

### Dear well-wishers and supporters,

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. 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.**

**64 women completed course successfully:** 9 women from kuzhipanthandalam village received certificates on 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017! 11 women from padapai village received certificates on 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017! 6 women from kothimangalam village received certificates on 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017! 11 women from Parthikulam village received certificates on 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017! 14 women from chenna samundhram village received certificates on 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017! 13 women from Vadapatanam village received certificates on 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017! Let us wish them good luck in becoming financially stable.



**95 women commenced their training:** On 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017, 17 women started their training in payanur village! On 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017, 14 women started their training in veeranatham village! On 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2016, 10 women started their training in kunathur village. On 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017, 12 women started their training in Melakotaiur village. On 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017, 14 women started their training in padapai village. On 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017, 14 women started their training in parthikulam village. On 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017, 14 women started their training in Chennasamudhram village. Let us wish them good luck in successfully completing their course.



**More to come:** Work is under way to commence 6 new batches in Soorai, Walajpet, Rantham, Vadakambadi &

Perambaleri villages of Tamil Nadu.

#### A few Success Stories:

**My name is Amudha** I live in the village of Chennasamundaram and currently I am working for 100 days labor work. I came to know about this free tailoring course conducted in our village by Ebendavid Charities. I approached them and joined this course. After completing six months of training at Ebendavid, I learnt how to cut clothes for dress making and stitch all kinds of dresses. Now I am earning an extra Rs.400 to 500 per week from home. I am thankful to Ebendavid Charities for teaching me this skill.



**My name is Gomathi** I am a house wife. I live in the village of Chennasamundaram. A free tailoring course was conducted in our home town by Ebendavid Charities and I got an opportunity to join this course. I attended this training program for six months and successfully completed this course. This motivated me to buy a Sewing machine and I am making use of the skills learnt from this training. Now from home, I am earning about Rs 2000 every month and this money is very useful in meeting our family financial needs. I am thankful to Ebendavid for organizing this free tailoring course.



### Can you support people like Amutha and Gomathi?

Become our **monthly sponsor** to support the uninterrupted running of our skill development centres, no matter how small your sponsorship could be. Every drop counts!

## 2. 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.*

### Micro programs to break the cycle of poverty:

Micro skill development programs was organized in Rantham village of Thiruvanamalai dist. on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and in Thalangai village of Kanchipuram district on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017, to the benefit of the people living below the poverty line. The participants were taught simple skills to make some extra money.

At Rantham village 29 women attended this program and at Thalangai village 15 women attended this program. In these micro training programs variety of skills were demonstrated and taught. The first part of the training were for basket making, creative designs with newspaper, decorative items from ice cream sticks and the second part of the training was for commercial cooking, which were tomato pickle making, masala powder for curry making and Idly powder making. Everyone was excited! These women were also happy that they can prepare these dishes for their family without purchasing from a shop and save money. Some were interested to make this as their home based business and market in their locality. We will wait to hear their success stories.



### Here is a testimony from Rachel !

**"My name is Rachel** I come from Arcot Village. I was very passionate of learning new skills for a long time and I could not find a right place to learn these skills. When my friends make baskets, I watch them and become passionate of learning but no one was ready to teach me. Then through one of my contact, I heard that in Rantham village basket making and many other skills are going to be

taught for free, especially for women. It was my dream come true and today I attended this training program. This is very useful and we can do this from home and make some extra money. Especially commercial cooking was another interesting skill that I learnt today. For any of these training, generally we have to pay a huge amount to develop our skills, but this was free and has helped me to develop my skills for free. I am sure this training program will help me to increase our family income in the future and also I can be a mentor for those who are interested to learn. I am so thankful to God that I got an opportunity to attend this program and also I am thankful to Ebendavid Charities for conducting such program”.



### Here is a testimony from Maria !

**“My name is Maria** I am from Thalangai Village. Today, I attended this micro training program and all the skills that were taught today were very useful for me. I am a house wife and I had no idea that these skills can be learnt and done from home. I liked all the skills taught here but my special interest was in learning to prepare pickle from tomato and making cooking curry powders from home much cheaper than buying from shops. This micro training program helped us to learn how these can be prepared at home and this was very useful for me. I also learnt how the waste materials such as newspaper, ice cream sticks can be utilized for decorations. This too was very useful for all of us. We wish that more such programs can be organized in the future and many of us can learn more skills and make use of them to earn our daily bread. We are thankful to Ebendavid Charities for conducting this micro training program in our village”.



### Education fee support program:

As the commencement of a new academic year is fast approaching, we are working on screening of the candidates to provide education support in the new academic year. All the students who were supported last year and have achieved good academic results will continue to get support for the next academic year too, if their course continues and their parent's financial situation remains the same. In addition to this, we need to support some new deserving applicants too. Hence our education program budget for this year is increasing! Your generous support is solicited!

### Here is a testimony from Asha of Rajamundry dist. in Andhra Pradesh.

I was studying Inter MPC 2<sup>nd</sup> year, when I received fee support from Ebendavid for the last academic year. I have now completed my course with a score of 96%. Though I need financial support, hoping that someone will help, I have applied for engineering courses in chitoor district (AP). I have also successfully passed in the entrance exam and I am now waiting for the counseling call. I wanted to become an Engineer in Computer Science. This is my dream.



### Here is a testimony from Roshine of Ambathur (Chennai) in Tamil Nadu.

I am studying B.Sc (Computer Science). When I found it difficult to pay my semester fees due to a financial crisis in my family, I received support from Ebendavid Charities to pay my semester fees during the last academic year. And now I have successfully completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of my course without any interruptions. I have also done well in my exams and I am waiting for my results to enter my final year. My ambition after completing my graduation is to become a Software Engineer.



### More to come:

**Can you support people like Racheal and Maria?** The next Micro training program is scheduled in the month of June 2017. We seek your financial support to purchase the required materials to teach the participants and to meet our travel costs.

**Can you support people like Asha and Roshine?** The next academic year starts in June 2017.

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

## 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](mailto:david@ebendavid.org)

### Appeals

1. We seek your support to conduct a micro program in the month of June 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 3000** will cost to provide this training.

2. As explained above, we will be conducting a Free Medical Camp in the month of August 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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