance to start self-employment schemes like tea shop, vegetable shop, petty shop, tailoring shop, goat rearing etc. &
- Providing educational assistance to disabled and poor students.

**How could you help  
this ministry**

**By upholding this ministry in  
your prayers.**

**By your physical involvement.**

**By providing financial support.**

**By telling others about this  
ministry.**