

SNEHATHEERAM & SNEHAGIRI

(A project of Thiruvananthapuram - Kollam Diocese of
Mar Thoma Syrian Church)



WAKE UP TO THE CHALLENGE

HIV/AIDS

Report for the month of April, 2015

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is indeed great pleasure to greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The month of April was very useful and at the same time very precious to the Snehatheeram family. As school vacation has started, we could use more time with our children with many programmes.

We thank St. Johns Mar Thoma Church, London for their support in starting a new computer education and career guidance programme for our children at Snehagiri. We could buy five computers and a UPS with four hours back up with the financial aid. The whole expense of the course is met by the Church. The students are accommodated in different batches. The first batch was for boys. 14 boys stayed at Snehagiri for 14 days and participated in the course. Special classes for English and Public Service Commission examination preparation were also included in the Syllabus. The Students are enrolled for government examination and will appear for the same in August. It was a time to know the strength and weakness of our children and could guide them properly. The parents witness the change in their children after the stay with us and the vacation Bible School Programme.

Cultural Exchange and fellowship programme was a new experience to us. Youths from Puthukkad Jerusalem and Puthukkad Bethel joined with the children of Snehatheeram and had fellowship with them. Joint programmes and sharing helped them knowing each other more intimately. The love of Christ which surpasses all understanding was the key force which made everything possible. Visit and fellowship in the houses of Snehatheeram family was also arranged. Joint picnic also was very useful. The programme gave more hope in the youths of this generation in their kindness and compassion towards the needy and suffering.

Our annual VBS was held April 27 to May 1, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The Theme was "The Promise". 50 children from Snehatheeram family and 35 children from nearby churches such as Hebron Mar Thoma Church and Zion Mar Thoma Church participated in the VBS. Ms. Shruthi and Master. Sangeeth led the singing session. Devotion classes were handled by Bro. Robin Kunjumon and Ms. Suji. VBS brought children more close to Jesus and they dedicated themselves for serving Lord.

As the month of April was very busy to Snehatheeram the fellowship for Mannanthala was organised on 31st March 2015. Food kits were also distributed in the fellowship. Manjalummudu fellowship was on 11th April 2015 in which the youths from Punalur participated.

The vigour and enthusiasm to the programmes added when our Thirumeni graciously found time in visiting Snehagiri and spent time with our children on 22nd April 2015. We thank Thirumeni and Rev. Jose Abraham (Bishop Secretary) for finding time in the midst of their busy schedule. Rev. Danes B Ommen (General Secretary, MTVEA) also visited the children on 25th April 2015.

Thanking all for your valuable prayers ,support and advise which help us to reach the needy and suffering.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Shaiju C Joy

CULTURAL EXCHANGE & Fellowship



It added new colours and experiences to the life of Snehatheeram and Snehagiri when a group of 17 youths with Rev. Sanal Alexander (Punalur Dayara) and Sr.Mariamamma (Elanthoor Dayara) visited us on 10th April 2015 and 11th April 2015. Though it was a visit and stay, it was more than that. It was the union of youths in two cultural backgrounds and different life experiences. When they met each other and shared their life experiences, they were becoming one in Christ. The group reached Snehatheeram on 10th May 2015 Friday morning. The children of Snehatheeram were waiting here to welcome the guests. After food and introduction both groups joined for a picnic to Thripparappu waterfalls. They reached back at Snehagiri for a campfire and fellowship. The children were divided into three groups and were asked to prepare programmes based on addiction. Saturday morning, they visited, the nearby houses of Snehatheeram family, and Sneha Jyothi Child development Centre. The Family Fellowship of Snehatheeram was also arranged on 11th April 2015. The group joined in the fellowship and took time to listen to Snehatheeram members. They enriched the fellowship with special numbers and programmes. We wholeheartedly thank Puthukkad Jerusalem and Puthukkad Bethel churches and the youths for gifting two valuable days to the life of us.





COMPUTER EDUCATION & CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME



**Thank You
St. Johns Mar Thoma Church,
London**



Computer education and career guidance programme was arranged with the help of St.Johns Mar Thoma Church, London for students who passed 10th and 12th classes from 13th April 2015 to 25th April 2015 at Snehagiri. The first batch was exclusively for boys. 14 students joined for the programme. English Grammar , General Knowledge classes and Career Guidance programme also was arranged during the course. The students will appear for Government Examination in August. Thanking St.Johns Church for their valuable contribution and support for the project. Our Thirumeni, Rt. Rev., Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa and Rev. Jose Abraham T. (Bishop Secretary) visited Snehagiri on 22nd April 2015 and had fellowship with children. Rev.Danes B Ommen (General Secretary of Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association) visited us on 25th April 2015.





Vacation Bible School 2015

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Sponsor a Child

make a difference for generations to come.

Help us to send our children with dignity in this school year.

Manoj was staying with me for two weeks as his mother was admitted in the care centre due to paralysis and health problem. He went to school from my home. After reaching home from school he was running to the terrace. I asked my mother why he is running to top. Amma told me that he is going to wash his uniform which has to put on the next day. He had only one pair which also is torn and without buttons. In the time of Vacation Bible School also I noticed the fact that our children lack good clothes . I shared this in one church and asked the kids in front of me that how many pair of uniform you have. The response came suddenly 'Othiri' (A large number). **MANOJ HAS TO GO TO SCHOOL THIS SCHOOL OPENING WITH ENOUGH UNIFORM AND MATERIALS.** Not only Manoj, our all children has to go to school this year as every child go. This is our wish and prayer. If you are with us in this move, we will surely reach the goal. Will You?.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our students who are waiting for results and appearing exams.
- Pray for the speedy recovery of the following who are going through severe physical problems
 - Sukumari (Jaundice)
 - Sreekumari
 - Usha
 - Nijimol
- Pray for the upcoming events specially for the

Computer and Career Training at Snehagiri
(Sponsored by St. Johns Mar Thoma Church,
United Kingdom)

School/College Opening needs .

Finding Sponsors for 160 families.



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25000 per annum



Family Fellowship