



'GIVE A MAN A FISH AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A DAY; TEACH A MAN TO FISH AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A LIFETIME'

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KKM- VANNI HOPE

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It is with great pleasure and excitement that we release our 3rd Newsletter in 2019. Recalling, sorting through and presenting some of the achievements of KKM -VH is not only informative to our readers; it also serves to encourage and motivate us.

We hope to continue our mission, keeping in mind this beautiful verse:

When God blesses us financially,

Let us not raise our standard of living,

Let us instead, raise our standard of giving'



Message from Child care coordinator Uthayashanthini

I have served with KKM since 2011. Initially I was in charge of caring for disabled children, women empowerment and cultural activity. In 2015 I assumed the role of Child care coordinator and have been working in this field since. I took over the care of 46 children in Amanthanavalli. After KKM supported these children financially for 5 years we moved on to other villages. Before moving on, we established livelihood projects each family in the form of chickens, goats or water wells.



Currently I am caring for children in Maiylvaganapuram in Kilinichchi, Muthoor in Trincomalee and Amanthanavalli in Vaharai. A total of 36 children are under my care. We arrange nutritious food and educational support as well as conducting awareness workshops.

I feel this intervention has given the children a sense of belonging, better health and improved academic standard. The workshops have given the children happiness, confidence and good moral values. I am confident our children will be a beacon of light for other children.

Newsletter

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One of the success stories we would like to share with you in this News Letter is that of Vijayarathi ...



Vijayarathy was living with her parents and younger sister. Her father sustained an injury to his right shoulder during the war and became incapacitated in his right arm. Her mother is a primary school teacher and the sole breadwinner. Her younger sister suffers from medical [Endocrine] issues.

When Vijayarathy completed her A'Levels in the Bio stream and got admitted to Jaffna University she asked KKM for financial assistance to help pursue her tertiary degree.

Shyam Sundar came forward to help via Vanni Hope. In 2014 Vijayarathy entered the Agriculture faculty in Jaffna University and completed her degree in August 2018.

She even managed to complete a 2 year pharmacy degree during this time by saving funds that was given via Vanni Hope!

She got married in Sept 2018 and has been working as a teacher in a school in Mullaitheevu. She is teaching Science for O'Level students and Agriculture for A'Level students in this school.

She says she hopes to further her studies by completing a Master's degree. She is currently studying to get her SLAS [Sri Lanka Administrative service] qualification. This will assist her in her long term ambition to one day get into the District Council and hold the post of an AGA and then a GA [Government Agent]!

It is heart -warming to watch this young girl, who was given a helping hand at as opportune moment by Shayam has made full use of it and is now surging forward.

Education

KKM - VH has been sponsoring many students over the past few years.

This year, [2019] we are financially supporting 6 students in Grades 1 to 10, 13 students in O'Level and A'Level and 37 students to continue and complete their Diploma and University courses.

In addition, 35 other students in



very remote villages receive a more comprehensive package of tuition fees, nutritious food, happiness workshops and other workshops on child abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse etc



Recently KKM-VH started sponsoring Sunday school children in Sri Sumangala Vigar. Over 105 students benefit from attending these classes.

Finally to continue to prosper Hindu culture and traditions, KKM-VH sponsors Ramar Bhajans in the month of January. Children sing devotional songs in the temple and travel as a group along the streets, singing bhajans door to door.





Community teacher training

Kilinochchi has the lowest standard of English in Jaffna district from primary schools. English teachers were encouraged and given training in English to support our school children in the near future.



KKM Objective is to support such that strive to ensure a good for our most valuable yet senior citizens. In an endeavour to seniors getting together, to support and friendships, KKM from time to time, especially when choose to make their birthday or celebrations more meaningful.



To this end, in Feb 2019, KKM-VH sponsored 60 elders from Masar and Palai to go on a road trip to Madu and Thirukeswaram. In April 2019, we sponsored 50 elders from Santhapuram to travel to Manar and Madu.

