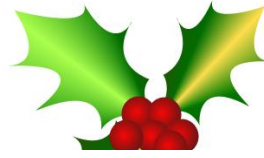


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****A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS****

BUILDING FUND

Our building fund has been very active since our last newsletter. We've helped many families with repairs and small improvements to their homes. One such family is Dinoy, mother of two boys where we improved her water well. It was just an open hole in the ground and she was scared of the children falling in while playing in the courtyard.



She also has her aged mother in law living with her. She's a sales girl in an electrical shop but her earnings aren't enough to pay for some extra work like this. So we gave her some funds and she managed to cover up the well so that it's now safe for her children. They now have very clear and

clean water in the well which is used for all their needs including drinking and she was very grateful for our help.

Jacob reports "We also helped Rajeev, a carpenter by profession, with about 1000 cement blocks to make up his new house. He was given some help from the local govt. body but that is just not enough actually build a house.

He currently lives in the shed behind, which you can see in the photo, with his wife and two school aged boys and also has his parents. His only dream is to move into the new house at the earliest opportunity but he's still a long way off from his



target. He is hoping for the best and is very grateful for our timely help to his family. The whole family was at work building the house when I went there to take the snap."

"Earlier we gave about £50 to Sujatha who runs a govt. play school for small children. She has about 15 children attending her nursery classes for which she is well trained. The govt. gives them only basic equipment and for the rest she depends on the support of others."





Jacob continues “The local govt. authority gave her a gas connection with stove but she did not have a proper kitchen in which to place it and so she wanted to make a small kitchen where clean food could be prepared for these kids for their afternoon meal.

She had some funds with her and we chipped in the rest and she managed to make a nice kitchen with wire frames around it.” When Jacob went to take the pictures the food was just being prepared for the happy little children.

25 YEARS AGO – CHESTER MATTIN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDED

It was 25 years ago that we helped our first child under the Chester Mattin Scholarship. The idea is to provide a good education for promising children who, because of their background, would not otherwise be able to attend a good school and reach their potential. Manu was a young boy for whom we funded a place at a boarding school run by a church. We helped him through his studies for about 5 years until he finished school.



He’s now a young man of 28 and married to Remya and has a baby girl named Manjima aged 8 months. Manu is a Senior Instructor at a prominent local Industrial Training Institute. He’s been there for about 6 years and has become a popular teacher in their Automobile section. Earlier he finished a three year diploma course in Automobile engineering. He earns about £85 a month which is good by Indian standards in a town like Chengannur.

He managed to buy an auto rickshaw of his own and ferries passengers after work which brings him some additional income. He’s now able to provide for his family including his aging parents. He says he’s grateful for all that the scholarship has done for him. He’s been able to achieve what he has because of the good education that he received.

STAMPS

Many thanks to everyone who collects used (and unused) stamps for us they are all useful. Thanks particularly to Holy Trinity Church in Bromley and St Peters Church in Poole. Please send any to the address at the top of this newsletter and where possible put special stamps on the envelope rather than the usual 1st / 2nd class or the Post Office printed labels.

VERA JENKINS

We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our original supporters Vera Jenkins who lived in Richmond. We’ve learned that she has left us, and many other charities, a substantial amount in her will and we’re very grateful for her kindness that continues even after her passing.

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