



# MILESTONE

The News Update of Christopher Educational Trust (C.E.T)

## Dear readers

Through Milestone, we strive to enlighten you on all the happenings in the ministry of Christopher Educational Trust, with special focus on the two schools through which we serve children. Our Lord Jesus has been gracious in carrying us through all circumstances in the past year and we have been able to do many activities through the schools to glorify His name. Here are highlights of some of these activities and ministry work.

## Sports Activities

Every year, we organise a Sports Day to encourage physical activity and renew a competitive spirit among the Children. In the last annual sports day, we had a police officer and a state sports authority person as guests to encourage the children. They also spoke on the importance of sports to parents and the role of our school in the society.

Additionally, the children also participated in other inter-school sporting events. Though they won only few positions, it was an exposure for them to come out of village lifestyle and see the level of competition in the outside world.

## Educational Excursions

The senior students of Christopher Matriculation Higher Secondary School undertook an educational excursion to a nearby hill



Medal ceremony during sports day.



At the book exhibition, the students had the chance to look into hundreds of books.

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**A family in front of the leftovers of their house after the cyclone.**



**Dr. David Kirupakaran distributing food to people affected by the cyclone.**



**Illusionist Bob and storyteller Suzie excited the kids.**

station called Yercaud. There, they visited the botanical garden and sericulture farm. The junior children of both, Christopher Nursery and Primary School and Christopher Matriculation Higher Secondary School, visited another town called Mettur and studied a water reservoir and aquarium of different species of sea life.

The children who study in our school would normally not get opportunities like this if they went to a Government school or other commercial schools. They were very happy on these occasions.

## **Book Exhibition**

**A** book exhibition was conducted in Salem which the children of our school visited and enjoyed very much. The world of books helped the children to explore their imagination and the children were taught about the importance of books and knowledge.

## **Celebration of festivals and functions**

**E**ach year has many occasions that call for celebration. For us, Christmas is an important occasion. It is a time when people are open to hearing the gospel and it is an opportunity for us to try to impact and change their lives. Our children participated in the Christmas carol service organised by the Salem YMCA. Also, both the school Christmas programs saw the parents come in and listen to the Christmas story of Jesus. Gifts were given to all the children of the school and new clothes were presented to the home children who stay with us. Believers who attend our Church were also presented with clothes and encouraged to trust more in Jesus.

Other occasions such as teacher's day, children's day, Indian Independence Day were also observed and celebrated to remember various historical events.

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## Children ministry in school

Another Indian ministry that works among the tribal people of another Indian state called Rajasthan, brought some of their children to our school. These children performed some cultural activities of their tradition and spoke about how God was working in their lives. They were presented with clothes and gifts. It was a good opportunity to share thoughts and experiences with another Christian Indian ministry.

On another occasion, Bob and Suzie, two Americans, visited the school for a day and shared the Gospel through a magic show. The children were captivated and the Gospel was shared through paintings and demonstrations to impact their lives.

## Cyclone Ministry

The coastal area of our state of Tamil Nadu was struck by a devastating cyclone in November 2018. Through our ministry and with support of school children, we supplied apples, water, candles and blankets as first aid in November 2018. Whenever the situation permitted, we shared the love of the Gospel by explaining to the people that this sharing in the time of need was because of Jesus' love.

After that, multiple trips were made by David, Esther, Solomon and Agnes to study and find opportunities to rehabilitate the affected people. Since April 2019, we invited families to send their children to our school to be educated free of cost. We specially focussed on pastors and addressed a pastor's meeting to introduce our school. For this year, four girls have joined our boarding home and we take care of their food, boarding and studies.

## VBS Ministry and regular Chapel ministry

During the summer holidays, in the month of May, we organised Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the children in the surrounding villages. On an average, 175 children attended each day. They were taught various Bible stories and how to pray. Many children accepted Jesus and learnt how they must live a life that is pleasing to God.

Regular chapel service continues to take place for the home children in the school campus. The children learn new songs, memory verses and share testimonies. Our Ebenezer Prayer Fellowship in Dadagapatti continues under our fellow missionary, Pastor Moses and his family. The Gandhi Nagar Prayer Fellowship is attended by few village people and the numbers increase slowly. We pray for a good building to house the prayer fellowship at Gandhi Nagar.

## Closing remarks

Despite various challenges on the mission field, our Lord Jesus sustains us. His provisions are never too early or late, but rather in time. When we look at the big picture of how the Lord has guided this ministry over the years, our praises are not enough.

In all these circumstances, there are endless opportunities to help the poor and needy people in our Indian villages. Necessities such as food and clothing go a long way to show Jesus' love (Luke3:11) even today in our surroundings. Children are eager to get a glimpse of how the world is. In such a scenario, we would like to welcome all our readers to participate in our ministry with an open mind. We welcome you to visit our schools and the experience the life of people in our villages. People with talents such as drawing, or teaching may practice them with the children

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here. Others with skills such as carpentry, masonry works or basic electrical handling, may share their knowledge here. Others who would just like to take a break from regular work of like may also come to spend time to relax, refresh and rejuvenate in the Lord's presence in our campus.

We thank you dear readers for your support of our ministry through your thoughts, prayers and contributions. Kindly continue to remember us in your prayers and sustain us with your contributions to Christopher Indienhilfe, Germany.

## Prayer points

- We praise God for opportunities to share the Gospel in various circumstances
- We praise God for helping us to complete the school year 2018-19 with lot of activities and good academic results.
- We praise God for providing good infrastructure facilities in which we can work.
- We praise God for continued help through His people for regular expenses related to food, maintenance and support for the ministry helpers.

## We continue to pray for

- A formal hostel building to house the boys and girls who stay on campus.
- A good hall for the Gandhi Nagar Prayer Fellowship.
- Dedicated people who love the Lord and are interested in training the children in various fields.
- More children to enter our campus

**W**e hope you enjoyed our newsletter! If you would like to get in touch, we would love to hear from you! Your feedback to us is valuable.

Thank you for taking time to go through "Milestone". It will be a pleasure for us to take you through many more!

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