

MILE STONE

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

Dear Reader,

WE HOPE YOU ARE WELL AND THAT THE YEAR 2011 HAS LEFT YOU WITH PLEASANT MEMORIES! IT IS YET A PRIVILEGE TO SHARE ANOTHER ISSUE OF THE 'MILESTONE' WITH YOU. DO TAKE A FEW MINUTES IN GOING THROUGH WHAT IT HAS TO SAY TO YOU....

School

The second half of 2011 started with the inauguration of the new academic year in July. We are happy to have a fixed fee-collection counter and a reception area in the school now prior to which there were only temporary rooms.

July was also a special month because we had our first alumni meet where around 40 former students attended and shared their experiences. It was an interesting time for all of them to interact after many years and also share their current positions in life.

The staff and children are also privileged to have the service of two new buses that replaced ones which brought us too much maintenance charges.

The sports day in August is always a looked forward to event, where the children can participate and exhibit their talent in sports. In an Indian village, there isn't much exposure to extra-curricular activities including sports, so we would like to

introduce more activities and methods to improve in this field.

And how every year we have Teacher's Day - a National Celebration in India - this September had its share of programs and gifts for the teachers organized by the children of our school. David held a Bible quiz for the children after which they were presented clothes.

What our children enjoyed learning this October? Painting flower pots! Such activities are rare for them and we hope that they will learn much more. If you feel called to teach something new to these children - we welcome you to our campus and to India! You will also be amazed at how different cultures can be!

Ministry

"Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord".
2Corinthians 10:17

To be used in God's service, as we all know, is a challenging, yet exciting experience. We feel privileged that David and Esther were given the opportunity to speak at a radio station. The messages broadcasted were, "A teacher's role in shaping the lives of students and the destiny of the nation" and "Christian faith

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New School Bus - the old ones were more than 30 years old.



Sports Day in August



Children`s day singing songs and enjoying the programm organized by the teachers

amidst persecution and difficulties". We hope it will be a blessing to many heard it.

Every year, August 15th marks the day when India won its independence in 1947. It is celebrated in India with much pomp, glory and respect for the Nation. The majority of leaders in India are people who don't know Jesus. Please pray for the Nation - that its citizens learn about Jesus through the unity of the church - Christ's body - which we are part of.

Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me" and he blessed them. So are our children here blessed too - some of them from the hostel together with their caretaker went to a village 40km away to do outreach work. What God did for them, they shared through songs and as Jesus taught his disciples, our children prayed for the sick in the village. We praise God that he uses anyone willing to be an instrument.

David and Esther together with an evangelist went to another village where they sang and shared thoughts about God. School children were given stationery items for school. We pray that this will soon be new a base for Sunday school.

Developments and other news

It is always a joy to hear from former students. Reuben, who finished 12th grade in 2002 visited us and shared God's word on a sunday in our chapel. He is currently working as a software programmer in Bangalore.

Ramesh was a student in our school more than 15 years ago and also the godson of David and Esther. Recently, he was ordained as a pastor in Malaysia. He also ministers to many children through his talent with puppets. We see God

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working tremendously through him.

Our school campus also caters to Christian groups for conducting seminars and programs where we are happy to be of help. We recently had a team of 50 people from Chennai for a special meeting.

In December we had a visit from Maria Hirschi from Switzerland over Christmas and the New Year. After her previous visit in 1991 the developments in the mission work were a pleasant surprise for her.

The last few weeks of 2011 ended with Christmas celebrations with the staff and children of CMS and CES. Christmas services were conducted with our village people and others from the area.

It is a pleasure to share with you that our boys in the hostel have a better place for bathing - which was much needed. All in all, 2011 was a fruitful year and another one added to our milestones. Do continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Should you like us or our children to pray for you, we would be glad to share that in our Sunday Chapel Service - feel free to send us a mail!



Ministry - presenting stationary to poor students



Ordination of Ramesh Kumar, a former student of Christopher

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What we need and what you can pray for:

- Ideas and material for extracurricular activities
- Pray for our politicians

We thank God for:

- Our new reception desk
- The new buses for the school and our play ground for various sports.
- Many possibilities to spread the good news.
- Our friends in India, Germany and Switzerland

We 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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