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PMR Field Visits: Karakulam & Vilappil Panchayats



This month there were two visits of the doctors to the field, the first one on 2nd May 2015 to Karakulam Panchayat where Dr. T.K.Vasudevan, Addnl.Prof and Dr.Vipin C Mohan from PMR Dept MCH, Tvm were accompanied by Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon.Secretary, Mr.Faustin M Rajan, Manager (CBR) and Mr. Anil Kumar, Community Worker. Seven patients were examined and treatment given.

The second visit was on 28 May 2015 to Vilappil Panchayat. Dr. G.Zachariah, Dr. Rekha Babu and Dr.Sherin M.S from PMR Dept, MCH, Tvm were accompanied by Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Mr. Faustin M.Rajan, Mr. C.L.Johny, (CW) and Mrs. Nirmala (CW). Three patients were examined and treatment given.

Most of these patients were either fully or partially bed-ridden and many of them live in places inaccessible to vehicles. So it is a boon to these patients to have the doctors visiting them.

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From the Editor's Desk

“Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars.” — Kahlil Gibran

Divakaran (63) lost his right hand in a motor accident and it had to be amputated above the elbow some four decades ago. He was a driver and found it difficult to pull on with no job. He lost his wife and they had no children. Many years later he suffered a stroke and his left side became paralyzed rendering his left hand useless. Now he can't even drive away a fly that sits on his face. The children of his wife's sister, whom Divakaran and his wife had adopted and reared do not care for him, though one of them occupies the major portion of his house. Fortunately Divakaran's brother who stays next door does all the chores for Divakaran, including bathing, changing clothes, feeding etc. Despite all these hardship and disappointing situations, Divakaran is happy and contented, particularly with the help rendered by MGRC.

Athira (18) is the only child of her parents. She was a normal child until she was four, or so the parents thought. She used to run about like other children except that she used to fall down very often. Medical examinations revealed that she was suffering from seizures. She has been under treatment ever since. She can't sit up or talk. Her growth has been severely affected. Even there are days when she gets seizures half a dozen times or more. To add to the suffering, her mother has been suffering from brain tumor for past eight years. The father, a painter, can't go for work and finds it difficult to make both ends meet. When he has to take his wife to the hospital for treatment he has to find someone trustworthy to look after Athira. Their only consolation is the medical help received from MGRC, and have no complaints.

How often we complain to God when sufferings come, “Why me Lord?” Next time you tend to complain, think of scores of others, who are going through greater pain. Let's learn to count our blessings.

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. ”Romans 5:3-4

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PMR Field Visit: Karakulam Panchayat





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PMR Field Visit: Vilappil Panchayat





Vasanthakumari's House Renovated

Vasanthakumari (49) of Aruvikkara Panchayat suffers from spinal and joint problems. Her movements are restricted and she has to wear an LS Belt. Two years back she had a surgery to remove a tumor in the stomach. She also has psychiatric problems and takes medicines for that. Her husband too is sick and is under treatment in the Medical College Hospital. They have no children. Her parents too were having disabilities.

Vasanthakumari and husband have been living in a one room small hut with thatched roof which had been dilapidated and leaking during rains. MGRC has recently repaired the roof with new metal frame work, supported with pillars at each corner, with metal pipes. The thatching has been replaced with new fibre sheets. The total cost of the repair work came to ₹ 50,307/- which has been sponsored by the Holy Trinity Prayer Fellowship, Ulloor.



Vasanthakumari's house, after renovation



Vasanthakumari's house, before renovation



Education Program: Examination Results

SSLC and Plus Two Results

Among the students in our educational program, ten students had appeared for the SSLC examination. We are happy to announce that all the ten students have been successful and are eligible for higher studies.

There were five students who appeared for Plus Two examinations and out of them four students have been successful.

Obituary



Mrs. Mariamma Joshua, (93) w/o Fr. P.Joshua (Deceased), Peedikayil, Vazhamuttom, Pathanamthitta, passed away on 30th May 2015 at Peedikayil, 23 Kairali Nagar, Kanjirampara, Trivandrum, the residence of her son, Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, MGRC. She was laid to rest on 31st May at the Malamukal Cemetery after the funeral service conducted at the St.Peter's & St.Paul's Orthodox Church, Vattiyoorkavu. The service was officiated by H.G. Dr. Gabriel Mar Gregorios, Metropolitan, Trivandrum Diocese. May her soul rest in peace!

**CBR Program****Number of Clients Cared for during the Previous Month**

Visually Impaired	5
Orthopaedically Handicapped	165
Hearing Impaired	8
Mentally Retarded	13
Total	191

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

Sl. #	Name of Equipment	Qty
1	MCR Chappals	5
2	Quadripod walker	1
3	Exercise Ball	1
4	Folding Walker	1
5	Arm Sling	1
6	Abdominal Binder	1
7	Air Bed	1
8	Varicose Stockings	1
9	Elbow Crutches	3
10	Axillary Crutches	1
11	C P Chair	1
12	L S Belt	1
13	Spectacles	100
	Total	118



Our Patron Saint

Mar Gregorios

of

Parumala

Our President

H.G. Geevarghese

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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.**