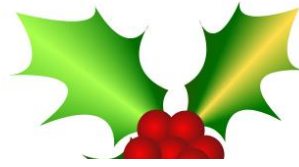


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Welcome to our latest newsletter which is also available to view on our website. In this issue we'll give you updates on our projects and other news on our work.

**SYMRISE DONATION PROJECT** One of our supporters, Phil Cook, works for Diana Foods a company that annually gives out donations to charities. They choose three charities and put details on their website and allow their employees and the general public to vote for the one they prefer. The 3 then receive between 3,000 and 5,000 euros depending on who receives the most votes. Phil kindly put us forward and we're featured this year as one of the three.

We need you to vote for us!! You can do this by going to <http://donationprojects.symrise.com/index.php> Please copy and paste this link into your browser and pass our details to any friends who also use the internet. We're guaranteed to get one of the awards! We'll use it for our house building project either to build a house or help repair and renovate others depending on the requests we receive. We're not sure how long the voting will be open for so please vote today!

## RAGINI HOUSE APPEAL UPDATE

In our last newsletter we ran an appeal to help Ragini with funds towards a decent house. We're delighted to say we received over £1000 and would like to thank our supporters Michael Cooper, Holy Trinity Church Bromley, Helen & Ruth Branch, Juliet Chaplin MBE, John & Alison Wilson and Diana Elvin for their kind donations towards this cause.

When Jacob told her the news she was very excited. She's planning to build two rooms with the assistance of some of her relatives. She's also trying to get additional funds from the government but it's very difficult for someone in her position. She has to retain her existing `shack` to be able to prove her need to the government while she starts on the work. It will take time as things still move slowly in India but her life will be changed immeasurably by our help.

## EDUCATION PROJECT READING HELP FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

We previously supplied sports equipment to an infants school for the poor at Elanjimel. We've recently bought them annual subscriptions for about 8 children's magazines both in English and local Malayalam language.

Jacob was invited to their Onam lunch and took some pictures of the children on their school steps reading the lovely publications. The teachers told him they've started a library based on these and the children tend to read more now and have also taken cut outs from them to put together posters etc to hang in the classrooms.



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We've also helped in the same way a Lower Primary school in Kumbanadu (a few miles from Chengannur). This time we've subscribed to 10 magazines for the next year. The children and staff are finding them very helpful and interesting and are using them for school projects as well as reading.



### **BUILDING PROJECT & EDUCATION**

Our building project continues to be very active with help given to many people to repair or improve their often very basic houses. We recently helped Radhmani and Saranya (Mother and daughter) to dig this water well. They live on a hill and so had to dig deep (about 35 to 40 feet) to reach the water level. Previously they had to go to neighbouring houses to get water and so this has



come as a great relief to them now being

able to draw water from their own well right in front of their house. The depth of the water gets even lower in the hot summer days.



Saranya, the daughter, achieved good marks in school but stopped studying as she couldn't afford to go to college so we helped her with £150 to enrol on a Bachelor of Commerce three year degree course which she is doing in a private

college. In the photo she's wearing the college uniform dress. She's a clever student and so is making the best use of the opportunity we've given her. The family are very grateful for all our timely help. Radhamani is actually the daughter of Ponamma a lady that's been sponsored by Paul Higgins since the early days of our sponsorship scheme so our work is now covering three generations!

### **STAMPS**

Just a reminder that we still collect postage stamps. Absolutely any stamps are fine, used, unused, on or off paper/envelopes, British, foreign or collections. We can make use of all of them so please spread the word and keep them coming in!

**Don't forget, please let us know if you change your email address or if you can now receive our newsletters by email as this will save on the printing and postage costs so that we can use the money for our projects rather than on administration.**

**\*\*WE WISH A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS\*\***

