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

Dear Reader,

Welcome to this edition of Milestone, the newsletter of Christopher Educational Trust. The year 2014 was another successful one. The schools saw round about 800 and more children everyday, of which 8 having written their final exams have started their 'life-after-Christopher School'.

The fellowship groups and churches around had their regular Sunday services and many people were reached out to.

The construction work at Christopher Matriculation Higher Secondary School (CMHSS) is progressing slowly and the entrance to the school is focussed on for completion. It is not yet completed, but will be done this year. The cornerstone foundation for the future girls' hostel was laid in October in remembrance of Sister Gerda Schmalzhaf who was also a visionary in her time.

Friends from Germany and Switzerland visited the project in India and were given an update about the progress, interacted with and got to know the hostel children and also had an insight to the functioning of the school in various disciplines.

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to introduce to one of four special days in the academic year:

Sports day

The 34th sports day of both the schools was held on the 11th of October, 2014. The students are trained during the year and practice also before the final day. The students are divided into four

April-May-June '14

A team of staff visited the nearby villages and learned that there were rumours of the school, that it was only for rich children and that they were being converted to Christianity. After the parents got to know that this was not true, they again sent some of their children to Christopher School.

June

Start of the academic year with around 120 new children.

July

New buses were dedicated through which children from new and unreached villages are able to attend school.

September/October

An international team consisting of ex-school principals and teachers visited the school to 'train the trainers/teachers' so that they are more effective in their profession. In doing that, they also taught the Word of God. It is a blessing to have such teams visit us.

December

Like every other year, the school Christmas program was conducted to spread the good news of the Bible. Presents were also distributed to all the children.

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Reception of guests by the Red Cross Society Team



The guards of Christopher Matriculation Higher Secondary School



Torch Relay

'houses' or groups. These houses which are four colours are also representative of four people who have been and currently play a big role with supporting the schools: Sidler, Joann, Simon and Walter. In every competition, the houses are placed in the order of points scored in the races. The team with the highest score wins the sports day trophy.

Ceremony

A lot of importance is given to ceremonies in India. The guests were received by some members of the Red Cross Society (in uniform) and were accompanied by them to the dais. After the national anthem and a prayer, different flags were hoisted: the national flag, the Olympic flag and that of the school. The students of the different houses then gather at the sports ground to welcome the guests. Four members of different houses then have a relay with the Olympic torch which is lit with fire to mark the spirit of sportsmanship. Before the start of the events, there is a speech by the guests.

Sports

There is a variety of competitions held in different disciplines. The senior students of the school compete in the traditional 100m, 200m, 400m sprints and relay (baton exchange) events. The kindergarten children play a game of marble-picking whereas the junior school have events such as balancing a bottle on their heads with a small ball on it or running through a circular tube. What is also enjoyed is the 'mass drill', where the children move simultaneously with colourful sticks or circular objects in tune to the music that is played. One of the highlights of the day is the presentation of the gymnastic team which forms pyramids and other formations. The parents also take part in some games. A day before the sports day is when the children have their volleyball match and the teachers, their event. The winner of the year 2014 sports meet was

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Walter house.



Performance by the gymnastics team



Mass Drill in different houses



Winners being congratulated by the guest



For the little ones: Competition with a cup and ball on their heads



The teachers encouraging their houses and enjoying with the children

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What we need and what you can pray for:

Planning for 2015:

- Furnish the library and hire a librarian
- Group study & involvement of students during class
- Extra-Curricular Activities (ex. Sports, Music, Gardening etc.)
- Parents experience God through their children
- Sports equipment (Table tennis table, EUR 215-260 incl. Racquet etc.)
- The Government of Tamilnadu has made it mandatory for all schools to have a compound wall. Please pray that we complete it soon. More also that the school is spiritually safe from unseen powers of darkness.
- A separate building is needed for the hostel boys

We thank God for:

- More buses, i.e., more villages can be reached to bring children to the school. The new buses are small and safer than the old ones for the narrow roads through the villages.
- Through your support, some children have new clothes and needed things and are happy to have them
- The compound wall is being built slowly, but steadily. Thank you for your support until now.
- For your prayer, spiritual and monetary support. For your big heart for India.

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!

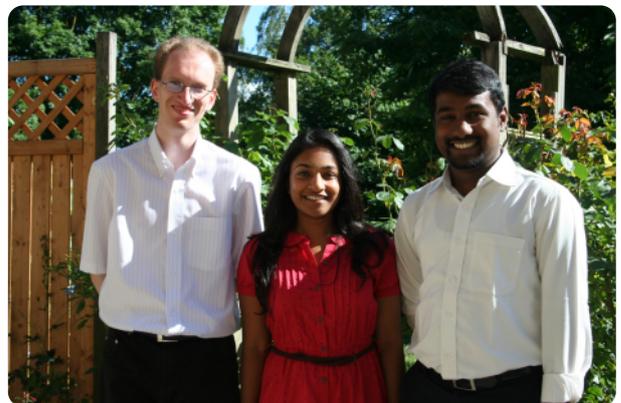
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