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*“Thank heaven for little girls  
They grow up in the most delightful way.”*

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"The strength  
of a nation lies  
in the  
**education and  
empowerment  
of its girls."**



# EDITORIAL



Dear Sisters and well-wishers, Happy to meet you all with this BUDS E-Magazine for the month of JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2024.

Children should not beg a parent for anything. Don't make them beg. At the same time, children should not lose their ability to strive for anything. If there is no striving, there will be no growth and development because if you take away striving from children, you take away aspiration from children. And without aspiration, a person is nothing.

So we're basically talking in terms of, there are, when we say that you should be able to give your children the best of everything, that's not about taking away the striving from the whole thing. They have to continue to strive. So where, you should have the clarity on where you make them strive for the whole thing.

Children should know, no matter what you will love them, you will not forsake them. You will not give up on them. They should know this, but they should also know that they did not put in the effort. They should know this. Because somewhere, if you start shielding the lack of process in them, you destroy them. If somewhere, children feel, whether I get marks or not my father will get me a seat in a famous college.

More than anything, who's going to work tomorrow. I told this kid, "One thing you should feel proud of is, you're going for your first job through campus interview. If that job was got for you through someone's recommendation, you may not have had the same thing that you are going for your first job through.

It's come through your striving. So somewhere I think it's, as parents, it's our responsibility to again and again recognize where there was striving, where there was hard work, we should be able to celebrate, and somewhere also let them know, here there was no effort in you. I should be able to appreciate, I should be able to give myself to you, and somewhere, I should also be reminding my children whenever I get a chance, in this aspect your striving is missing.

And that's not acceptable. Like I told this kid, "The first thing that's going to happen when anyone of you go to work is, suddenly you're going to feel, full day I am working. Big thing for a college student no, going to work? From morning to evening they are working. I told them, "One, I want you to remember what Jawaharlal Jain's father told.

Did you carry sacks of grain? Worked in AC office, right? What full day you are working? You're not carrying weights. You're not doing labour work. But most of these children, when they go to work, the first thing that happens to them is they'll stop meditating, they'll stop exercising, and they won't have time for the family because end of the day, they feel I'm tired, because they went from AC to AC, they came to AC. So somewhere it's our responsibility to consistently keep reminding them that somewhere, striving is missing.

**Sr. K. Sandiya DMI**

DMI-CDP, Children Coordinator



# KEECHALAM

(St. Katherine Home)

St. Katherine home children have their regular Morning Prayer and evening prayer for 15 minutes every day. Since it is lent season our home children wearing rosary garland and started praying way of the cross. Our children attend holy mass on every Sunday. We had special Eucharistic celebration on 7.02.2024 and 28.02.2024 in order to develop their faith. We give spiritual talk every day.



Sr. K. Roja Mary had conducted way of the cross in Keechalam Substation on 16.02.2024 and on 23.02.2024. Our home children also participated and gained more experience on Jesus' Passion and death.



## Home Life:

Our St. Katherina home children are happy and healthy. Despite of their background, we treat them and teach them the art of living together as brother and sisters in a home like DMI. We provide nutritious food along with tea and snacks for them. All the children are happy and physically fit.



## Celebrations:

- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 we all have participated in pongal celebration conducted at the the parish Church. They were many games and one of our home children won the first prize in a game.
- On the same day 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 we had Pongal celebration in our home. All the children from our home participated and enjoyed the day.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 we had mass and prayer for Sr. Roja Mary on her birthday. It is our custom that we celebrate everyone's Birthday including our Children. Hence, Our home children had wished her and gave dance programme in simple manner to make cheerful and joy.





Our home children have regular morning and evening and studies. They also have studies during the day on holidays. Our home children are spending more time in their studies. We also aid our children to clarify their doubts and difficulties in their subject knowledge.



Our primary children have participated in the school day held on 10.02.2024. They had staged Dance, Drama and Speech on the topic India and it's Independence.



