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Eye Camp at Vilappil Panchayat



An eye camp was conducted on 17.10.2015 at Fern Hill English School, Kunnumpuram, Vilappilsala. Dr. Nimi, R. and optometrists Sreemegha K, Reshmi R.N., Sajini S. Nair and Theju Tresa Jose from the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Trivandrum, examined a total of 232 patients out of which 168 were female and the rest male. Medicines were supplied to 30 patients and spectacles to 93 patients. Twelve patients were identified for cataract surgery which was followed up subsequently.

Prof. D.Mathew, Vice President, Mr.K.John, Director, Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, Dr.Mariamanna Daniel, Ex. Committee Member, Mr.Chacko Mathai, Manager (Admin.), Mr.Faustin M. Rajan, Manager (CBR), Community Workers and Office Staff gave leadership in organizing the camp. The school authorities gave all cooperation for the success of the camp.

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From the Editor's Desk

“Civilisation is the distance that man has placed between himself and his own excreta.” — Brian W. Aldiss

While travelling in N.India recently after a gap of many years, I realized that despite the leaps India has made in many areas of technology, the common man still hasn't benefited from all that. The lack of toilets and clean water are still a major problem not only in remote villages but also in big cities. It is disgusting to see that our highways are used as toilets in broad daylight while both pedestrian and vehicular traffic is in full swing. It all means that the crores of rupees spent to bring development has not served the purpose. Or it has been siphoned off by the middlemen. No matter how high we go in the fields of IT or space technology etc, we cannot be called a civilized nation unless these basic needs are met. It is not enough to bring in new projects, the governments should also ensure that the money allotted for the purpose is utilized exclusively for that.

**“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin”
James 4:17**

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CBR Program: PMR Field Visit

The monthly visit of doctors from the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation was conducted on 28th October 2015 at Vi-lappil Panchayat. Dr. Chitra, Dr. Nageswar and Dr. Anand Thomas examined seven patients and treatment given. Their family members were given instructions about the care of bed-ridden patients. Mrs. Omana John, Ex. Committee Member, Mr. Faustin M Rajan, Manager (CBR), and Mr. Johny C.L and Mrs.Nirmala (Community Workers) accompanied the doctors.



S.Sreejith (30 yrs): Suffered spinal injury after a fall.— completely bed-ridden.



Krishnan Nadar (78 yrs). Suffered a stroke, bed-ridden for many years—breathing difficulties-



Venu K (49 yrs) - Accident victim—legs mis-shapen— urinary infection—memory problems—visual impairment— occasional seizures.



Lalitha (63 yrs) _ Diabetic—Rt. Leg amputee— can slowly move with the help of walker.



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Wilson (69 yrs) - Stroke victim—stiff limbs—speech impairment.



Lalitha Wilson (53 yrs) - Stroke victim—Rt side paralyzed—has heart problem too.—needs help to move about.



Sasidharan Nadar (63 yrs) - Suffered spinal injury after falling from a coconut tree—completely bed-ridden—has bed sore



INAMS 64th Conference

Prof D Mathew , Vice President, Prof (Dr) Philipose Joshua, Hon. Secretary, Mr. P.T.Baby John, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Thomas K Varughese, and Dr. Mariamma Daniel (Executive Committee Mmbers) attended the 64th conference of the International Association for Mission Studies (INAMS), held from 20 to 23 October 2015 at the St.Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kalmeswar, Nagpur.

Obituary

Sakunthala Devi (69), mother of Mrs. Rajasree, Community Worket/ Office Asst., passed away on 16.10.205. The MGRC family joins the bereaved family in their grief and conveys sincere condolences.



CBR Program

Number of Clients Cared for during the Month

Visually Impaired	06
Orthopedically Handicapped	179
Hearing Impaired	08
Mentally Retarded	17
Total	210



CBR Program

Details of Aids and Equipment distributed during the month.

Sl. #	Name of Equipment	Quantity
1	Elbow Crutches	2
2	Axillary Crutches	1
3	Wheel Chair	2
4	Spectacles	94
	Total	99



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.**