Our elders deserve our respect and appreciation. organizations quality of life vulnerable encourage our enhance funds meals sponsors anniversary

135 Elders from Selvanagar have benefitted from our 'Celebrations that touch the heart' project. So far this year these elders have been treated to 7 meals with cake, combined with small livelihood projects.



Another project KKM - Vanni Hope takes great delight in offering is one titled 'Celebrations that touch the heart'. In this popular project, our donors choose to make their special occasions even more meaningful and heart-warming.

On occasions such as birthdays, weddings and special anniversaries, donors can sponsor a meal for a group of disadvantaged children or disadvantaged elders. KKM Vanni Hope staff will gladly arrange for the meal as well carry out a livelihood project for one of the chosen recipients on the specified day.



A \$200 or \$300 donation goes a long way in organising a sumptuous meal in a kindergarten, a school, an Elders' home or an Elders' Association. Some of the popular livelihood projects have been the provision of coconut saplings to each child in the kindergarten or 15 - 25 chickens to a selected family.



Livelihood program through water facilities & agriculture development program for war affected families

4 project have been completed during this newsletter period & 22 members are gaining their income through this program



Women empower Sivarohini from Mankulam



Sivarohini is a single mother who was deserted by her husband. Sivarohini asked KKM for financial assistance to educate her daughter. On further questioning KKM staff gathered she had received hand-loom training for 6 months and had worked in that field for a year. She had abandoned that work as she had run out of threads to weave.

KKM VH sponsors assisted by donating new threads and Sivarohini was able to re-establish her hand loom business and thereby generate her own income to educate her daughter.

Hope cultural Project:



Our latest expansion this year has been our association with Hope Trinco, an organisation dedicated to caring for disabled children and their families. Hope Trinco currently cares for 56

differently abled children who suffer from Autism, Downs Syndrome, Mental retardation and Cerebral palsy.

In June this year, KKM – Vanni Hope sponsored Hope Trinco to organise a day of fun and games for these children and their families.

Hope Trinco provided entertainment, team building activities and valuable workshops for these children, their siblings and their parents.

Sanitation



Access to clean drinking water and adequate treatment and disposal of human waste is vital for the health and wellbeing of a community. KKM – VH has been successfully providing open wells and tube wells to many families. We have also sponsored the provision of toilets in preschools, schools and temples.

Solar and Haybox cooking in Kilinochchi

News flash

During April 2019 Jane and Seggy from “SF Environmental Trust” in the UK worked with “Kaveri Kala Manram” promoting “Low Impact Cooking” in Kilinochchi.

The solar and haybox cookers were funded by “SF Environmental Trust” and built in Moratuwa by “The Emace Foundation”.

Solar Cooking uses the heat of the sun to heat up a well-insulated box with a glass cover. The temperature quickly rises to 100oc allowing one to cook food.

Haybox cookers use a well-insulated box to complete the cooking of partly cooked food.

Both these technologies have many benefits.

1. They reduce the cost of fuel used to cook.
2. Significantly reduce the harmful effects of smoke from firewood.
3. Although cooking takes longer it allows more freedom for everyday jobs.
4. Because food is slow cooked it is more nutritious.
5. There are no black or burnt pans.
6. The technology is simple and the cookers can be made in a small workshop or home with simple tools.



Following a training session at KKM Malayalapuram office, cooking workshops were held at a number of locations in the Northern Province.

A total of 9 workshops were held with more than 150 participants. As well as interest in the cooking there were enquiries about drying herbs and spices and dehydrating fruit and vegetables to avoid wastage.

Most interest came from those in the farming communities.

The cookers were left with organisations able to experiment and loan out to interested parties. KKM staff will monitor and give feedback over the coming months. Once the use of the cookers spreads there is potential for them being made locally and provide employment.

We have found this project was received enthusiastically and was well supported by a highly dedicated team from Kaveri Kala Manram.

Jane and Seggy Segaran
YORK UK.

Parent of child care students had a competition on husking coconut and plating coconut leaves. This event made them happy and valuable in the community.