#### Government Official Visit:

**Mrs. Nishanthini** the District child protection Unit officer and **Mrs. Kirija** the office staff came to our children home on a visit, dated 21.02.2024 and verified the documents. After the verifications, they had interaction with our home children and instructed Children to be happy and at the same time become responsible for whatever opportunities they are provided.



Sr. Roja Mary has attended Block level Child Protection (BLCP) meeting about the Abolition of the Child Marriage, Child Labour and the means to secure the school going children from dangers. the meeting was held in BDO Office on 27.02.2024. Other NGO's had also participated in this Meeting.



**“Safety and security don't just happen,  
they are the result of collective  
consensus and public investment.  
We owe our children, the most  
vulnerable citizens in our society, a life  
free of violence and fear.”**

*- Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa*



# R.M. THURAI

(Kanyakumari District)

By the grace of God our sponsor children are fine. We have 36 Sponsored children in R.M.Thurai Mission at Kanyakumari District. Our sponsor's children are interested in their studies and they are doing well. We have periodical visit to our sponsor children and motivate them constantly that they have better future.

Praveena is taking a confirmation class for 15 children in the parish and preparing them.

On 21.01.2024 Bishop Nazarene Soosai came to R. M. Thurai parish. There were 89 children who received the sacrament of confirmation. Some of our mission children had also were part of this and they were accompanied by their parents and our DMI sisters.







On 26.01.2024 S.T. Hindu College celebrated the republic Day. Our R. M. Thurai children J. Arockia Terinsha participated in the NCC (National Cadet Corps) at Nagercoil.





On 20.02.2024 Sr. Christy the community superior and Sr. Praveena visited four of our foster children (B. Absalom Meshalin, B. Aslin, J.Ashminapravisha and J. Afreena Joseny) and had a personal interaction with their parents about their Children's involvement in the school and improvements in their studies at Colachel.



**Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul.**

**- Friedrich Frobel**



# CHETTIAPATTI

(Madurai District)

- Campus rosary recited every Saturday and Sunday with the special intentions offered to Sponsors and Foster Parents.



- On 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 we celebrated Pongal with our home children.





## Awareness on Children Trafficking

09<sup>th</sup> January 2024, one of the sisters from St. Joseph Social Service Center visited our children and enlightened our children with the awareness on anti-trafficking. She made our children actively participated and practice the means and the methodologies to prevent children being thrown in to trafficking.



On 22<sup>nd</sup> our DMI south provincial Sr. Anthoniyammal, visited our children home. She interacted with our children and encouraged them to keep themselves happy and updated



## Education care:

Every day we the sisters are taking care of children studies. During study hour we check their home works and make them to complete it and clarify their doubts.





One of our DMI sisters from Chettiapatti Community, taught our children a disciplined life style approach and manerisms in the behavioral pattern.



On 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 there was an official visit from sanitary officer and health department.



On 25<sup>th</sup> January St. Joseph sisters from vikkiramangalam visited our home children and distributed cloths to our chidlren.





On 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Republic day and our home children staged cultural programme with their creativity and a solid message to guard our nation from all dangers.



On 28<sup>th</sup> January we celebrated National Girl child Day. Children were enlightened about the rights and safety measures of girl Children as well as their developmental schemes available in the Government.





On 26.02.2024 we arranged medical camp. Doctors and Nurses from Government Hospital. All the children were screened for their physical fitness and few children were given supportive medicines to keep themselves healthy.



On 12.2.2024 from Government Hospital Nurse Mrs. Suguna came over here and distributed Deworming Tablets for our home children.



Every day evening our children are having games after coming from the school.



- ❖ Every day evening after the schooling our children are watering the garden and cleaning the environment.
- ❖ We have cultivating some vegetables in the Garden.
- ❖ With the guidance of the sisters our children have client the surrounding.



**Each day of our lives we make deposits in  
the memory banks of our children.**

– Charles R. Swindoll



# OTTANTHANGAL

(Marco Home)

On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we have given the education assistance and dresses to the sponsor Children.





On 10.01.2024 we had visit from District Child Production Unit (DCPU) officer Miss. Sakthi kaviya and Mr. Sampath Kumar.



