



# MILESTONE

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

## Welcome!

**W**E ARE GLAD TO PRESENT YOU WITH ANOTHER "MILESTONE". SINCE THE LAST ISSUE MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.... AS YOU WILL READ FOR YOURSELF.

**I**n this issue we want to dive into what happened at our schools in the last six months - and want to show you that they are evolving with your help. For example, the children from the surroundings can travel to school in new, comfortable school buses. And we started to work on the campus ground, so the students have more possibilities for sports and games.

**B**esides, we want to introduce a fellowship where we try to give the Gospel to the parents of the pupils as well.

## Some Events and Activities

### January:

- CNPS and CMHSS reopened after half-yearly holidays on the 2nd of January.
- National Republic of India celebrated with pomp and honour by the students of both schools.

### February:

- A famous Christian singer and organizer of Christian television channels, Srijith from Chennai, visited our school and shared greetings and inspired our children to exhibit their hidden talents.
- Staff members from Gideons International Ministries, Salem, shared the value of God's word with our Home children in the Chapel.

### March:

- Landscaping work on the school grounds begin. Local heavy machinery and laborers are engaged to do this work.
- Two new Tata School buses booked for purchase by paying an advance.
- Five air conditioners and new UPS back up fitted for the computer lab and LAN system that has to be incorporated for administrative and academic activities.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14*



*Plants growing for making the campus greener after landscaping*



*Landscaping works in progress*



*Library racks arriving - one of our biggest needs (see previous Milestone)*

- Fire Service personnel from Salem Fire Service Department had a session with teachers to instill the importance and means of fire safety measures.
- A bore well on the school grounds that was clogged over the years is flushed and made ready for use.

#### April:

- Educational tour organized for students of classes 8, 9 and 11 from the 9th -12th. The students visited Coimbatore, Ooty, Mudumalai and Bangalore in two hired vans accompanied by four staff members.

#### May:

- Pastor Samuel Charles and Abraham, CCH former student, coordinated and organized Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Walk in my way-1st Kings 3:14". An average of 170 children and 11 teachers took part in it.

#### July:

- School Academic year inaugural function was held. The two school buses, library and school reception area were dedicated on the same day.

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## CNPS

~ Christopher Nursery and Primary school ~

With a small beginning in the the 1980s as Christopher English School, the school with one room and a hand full of students has come a long way. Today, renamed as Christopher Nursery and Primary school, it has 462 students with 21 staff supporting them. Over the last years the facilities have been enhanced by three new classrooms and a washroom. In future there still is the need for more classrooms for the large number of students.

## Darcus Fellowship

Darcus Fellowship was a long time aspiration of Esther Kirupakaran to interact with mothers of school students. The main focus is to develop these mothers, who mostly have no jobs or make handicrafts from home, in a wholesome way by nourishing their body, mind and soul. Mothers are invited at regular intervals in batches where they are given Bible based practical lessons to face real time life situations. They are given a chance to witness and share experiences from their lives that need help and also share how they have been Blessed. We pray that this may be encouraged as we believe that Darcus Fellowship adds value to the life of women who are otherwise mostly ignored in the Indian cultural scenario.



*Darcus Fellowship: Spread the Gospel to mothers of children studying in CNPS.*



*CMHSS children during their prayer walk in the morning*

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## What we need and what you can pray for:

- Ideas for creative learning
- We need people who are willing to sponsor the kids who don't yet have support-like the tribal children
- We wish to provide refreshments (snacks & juice/tea) for the women that attend Darcus Fellowship so that they are further encouraged to take part actively.

## We thank God for:

- Many of the activities mentioned above – where different people could come and spend time with the staff and children of the school to encourage them
- Amenities – like booking new buses for the school and preparing the play ground for various sports.
- UPS and Air conditioning for the computer labs.
- Blessing us with his provisions at the right time

**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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