

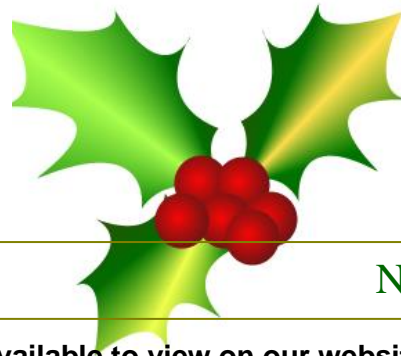
# The East Sheen Chengannur Trust

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Welcome to our latest newsletter which will also be available to view on our website.

## EAST SHEEN CHURCHES GRANT

You may recall that we've been given a three year grant from a group of East Sheen Churches thanks to nomination by our supporter Mireille Stanton. We are intending to predominantly use this money for our Building Fund to help with numerous small projects to improve the meagre living standards of as many families as we can. We've already started distributing some funds and amongst other little projects we've helped these two families. Jacob, our Project Director, has sent the following report...

"This is Anish and family. He works very hard for his family. They have two children, the elder one is from his wife's first marriage. They have no house of their own but have some land. The government here has a law which demands one to have a small shed in order to apply for a house under a government scheme. They wanted some help from us to make this temporary shed and we chipped in about £200 to help him with this. I am hoping to put his family also onto our sponsorship waiting list."



"This is Ayana and family. She is an engineering graduate now and awaits an employment opportunity. We helped her tile and fit out her kitchen with sink, cooking stove etc and it is now very bright, clean and hygienic. It cost about £300. The girls are very bright in their studies and her sister Aswathy is doing a nursing course in Kerala which she obtained on merit marks where fees are much reduced compared to others who go privately (the ones who don't get merit marks). Recently she has asked me to help her with providing a back door as water blows inside during the rains and winds and we are arranging to help her with that also. "



## 'HUNGRY FUND'

Our fund for supporting the poorest, mostly elderly, people continues to thrive thanks to some regular donations and the efforts of Jacob to find the appropriate recipients and purchase and distribute the supplies. The latest distribution was during Onam celebrations and consisted of about 50 packages of basic foods and general provisions. In some cases Jacob even delivered them to individuals who are housebound and couldn't come to collect them.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Jacob continues to help many people and in accordance with our principles he doesn't just hand out money but ensures it's used effectively. We try where possible to give something that provides an ongoing benefit. An example is shown in our photo where a single lady was provided with a cooking stove for which she was very grateful.

Another example of something that we have found successful and beneficial, and have actually done numerous times over the last 40 years, is to provide sewing machines.



Anaswara lives near Chengannur with her four children. Her husband does not look after the family or provide for them. She has health issues and finds it difficult to raise her growing children especially as her health does not permit her to go out and work everyday.

She knows tailoring and wanted a sewing machine so she can earn a small income through taking on tailoring jobs given to her by her neighbours and friends. We were able to buy her a sewing machine for £70 and she eagerly set to work looked on by three of her children.

responsible lives with the result that they are not able to buy anything for their mother. She lives on a small govt. pension and has a run down house. We often supply her with basic provisions to help her along. The area she lives is water logged especially in the rains and mosquitoes are a major problem, so much so that she just cannot get a proper nights sleep due to constant mosquito bites. She asked us for a Pedestal fan to keep the mosquitoes at bay and help her get a good nights sleep!

## REQUEST

Please remember to keep us informed if you change your address or email address or no longer use email.

During the year we were very sorry to learn of the passing of several of our longstanding supporters. We will remember their contribution to, and interest in, our cause and the benefits they have helped give to many in India over the years. Our condolences go to their families.

## WHATS APP

For sponsors who use Whats App Jacob & Deepa have said they are happy to receive and exchange messages and photos direct and their numbers are from the UK is +91 94470 52834 or +91 94463 52834



**We wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas and peaceful and prosperous 2024**