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

Dear Reader,

It's been quite a while since our last newsletter: we greet you once again and hope you are keeping well!

The academic year 2015-2016 started with a 'welcome again' get-together for our students, teachers and parents with the purpose to encourage everyone for the upcoming year and to inform them of the changes & improvements in the functioning of the school.

Teachers' Orientation Program:

Every year the teachers have an orientation program before the academic year begins. In 2015, we inculcated activities where the teachers learn to work as a team rather than individually as the saying goes 'unity is strength'. We hope and pray for long-term teachers who love what they do as this is one of our biggest challenges. The orientation program was held over three days.

Teachers' Retreat

One of the highlights of 2015 was a three-day workshop & seminar for teachers held at a resort in a national park in South India conducted by "ETF: Evangelical Teachers Fellowship". Highly qualified experienced teachers and lecturers were invited as guest speakers which was very motivational and encouraging for our teachers. It was an interesting mixture of different subjects: from mathematics to



School Staff with the Director David Kirupakaran & Principal Esther Kirupakaran



A traditional welcome dance by some of our school children

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Team Work (Responsibility, involvement & Trust)



Unity is strength



Teachers' Retreat

chemistry to sports. Our teachers who attended this program were indeed very thankful and learned a lot over these three days.

The second half of 2015 had the usual programs like sports day and christmas programs.

Leadership Changes

In February 2016 Solomon, son of Dr. David Kirupakaran and wife Esther was appointed the managing director of both the schools together with the projects involved. Solomon has been taking over responsibility since July 2015 and we wish him strength, wisdom and joy in his new tasks. Not to mention CONGRATULATIONS on his wedding to Agnes which also took place in February this year. Agnes is also supporting Solomon in his duties.

The wedding was also a good opportunity for our members from Christopher Indienhilfe and other friends from Europe to visit the school, children and experience life in Salem, South India. It was a good time of fellowship, especially time spent with the children which was very touching. In the pictures, you can see a few impressions.

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Wedding of Solomon and Agnes



Teacher with kindergarten-children



Morning assembly



Classroom during a lesson



Fruitshop near to a street



Look into a classroom. There are still not enough tables and chairs for all the children

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What we need and what you can pray for:

- Games equipment (chess board and coins, carrom board coins)
- Sports equipment (volley ball net, volley balls, throw balls, and table tennis tables)
- Support for staff salaries
- Christian, dedicated and qualified teachers
- Separate hostel facilities and compound wall
- Enough class room furniture

We thank God for:

- Drinking water purifying system
- Solomon and Agnes starting their work at school
- For your prayer, spiritual and monetary support. For your big heart for India.

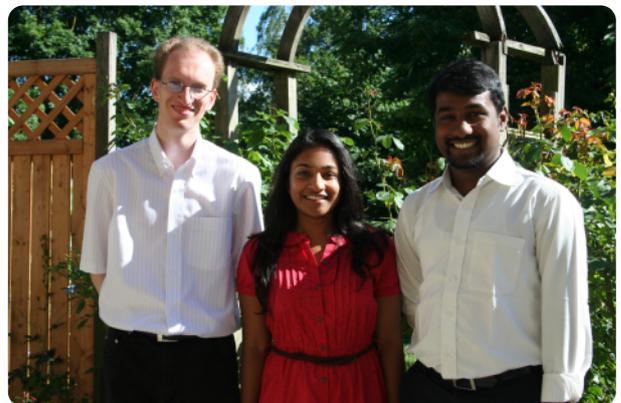
We hope you enjoyed our newsletter! If you would like to get in touch, we would love to hear from you! Your feedback to us is valuable. Thank you for taking time to go through "Milestone". It will be a pleasure for us to take you through many more!

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