School children had a quality diversional therapy time in making beads chain and bracelets for them selves

Views of independent observers

Child care officer Nisha:

I am Nisha and I have been the child care field officer for Muthur under KKM - VH in 2018 and 2019. Families in Muthur were severely affected by the war, having been displaced and resettled. Most children have lost one or both parents. KKM-VH interventions have certainly given a new lease of life for these children. They appear more healthy and robust. They are confident and eager to attend school. From their school reports I can see a marked improvement in their standard of education

PHI Batticaloa –

600,000 people live in the Batticalao district. Leprosy has been diagnosed in some of them. Some leprosy affected women and children appear to have discontinued their treatment due to side effects, lack of understanding or due to financial difficulty.

Vanni Hope has sponsored 8 Mobile van visits to our area and we have so far completed 5 visits. During these visits we are able to diagnose leprosy, educate the leprosy affected people, supply nutritious food and assist them with livelihood projects when needed. Mobile van services have been most valuable. So far 42 **new** cases of leprosy have been diagnosed in 2019 during these mobile visits and commenced on treatment.



Trainee IT Officer

I am a qualified nurse and have a diploma in computer course. I have also worked as a pharmacy assistant and as an Araneri school teacher. I was offered a position as a trainee IT officer at KKM in December 2018 and I gladly accepted. I am now able to write project proposals under the guidance of my team leader. I have also become confident in taking a history from a beneficiary and assessing their needs. KKM director Rev Joshua and Vanni Hope director Ranjan have been very encouraging and my fellow staff at Malayalapuram are very supportive. I feel honoured to be a part of a team that is assisting so many



deserving children, families and the elderly.

I hope to continue working in KKM.
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Vanni Hope plan 2019

	Objectives	2018 Projects	2019 Proposed	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Vavuniya	Batti	Trincom	Ampara
A)	Raising awareness. principally through drama and theatre								
1)	Increased detection leprosy		-						
2)	Health & hygienic promotion		-						
3)	Coconut plantation for livelihood development	39	20		10	03	7	0	0
4)	Environment & Global warming protection	39	28		10	8	3	3	3
5)	Attitude change & good behaviour practice	39	20		8	8	2	1	1
6)	Promoting awareness on traditional job opportunities	39	20						
7)	Water & sanitation	-	06		3	1	1	1	
8)	Child & women rights awareness program	12	24						
9)	Awareness on disability access in national level	-	31						
10)	Taste of peace	05	10		4	3	1	1	1
B)	Implementing educational processes.								
1)	Scholarship programs to disadvantage university student	29	40	06	34		01		
2)	Scholarship programs to disadvantage high school students	41	22	5	17				
3)	Child care programme to disadvantage children	32	37		6		16	15	
4)	Vocational training on job opportunities	04	08		06		01	01	
5)	Support to Christian theological formation	-	01						
6)	Support to Hindu religion education	05	07	01	04		01	01	
7)	Support to Christian education	-	01						
8)	Hindu temple development	03	01		1				
9)	Support to Buddhist education	-	01			01			
10)	English language development (S project)	-	01		01				
C)	Promoting health								
1)	Screening programme on early detection on leprosy	-							
2)	Mobile clinic to support leprosy screening program	-	16				08		08
3)	Stress relief development program	-	31					31	
4)	Support to disability physiotherapy to war disable people	-	01					01	
5)	Providing water & sanitation to needy people	-	06		03	01	01	01	
6)	Sport development	03	02		02				
7)	Nutrition and mothers empowerment program	-	02		02				
8)	Elders empowerment program	06	14		14				
D)	Fostering livelihood opportunities								
1)	Coconut plantation & intercropping cultivation with water project	39	20	04	10	03	03		
2)	Village hen (poultry) development program	05	05		05				
3)	Village goat and cow(diary) development program	01	05		03	01	01		
4)	Soil project (organic cultivation)	-	01	01					
5)	Small scale industries & marketing management	10	26		26				