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Architect Shankar Visits Our Clients



Famous Architect Mr. Shankar made a visit to a few of our clients in the Karakulam and Vattiyoorkavu Panchayats on 30th July 2015. He was quite impressed with our ministry among the disabled destitute and promised to extent all possible cooperation in our Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program. Mr. K. John, Hon. Director and Mr. K.J. Punnathara, Hon. Jt. Director accompanied him to the field.

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From the Editor's Desk

Those who have the strength and the love to sit with a dying patient in the silence that goes beyond words will know that this moment is neither frightening nor painful, but a peaceful cessation of the functioning of the body. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Mother Teresa ministered to thousands of people dying on the streets having nobody to care for them. She took them to a shelter, washed them, fed them and dressed their wounds with her own hands. All these she did knowing fully that most of them would not recover from their condition. Even if they wouldn't recover, at least, she thought, she could provide them an opportunity to die with dignity. Mother's example has been followed even after her death by the people of her Mission. There are thousands of destitute on the streets even today. Some of them can come back to life if given proper care. Many need only a dignified place to die. To provide this, we need to have an empathetic attitude. Mother and her disciple truly believed that whatever they did to these poor helpless people, they did it to Christ Jesus. The disabled destitute in our society also need our attention and our help.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matt 25:35-36

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CBR Program: PMR Field Visit

The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation field visit for this month was conducted to Vattiyoorkavu Panchayat on 22nd July 2015. Dr. G.Chitra, Dr. K.P. Sharija and Dr. V. Abhiram from the Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Medical College, Trivandrum visited seven bed-ridden patients. It was followed up with supply of medicines and equipment as prescribed. The team of doctors were accompanied by Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Faustin M Rajan, Manager (CBR), and Mrs. Sindhu, Community Worker.



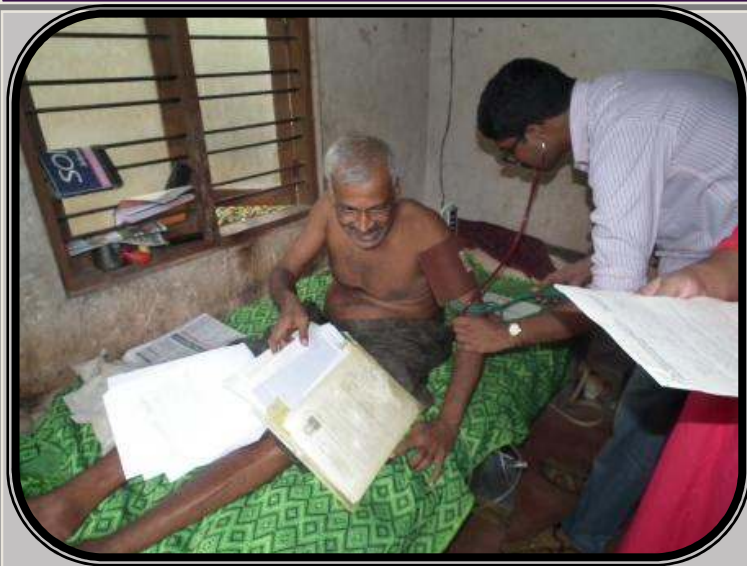
K. Vasantha (63), suffering from osteoarthritis. Cannot walk freely. Lives with two mentally retarded, unmarried daughters. Only son was a cerebral palsy patient and was highly crippled. He and the father died a few years ago.



R. Soman Pillai (56) had been a mason. He fell down from the roof of his own house during construction, in January 2015. He has suffered spinal injury and has become paralyzed since then. He stays in a rented house.



CBR Program: PMR Field Visit



Lalkumar B. (48) fell from a tree and suffered spinal injury, some six years ago.

Sathi G. (50), suffered from Polio Myelitis at a young age. She has one son who is now married and is a laborer. They stay in a rented house.



Santhosh S. (36) fell from the top the roof of his own house some two and a half years ago and suffered spinal injury. He is now bed-ridden. His father too suffered a stroke and is our client.





CBR Program: PMR Field Visit



Prasanna R. (61) was hit by lightning twice, first time in 1981 and again in 1987. She walks with great difficulty as she suffers from arthritis.

Thulaseedharan S. (63) suffered a stroke a couple of years ago. His movement is highly restricted. His is also severely diabetic.



Honorary Secretary Attends MGOCSM General Assembly

The General Assembly of Mar Gregorios Orthodox Christian Students Movement (MGOCSM) was held on 11th July 2015 at MGOCSM Centre, Kottayam. Prof. (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary attended the General Assembly as a special invitee.



CBR Program: Equipment Supplied



Santhosh S. (36) of Vattiyoorkavu Panchayat who is a bed-ridden patient receives an air bed supplied by MGRC, from Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, on 22nd July 2015.

R.Soman Pillai (56) of Vattiyoorkavu Panchayat, a bed-ridden patient, receives a back rest supplied by MGRC, from Mrs. Omana John P. Life Member on 24th July 2015. The back rest will help him to sit up, particularly while taking food.





CBR Program

Number of Clients Cared for during the Previous Month

Visually Impaired	8
Orthopedically Handicapped	194
Hearing Impaired	11
Mentally Retarded	19
Total	232



CBR Program

Details of Aids and Equipment distributed during the previous month.

Sl. #	Name of Equipment	Quantity
1	Back rest	1
2	Folding Walker	1
3	Commode Chair	1
4	Elbow Crutches	1
5	Wheel Chair	2
6	Axillary Crutches	1
7	White cane	1
7	Spectacles	85
	Total	93



*Our Patron Saint
Mar Gregorios
of
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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.