**On 13.01.2024 We had Pongal Festival** at our Marco home along with our children.



On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, the students from St. Joseph (Jeppiaar) Engineering College had an Exposure visit to our home. They organized the Games and played with the kids. The children felt happy and were able to find inner happiness within them.





Our Marco Home Children are happy and healthy. We value them and care for them in order that they have a comfortable stay here and get nourished with their education and empowerment in personality development.

**On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Sr. Sahayam** Motivated on Pursuing Your Dreams and Importance of Time Management.



- On February 2024, had a medical checkup for our home children, Rajalakshmi (Hospital) Health city Sriperumputhur, had general medical checkup – 14 Children had their periodically medical checkup.
- We received no objection certificate (NOC) from Fire Safety and Rescue department and Sanitary Certificate.





- On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the children had their monthly Children committee meeting to review their experience of living here.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Mr. Ravi the Non-Medical Supervisor and T. Dhamodharan the Medical inspector from Paranthur Primary Health Centre visit and explained about the symptoms leprosy and checked.



**“Always kiss your children goodnight even if they’re already asleep.”**

– H. Jackson Brown, JR.



# PERUNCHUR

(Salem District)

On 06.01.2024 our sponsor children namely Praveen and Franklin performed boxing during their school annual cultural fest.



திங்கட்கிழமை

05.02.2024

**வாழப்பாடியில் கராத்தே போட்டி**

பிப் 04,சேலம் மாவட்டம் வாழப்பாடியில் இன்று கராத்தே போட்டி நடைபெற்றது. வாழப்பாடியார் மண்டபத்தில் இன்று சாய் சோட்டோ கராத்தே மற்றும் கோபுடு அசோசியேசன் ஆப் இந்தியா மூன்றாவது தேசிய அளவில். வாழப்பாடியில் இன்று கராத்தே போட்டி நடைபெற்றது இதில் சேலம் மாவட்டம் பெத்தநாயக்கன்பாளையம் வட்டம் சின்ன கல்வராயன் மலை பெருஞ்சூர் சென் ஜோசப் இன்டர்நேஷனல் சிபிஎஸ்இ ஸ்கூல் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் போட்டிக்கான பரிசுகளை பெற்றனர் இதனை வழிநடத்திச் சென்றவர் சென் ஜோசப் இன்டர்நேஷனல் சிபிஎஸ் ஸ்கூல் தலைமை ஆசிரியர் ராஜா போட்டியில் வெற்றி மாணவர்களை பாராட்டினர்.

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# IMPORTANT DAYS

## (March & April 2024)

### 04 **National Safety Day**

National Safety Day is celebrated in India on 4th March by the National Safety Council of India. This day is celebrated to make people get safe from several issues like financial loss, health problems, and also any other problems that people are facing in their life.



### 08 **International Women's Day**

This day is observed globally every year on 8 March to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.



### 14 **International Day of Action for Rivers**

Every year on 14 March, the International Day of Action for Rivers is observed to raise voice to protect rivers and demand for improving the policies for Rivers. It is a day to educate one another about the threats facing our rivers and to find solutions.



### 15 **World Consumer Rights Day**

It is observed on 15 March every year for raising global awareness about consumer rights and needs. This day is a chance to demand that the rights of all consumers are respected and protected and to protest against social injustices.



## MONTH OF APRIL 2024

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### **World Autism Awareness Day**

World Autism Awareness Day is observed on 2 April to raise awareness about autism and to educate people about it.



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### **International Day of Sports for Development and Peace**

An annual celebration of the ability of sport to promote social change, community development, and peace and understanding is observed as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.



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### **World Health Day**

World Health Day is celebrated worldwide every year on the 7th of April. It was the first time celebrated in 1950.



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### **B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day**

B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day is observed on 14 April to commemorate the memory of B.R. Ambedkar, an Indian politician, and social rights activist.



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### **World Day for Safety and Health at Work**

This day marks how to improve occupational safety, and health and looks to continue these efforts through several changes like technology, demographics, climate change, etc.







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