



# MGRC NEWS

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## Thanksgiving Day Celebrated



The annual thanksgiving get together of the members, executive committee members, staff and clients and their family members was celebrated on 30th January 2016 at the Centre.. Padmasri G.Sankar, the famous architect, was the chief guest. Prof. D.Mathew, Vice President, presided. Rev.Fr. A.Lukose, Vicar, St.Thomas OSC, Kumarapuram, felicitated and gave away the different aids and equipment to 24 deserving clients. Mr. K. John, Hon. Director, in his short speech explained to the participants the nature of the ministry of MGRC among the disabled destitute in the six panchayats around Trivandrum city. A few clients from each panchayat narrated their experiences.

Dr. Mariamma Daniel welcomed the gathering and Mrs. Mary Varghese proposed a vote of thanks. Lunch was sponsored by Mr. K.U.Mathew and family.

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## From the Editor's Desk

**“ He who is not contented with what he has,  
would not be contented with what he would like to have” - Socrates**

Mahatma Gandhi said ‘ the earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs, but not every man’s greed. Man’s greed today has reached an all time high. This is evident in every sphere. Our water bodies are shrinking as people encroach on them and build houses and resorts there. Our forests are shrinking because people encroach on them and destroy everything in it. As a result, our wild life has lost its habitation and they start coming out into the human habitation thus creating a threat to man and his domestic animals. We are unable to widen our roads because no one is willing to spare the land for a public cause. We hear about lot of scams because people want to make some quick money through unlawful means. Dowry deaths and divorces are very common in many areas of the country. Funds earmarked for general development of the society and welfare of the poor and the disabled are diverted for personal gains. All these happen because of man’s greed. Greed is the cancer that has affected our society. Unless and until we get rid of it we are bound to suffer the consequences.

**“ Then he said to them, ‘Watchout! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions>“ Luke 12: 15**

### Office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee for 2015-16

**President : H.G.Geevarghese Mar Coorilos**

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## **PMR Field Visit**

The field visit of the medical team this month was conducted on 27 January 2016 to Aruvikkara Panchayat. Dr. Selvan, Dr. Prabhu, and Dr. Ancy from the Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, MCH, Trivandrum, examined the patients and prescribed treatments. Medicines prescribed were supplied the following day itself. Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Punnathara, Mrs. Sosanna Kuruvilla, Mr. Faustin M Rajan, Manager (CBR), and Mrs. D. Omana (Community Worker), accompanied the medical team.







## **PMR Field Visit**







## **Selvaraj's house gets a roof**

Selvaraj (55), a resident of Aruvikkara Panchayat, who used to be a construction worker, suffered an attack of TB some eight years ago. Though he received treatment for the same, he could not go for any work since then due to his incapacitation. In addition to that he also suffered a stroke some four months ago and became partially paralyzed. He and his family have been living in a house which had no roof. A couple of old tin sheets and pieces of tarpaulin that were used could not provide any protection from the rains and the harsh sun. MGRC undertook for his continued treatment and also provided a new roof for his house with new fibre sheets. The estimate for the roofing was ₹.60,000/- and we got a collection of ₹.60,100/- part of which came from the offering taken at the Christmas get together conducted by Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Mekattu, at the Orthodox Student Centre, and the major share was contributed by Mr. James Abraham, a well wisher of MGRC.







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

Visually Impaired	07
Orthopedically Handicapped	204
Hearing Impaired	12
Mentally Retarded	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>



**CBR Program****Details of Aids and Equipment distributed on 3.12.2015**

<b>Sl. #</b>	<b>Name of Equipment</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
1	Elbow Crutches	5
2	Air Bed	1
3	Wheel Chair	2
4	Ankle Foot Orthoses	3
5	Tripod Walker	1
6	LS Belt	1
7	MCR Chappal	1
8	Hand Pad	2
9	Accommodative Footwear	3
10	Wrist Hand Orthoses	1
11	Knee Cap	1
12	Hearing Aid	2
13	Spectacles	89
	<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>





*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.**