

Remember the 15 or so women who meet in Madhavaram once a month for a prayer fellowship and for the monthly meeting of local students who come together for discussion and encouragement.

Give thanks for the good relations the *Madhavaram* project has with the community around it. Remember many in that community struggling with poverty and pray for the project to continue to be a light in the middle of much darkness.

Continue to pray for the trustees in India as they have overall care of the projects - *Rev. Job Jayrajan, Rev. John Kirubakaran, Mrs Hephzibah Samuel, Rev. Ramanathan, Rev. John Wesley (Treasurer) and Dr Siga Arles (Chairman)*

Remember *Premkumar* an ex-IMF boy who has completed his BSc and has been teaching. He has started his MSc. and after two years hopes to become a college lecturer. Also, *Suryakumar*, the son of Murugamma the previous cook at AYI, is now attending Engineering College in Chennai.

Pray for all the IMF staff as they seek to guide and help the children entrusted to their care. Pray that they would have joy and enthusiasm as they serve the Lord in this work.

## NEEDS IN INDIA

### AYI

- Kitchen items (inc a grinder/mixer) (£170)
  - Educational games and books for the nursery (£100)
  - New concrete roof for John Rowand School (£6,500)
- (the present roof is made from asbestos & makes the classrooms very hot)

### KGF

- An emergency generator is essential (£600)
- The laboratory needs an ECG machine (£285)
- Educational games and books for the nursery (£100)

### MADHAVARAM

- Monica needs medical treatment (£620)
- Issac has heart problems (£825)
- Extension upstairs to provide new classrooms etc (£11,500)

## Pray for India Ministries Fellowship



This 30 day Prayer Diary is to help us all pray more specifically for the work of IMF and the people we seek to support in India. Please use this as we continue to seek to further God's kingdom in India.

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.  
Share with God's people who are in need.**

**Romans 12 v 12,13**

There are 73 children attending the *John Rowand School* at Thiruthani this term. Pray for the children and for the teachers, *Rebecca, Joyce, Joy, Devi* and new helper, *Suriya*.

*Carmel Mary* helps to supervise the Nursery School at KGF and also teaches English to the Nursing and Lab students.

Give thanks for the gifts of money received to buy some of the needs mentioned in the last newsletter and for the money being raised in a Dundee church to build an extension to the boys' dormitory at AYI.



*Paul Viswasam* is presently staying at AYI as a trainee warden. Paul will hopefully begin his B.D degree next year. Pray about the setting up of a Higher Education Fund to help the boys move forward in their education.

At KGF 26 girls are enrolled in the Diploma in Nursing Assistant course. There is not a full time teacher but *Sheela, Manoranjitham, Justina* and *Nancy* help part time. Give thanks for these teachers and also for *Dr Anupama* who gives lessons two days a week.

*Jothi* is teaching 8 students computing at KGF, pray for her and for *Selvi Mary* who runs the tailoring classes along with the help of *Priya*.

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In a life involving a Christian journey God is always ever-present even if His presence is not felt sometimes. But when we do feel His presence and His affirmative blessing, they are very special moments indeed. I, along with my fellow trustees, have had such a moment recently when we realised that God has indeed answered affirmatively the prayers of all of us who are committed to IMF.

In recent times we had been concerned about the matter of increasing our regular giving to IMF (India). This has been due to two reasons: price inflation and initiation of new projects (such as the Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery course at KGF). Since the visit of David, Susan, Alan and Elaine to IMF(India) last January, we had been making appeals to all our faithful supporters to consider increasing their financial contributions in order to meet the increasing demands at all three projects of IMF. I am delighted to report that as a result of generous responses to our appeals, we are able to increase our monthly giving by £150.

We are grateful to all those who responded with such generosity and timeliness. More so we give God thanks for the love He invokes in us for those who are unloved. Such answers to prayers are those rare moments when God approves of what we do and urges us to do more of the same.

It is twenty-five years ago that IMF had its humble inception. The fact that the reasons for its creation are still as real as they were quarter of a century ago shows the scale and depth of India's version of social marginalisation which exists side-by-side the immense technological progress evident today. Education for the children of Dalits and other such groups as a way out of the hopeless-

ness and repression of the caste system still remains arguably the best way forward.

This is not just IMF's response to social marginalisation in India, but also that of many other organisations. BMS reported recently on the sub-human prospects that Dalit children face, many of whom are forced into prostitution and trafficked into slavery (*Engage*, quarterly bulletin of BMS, issue 4, 2009). To help give a perspective on the scale of poverty, it is estimated that about 350 million people in India are considered not just poor but actually sub-human by the higher castes. The education ministry of OM (partners with BMS) offers high-quality English-language education to children of Dalit backgrounds because Christian education is the best hope of emancipation, for such children are denied education by the higher castes.

