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Friends from Hongkong visit MGRC



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From the Editor's Desk

**“A woman brought you into this world, so you have no right to disrespect one” -
Tupac**

Every day the media, both print and electronic, bring reports on some kind of violence against women, that happens across the country. Women don't seem to be safe anywhere, whether it be their homes or outside. Women are harassed and are being ill-treated by their husbands, in-laws and even sons. Fathers abusing their girl children are not rare any more. Unfortunately even women connive with men to ill treat other women. Dowry deaths, cheating by giving false promises of marriage, human trafficking all have become so common in our society. The number of crimes against women are on the increase. Even public places like offices, buses and trains are not a safe place for her. The number of crimes reported, as compared to the previous years, are also on the increase. Stringent law to prevent crimes against women could not help. Even a state like Kerala where the literacy rate is so high, is no exception. No law can help unless we change our attitude toward women. We need to learn to respect women. Women are not a 'thing' to be used or misused. She is a person, an individual who deserves our respect. Every religion teaches this truth, though some misinterpret it for their selfish interests. The Bible is very clear about this topic leaving no room for any ambiguity.

**Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity
as you would your own sisters. 1 Timothy 5:2**

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Visit of friends from Hong Kong

Two couples from Hong Kong, Mr. Michael Spencer and Mrs. Connie Spencer, and Mr. Martin K. Matsui and Mrs. Christine Van, who were on a private visit to Kerala, visited MGRC on 7th April 2015. They also visited a few of our clients to have a first-hand knowledge of the nature of our ministry and particularly the CBR program among the poor people with disabilities. They have been quite impressed with our work and made an on the spot donation of ₹80,000/-, as a token of their appreciation.



Mohanan , 45 Yrs :

He had an injury on his left heel which did not heal and turned cancerous.

He was identified by us in 1999. Ever since we are giving him all the medicines. Ultimately the leg was amputated above the knee in 2012. A walker and wheel chair were provided by us in course of time. Mohan's wife Geetha is a handicapped (club foot) person. They have two sons. The elder one aged 8 Yrs is also a patient and is suffering from Mitochondrial myopathy.

Mohan is being given provisions of food regularly every month under our J D F program. The dilapidated roof of their house was repaired by us recently.

Jayarosy, 60 Yrs :

Jayarosy was a construction worker. She fell down from the first floor of a building and her spinal cord got injured. Consequently she became paralysed below waist. She is bedridden and is our client since 2011. She has been given a wheel chair, and a sewing machine. Medicines, catheter and urine bags are provided regularly. Jayarosy is staying with her husband and daughter. Her daughter is using the sewing machine to do tailoring work.





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Ajin , 3 Yrs

Victim of Cerebral palsy. He also suffers from seizures. He was identified in 2014. All the medicines required are being given by the centre. A C-P- Chair also was given to him. A sewing machine was given to his mother recently.



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Aromal, 11 Yrs :

Victim of muscular dystrophy. This condition results in progressive muscular deterioration. The boy is dependent on others for all his needs. We have provided him with a paediatric light weight wheel chair . His sister Adithya is having only rudimentary cervical ribs. Their father, a carpenter, cannot go for work continuously, owing to breathing problems. .



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Nesamma 75 Yrs :

Staying with her unmarried daughter who looks after her. A Paralytic stroke crippled her 4 years back. She was identified by us in 2012 . Ever since, the medicines required are being given regularly. Though she was showing signs of improvement, six months back she had another stroke. Again it is very difficult for her to move about. Her dilapidated house was repaired recently by providing a new roof. Nesamma also is being given provisions of food under our JDF program.



Vijayan receives financial assistance to expand business

Vijayan (38), is a resident of Karakulam Panchayat. He is a polio victim from childhood and walks with difficulty with the help of a stick. He and his wife have two children. He has been engaged in tailoring to make a living. Unfortunately he finds it difficult to make both ends meet. He intends to increase his income by engaging in a small textile business, besides the tailoring he already does. MGRC has granted an amount of ₹3000/- to expand his business, under our self-employment scheme.



Vijayan receives the grant at MGRC from Prof. D.Mathew, Vice President, while Mr. K. John, Hon. Director and Mr. Baby Kurien, Hon. Joint Secretary look on.



CBR Program

Number of Clients Cared for during the Previous Month

Visually Impaired	8
Orthopaedically Handicapped	173
Hearing Impaired	9
Mentally Retarded	14
Total	204



CBR Program

Details of Aids and Equipment distributed during the previous month.

Sl. #	Name of Equipment	Name of Client	Name of Panchayat
1	MCR Back Strap Chappals	Peerukannu Alphonsa Shylaja	Vilappil Aruvikkara Vellanad
2	Quadripoid	Gopalakrishnan	Vilappil
3	Knee Cap	Sukumari Sasi Chandrika	Vattiyoorkavu Vattiyoorkavu Vellanad
4	Knee Brace	Santha	Vattiyoorkavu
5	Ankle Foot Orthosis & Chappal	Sakunthala	Vilappil
6	Ankle Foot Orthosis & Shoes	Aswani Arun Chand Shijith	Vattiyoorkavu Karakulam Vilappil
7	Scale Splint	Haris Abu	Vattiyoorkavu
8	Paediatric Wheel Chair	Aromal	Vattiyoorkavu
9	Shoulder Support	Biju	Vilappil
10	Cock up Splint	Biju	Vilappil

**CBR Program****Details of Aids and Equipment distributed during the previous month.(Contd.)**

Sl. #	Name of Equipment	Name of Client	Name of Panchayat
11	Commod Stool	Sulochana Hazeena	Vellanad Vellanad
12	Special Chair	Hazeena	Vellanad
13	Special Table	Hazeena	Vellanad
14	Elbow Crutches	Kasturi Chandrika	Vattiyoorkavu Vellanad
15	Tripoid	Johnson	Vattiyoorkavu
16	Commod Chair	Johnson	Vattiyoorkavu
17	LS Belt	Yasoda	Vattiyoorkavu
18	Hearing Aid	Renjima	Vilappil
19	White Cane	Vijayadas Sasi	Vellanad Aruvikkara
20	Spectacles Supplied: 30 nos		



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Mar Gregorios
of
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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.**