



Dear well-wishers and supporters,

We wish you all a happy and blessed New Year 2017!

We are back with our newsletter to give you an update of what took place in Ebendavid Charities in the last few months. We are also delighted to keep you informed of how your donations were utilized to care for the needy. We could not have accomplished this without your support. If you have any feedback, do write to us. We love to hear from you.

1.Nehemiah Care Projects

Our Nehemiah Care Centre continues to provide simple life changing care to uplift the life of the poor, needy and the helpless in distress.

Medical Camp

A Free Medical Camp at Thandalam- Kovurin in Tamil Nadu state was organized in the month of October 2016, in the premises of our local partner there. This place is 20 miles away from Chennai city and is surrounded with 750 families of daily laborers. This Free Medical Camp was conducted by a team of 5 doctors and 8 nurses from ACS Hospital with proficiencies in General medical treatment, Dental care, Orthopedic and Skin care. The patients were examined and free medicines were given to treat their illness. Anyone needing further diagnosis was referred to specialists. A total of 168 patients were treated. These patients were from the local villages and students from local govt. school. They were very happy about us organizing such a camp closer to their homes.



Here are a few feedbacks from some of them!

*"This camp was very helpful for old people like us and we expect more camps in the future"
Thanks for organizing!*

"I could not afford to go to clinic for checkup or treatment, but this free camp has helped me to avail free checkup" Thanks so much!

"Thanks for the medical camp organized near our home so that we do not have to travel far"

Micro programs to break the cycle of poverty

Two days training program was organized in Parthikulam & Kooram Villages of Kanchipuram district to benefit the people living below the poverty line, by teaching them with simple skills to make some extra money.

At Parthikulam village 17 women attended this program and at Kooram village 13 women attended this program. This two day program was conducted by Sis. Angeline –our SDC Course controller. In this training program variety of skills were demonstrated and taught. They were Basket making with wire, Flower vase making, Table mat making with woolen thread, making of handmade and machine stitched floor mats and doing Crosha art work. This program was initiated by explaining the objective of conducting such training programs at their places and the benefits they can derive out of what they learn. Initially, Sis. Angeline demonstrated the making of each item and this was followed by each participants making one of each item to learn all these skills. By this process all participants were trained. All were excited to attend this program and acquire these skills.



Here is a testimony from Sivaganthi !

"My name is Sivaganthi. I live in Parthikulam Village of Kanchipuram district. I have two children. I got an opportunity to attend this micro skill development program organized by Ebendavid Charities. In this training program I was taught many creative design skills to make variety of items. Among those, I got passionate of making wire baskets, gasket making, and creative designs with ice cream sticks, which was easy for me to understand too. After the training program, I have purchased raw materials to make wire baskets and greeting cards. Also for any training, we have to pay a huge amount to the tutor/institute, but this free training program has helped me to develop my skills for free. I am sure that this training program will help to increase our family income in future and also I can teach many illiterate women who are interested. Thanks for organizing."

More to come:

The next free Micro Program is scheduled in the month of February 2017. We seek your support to purchase the required materials to teach the participants and to meet our travel costs.

The next free Medical Camp is scheduled in the month of March 2017. We seek your support to meet the cost of running this camp.

2. Skill Development Centre

Skill development centres are set up in various locations to provide skill development courses for the unemployed, poor and destitute women/children, for these people living in poverty to transform their lives.

Here is an update from tailoring skill development centres, after our last newsletter to you!

Successful Course Completion: 77 women qualified to receive course completion certificates! It was the happiest moment for all these women, when they received their certificate. The details are; 12 women from Parthikulam village received certificates on 7th Oct 2016, 11 women from kaveripakkam village received certificates on 8th Oct 2016, 12 women from chennasamundharam village received certificates on 10th Oct 2016, 11 women from Pallivella village received certificates on 26th Oct 2016, 20 women from Anadevarpetta received certificates on 28th Oct 2016, 11 women from Veeranatham received certificates on 25th Nov 2016. These were from 6 skill development centres with 6 batches in completion!



New Batches: 9 new batches started for the benefit of 129 women! On 27th Sept 2016 in the village of Vadapatanam, 13 women started their training. On 7th Oct 2016, 12 women started their training in Parthikulam. On 8th Oct 2016, 18 women started their training in Kaveripakkam. On 10th Oct 2016, 15 women started their training in Chennasamundharam. On 22nd Oct 2016, 14 women started their training in Walajapet. On 26th Oct 2016, at Andhra Pradesh two centres were started; they were 18 women started their training in Gopalapuram and 12 women started their training in Devarpalli. And on 27th Oct 2016, 15 women started their training in Abijapeta, on 28th Oct 2016, 12 women started their training in Thokuretikulam.



More to come: Work is under way to commence 5 new batches of Tailoring in Vadapatannam, Soorai, Walajpet, Thirumalaicherry and Mabakkam of Tamil Nadu. We seek the support of monthly sponsors to assist with the cost of the teachers. It costs an average of Rs2500 per teacher per month.

Success Story: "My name is Swaroopa Rani, I live in this village of Annadeverpetta in Andhrapradesh. I got an opportunity to join this free tailoring course. By joining this tailoring course, I learnt how to cut clothes for dress making and to stitch all kinds of dresses. Now I am completing my course with lots of excitement and have gained confidence to start my tailoring business from home. I am very much thankful to Ebendavid Charities for providing this free tailoring course."



Staff Wanted

Co-Ordinator - Donor Relations (Part time)

This role shall develop relationship with various Churches/Christian organizations in Chennai, find opportunities to speak in them and introduce our various projects to find sponsors to support these projects. Shall also create a structure for development of ambassadors, train and develop area-wise voluntary ambassadors. (Very active retired pastors too are welcome to apply). Please apply to david@ebendavid.org

Appeals

1. We seek your support to conduct a micro program in the month of February 2017, to help the poor to earn some extra income, by learning a few skills, to break the cycle of their poverty. A one-time cost of **Rs. 5000** will cost to provide this training.

2. As explained above, we will be conducting a Free Medical Camp in the month of March 2017. This will cost **Rs. 10000**. We seek your support.

3. We wish to share with you that though we have capacity to operate many more Skill Development Centers, we are unable to operate all of them due to lack of financial resources to support the monthly honorarium of our teachers, who tirelessly train the poor beneficiaries. We humbly seek support from a number of monthly sponsors. Together we can help these poor people.

If you would like us to visit you to provide more details of any of the above, you can send us an E mail or just SMS the words below. We will get in touch with you.

"I wish to know more about Medical Camps / Micro Programs / Skill Development Centres."

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