IMF has helped educate hundreds of poor children over the years, many of whom have gone on to levels that would have been unimaginable had they not had access to such a resource. At the last trustees meeting we have taken the positive step in formalising help for those who wish to enrol for tertiary education. In partnership with IMF (India) we hope to bring to our supporters a few worthy cases who would greatly benefit support for higher education through sponsorship. We hope that the stories of such individuals - their life journeys, their hopes and aspirations for themselves and their families - would bring us all closer in the love of Jesus that we all share.

**Hector Williams**  
**Chairman**

## TRUSTEES' VISIT JAN 2010

Two Scottish Trustees, Hector Williams and Hugh Watt are going out to India in early January 2010. While in India they will be visiting the three projects and meeting with the Indian Trustees.

Please pray for this trip. Particularly for wisdom, discernment, health and good weather (here in Britain so that flights don't get delayed)!



*Nirmala* runs the Lab at KGF and helps the 27 young people taking the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technician Course. Pray that it would be possible to raise the money to buy the equipment needed for the lab (see end of prayer diary)

56 wee ones attend the Nursery School at KGF run by *Philomena* and *Anita*. Thank God for the provision of two new helpers - *Shyla* and *Salomi*.

Continue to pray for *Princy Judson* at KGF, *Vimala Wesley* at Madhavaram and *Mr Lavi* at AYI as they lead these projects and deal with administration demands as well as with the staff and children's needs.

Give thanks for the 10 students enrolled for the nursing course at *Madhavaram* and pray for them and their tutor, *Esther*. Continue to pray for the need of an extension at Madhavaram.

33 girls and 32 boys benefit from the Educational Assistance Programme at Madhavaram. Pray for *Arulmani*, *Devi* and *Santhya* as they tutor the children for two hours every evening.

Praise God for the 6 IMF girls who have gone on to college recently and pray for the Inter College Christian Movement (ICCM) meetings which encourage the college girls in their faith. Give thanks for *Charumathi*, who came first among the 500 girls at her school.

*Arulmani* looks after the 30 children at the playschool which meets every morning at Madhavaram. Pray about the impact of this playschool on children and their families.

Give thanks for the new committee appointed at KGF to lead the Mothers' Union and for the new life evident in this group. Pray that the mums would be encouraged as they meet together.

Give thanks that *Sonia Jebamani*, one of the senior college girls at KGF is now working for World Vision in Bangalore, where she is very happy. Pray on for *Vaishnavi* (aged 10) who is seriously ill with diabetes and kidney problems.

Pray for two children at Madhavaram with health problems - *Isaac* has a heart condition and *Monica* has epilepsy.

Continue to pray for the Scottish Trust as they seek to increase the support base of IMF and liaise with India. Give thanks for two new trustees - Elaine Cordiner and Helen Mahood.

Pray for one of the AYI boys *Sangeetharajan* who is presently doing an Electrical Diploma Course but who hopes to go to college to take a degree in Maths. Remember *Murthy* who is doing his Industrial Training Course as a Trade fitter.

The staff members at the Central Office in Bangalore continue to work hard - pray for *Miss Jayarani*, *Sudhakar* and *James* in all their responsibilities.

Pray for the Silver Jubilee celebrations later this year marking 25 years of IMF in India. Pray God's blessing on the different gatherings taking place. Pray that some of the boys and girls who have benefited in the past from IMF would be able to return to join in the celebrations.

Pray for the two new cooks at AYI as they settle into their job and get to know the boys and staff. Assistant warden *V Babu* commutes between his village and AYI. There remains a need for new staff quarters.

The computer course at Madhavaram is no longer viable as a local politician is now offering a free course in the area. Pray for guidance and wisdom for the team at Madhavaram as they explore new avenues of usefulness.

Praise God for new regular supporters to IMF in Scotland which has allowed us to increase our payment to India to £2,000 a month (an increase of £150). Pray for new partners in this work.

Remember *Dr Siga Arles*, the chairman of IMF India as he leads the Indian Trust and oversees much of the work at the projects. Give thanks for his vision and energy and continue to pray for wisdom and discernment in his busy life.

Give thanks for money given towards the cost of a minibus for the *John Rowand School* at AYI - pray for the purchase of the bus and for children from outlying villages who may now be able to attend the school for the first time.

