



# MILESTONE

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

## Dear Reader,

We welcome you to another issue of "Milestone". This time we'd like to take a tour through the activities during the year 2012. Have a lot of fun!

## Ministry and Church Activities

Children in the children home continue to have English service in the school chapel every Sunday. From time to time, people of God come to share the word of God with the children. On the first Sunday of the New Year in January, Rev. Jeyasingh who is the Salem director of an international organization called Youth for Christ, blessed the children.

Salem District Christian Ministers Fellowship is also one of our mission work in which we coordinate with many pastors in Salem town. David leads this group and organized many seminars for the pastors. Rev. Paul Rajkumar who is from Malaysia and runs a Christian group called Breakthrough Believers Network, and Pastor Felix from the same group came for such seminars.

## Education and School Activities

Along with the regular classes every day, we try to have some other people and activities to enhance the value and learning experience of the children. Jebasalomi is a former student of our school who finished few years ago. She went on to study a bachelor's degree in linguistics and Ph. D in

### January:

16th: Former student Jebasalomi M.A in Linguistics (Ph D in Bible) comes three or four times a year to meet the students for counseling, play time and mentoring.

18th: Inspector of matriculation school inspection for renewal of school approval for next three years.

26th: Indian Republic Day celebration. Flag hoisting.

### February:

21st: Salem fire brigade took fire safety demonstration.

### March:

11th: Alumni meeting. 9 members.

### April:

8th: Easter service, Dadagapatti. Lunch with visitors, pastors families along with home children. Arakonam pastor bible class and social gathering for home children.

22nd: Former graduates of Karunya University came from Bangalore and held play time and bible classes.

### May:

Foundation for compound wall and ground cleaning.

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*Fire safety education by the local fire department.*



*Former students of the school with David and Esther.*



*The school captain lighting the torch on Annual Sports Day.*

the Bible. She spends time to organize games with the children and also to mentor and counsel them. Like Jebasalomi, we had Pastor Felix and other people who care about the school visit us from time to time.

**W**e also had the fire department come to the campus and educate the children on fire safety. The Rotary Club, which is an international organization also opened a small club in the school to involve children in activities.

## Alumni Activities

**I**n the last issue we mentioned that the old students of the school were putting together an old students association. This is taking shape with more old students being contacted and regular meetings being conducted so that the old students can involve more in the development of the school. More than 100 old students plan to get together in January to have a social gathering and discuss how they can contribute to improve the school.

## The Spirit of Christmas

**D**ecember is not far behind us and it wouldn't take much to think about what it meant to us. We know why we celebrate Christmas; because God sent his only Son that we as sinners could be saved by his blood. Gifting His Son in the form of man was the ultimate display of love by our God. Did we try to give something that mattered to us? We all expect something in return for what we give. Did we ever give something without expecting anything in return?

**O**n 24th December, as part of the ministry, a small team went to a village to spread the message of Christmas. It was a joy to see how people who hadn't heard the Gospel accepted it. The gospel was a gift to these people who lack so many things in daily life. Children were presented with balls and dolls to play with and older people

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were presented with shawls to keep them warm, all this in the spirit of Christmas.

There are needs among people in India that cannot be expressed in words. People need the gift of love and the gospel of Jesus for lives to be changed. Do you think you can give something that can make a difference? Can you gift old people food that they cannot work for? Can you gift a homeless person a blanket to keep him warm at night? Can you gift a child an education that can change their life?

Get in touch with us to make a difference in the life of a person who needs it.

**June:**

16th: Inauguration of the academic year. Chief Guest was the registrar of Vinayaka Missions University, Salem – Professor Dr. Y. Abraham.

17th: Few old students meet up at the school-Alumni meeting.

**August:**

15th: Indian Independence day celebrated.

**November:**

26th: Annual sports day held in the school grounds. Mrs. Catherine Devraj was the chief guest.

**December:**

Christmas programs held in both CMHSS and CNPS. On Christmas Day, church service held in Ebenezer Prayer Hall.

New Year service held on 31st Night in Ebenezer Prayer Hall.



*Awards for the best out-going student on Graduation Day*



*Sharing Gospel in nearby villages.*

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

- A wall around the campus: The school needs a space that is enclosed so that the safety of the children is guaranteed.
- Hostels for Boys and Girls: The Indian law states that a school like ours needs to clearly separate the place of study from the place of stay for the children.
- Landscaping: Specific areas need to be fixed for various things like football ground, volleyball court and gardens.

## We thank God for:

- Two new buses and one new van.
- A multipurpose shed that was built so that children can sit in shade or functions can be held.
- For providing our needs to organize events like sports day and Christmas programs in the schools.
- For good Christian people who care about the school and visit the school to encourage and train the children.
- Providing us our day to day needs as we bring up the children in faith.

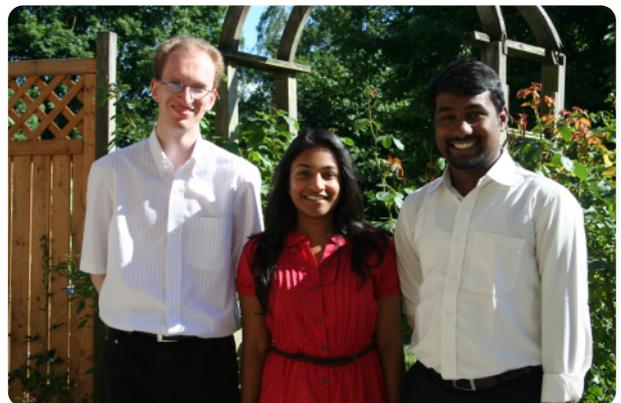
**W**e hope you enjoyed our newsletter! If you would like to get in touch, we would love to hear from you! Your feedback to us is valuable. Thank you for taking time to go through "Milestone". It will be a pleasure for us to take you through many more!

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