

# The East Sheen Chengannur Trust

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## NEWSLETTER No. 106

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

### EAST SHEEN CHURCHES GRANT / BUILDING FUND

We continue to assist many families with improvements and repairs to their, often run down, houses using the money in our Building Fund which has been topped up very nicely thanks to a 3 year grant from the East Sheen Churches group. A couple of examples of what we do are.....



Pankajakshi, who is an 80 year old grandmother, lives with her three grown up unmarried adult children (in their late 50's with learning difficulties). We regularly buy provisions for the family as their only son used to go out to buy their supplies but sadly he passed away recently leaving the rest of the family indoors for most of the time. Their small tiled house roof was run down with termites

eating the rafters and we arranged for new wooden rafters, treated them against termites, got the tiles painted up and on the whole the house now looks neat and tidy and will fully protect them from the monsoon rains. The family expressed their gratitude and appreciation for our help. It cost us about £800 pounds which isn't far off the cost of a complete house when we started many years ago!

Appukuttan age 8 is the only child of Subhash and Omana and is affected by autism. The local govt body is helping them build a house but as usual their budgets are never enough to complete the building work. The family wanted some help from us to finish the house so we were able to build them a toilet and will assist with a few other small jobs. We help many families with similar projects.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES



This is Anoop, a local coconut plucker. He wanted a manual coconut tree climbing unit for the tallest trees and we managed to buy him one.

On the right is Ayana and her mother Sulochana. We helped her to complete an engineering course in Electronics and Communication and she had a long search for a proper job as engineers here find it tough to get placement. Finally she has now joined the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory under the Ministry of Defence where she is a trainee. Her sister Aswathy is learning to be a nurse. They live in a run down house and we recently helped her make a wooden back door for her kitchen.



## ALA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here are children of the Ala Govt. Lower Primary school, a school where children from very difficult backgrounds study. Being a government school they have no fees to pay but many families cannot afford the uniform, equipment and supplies which they have to provide themselves. This is the same



school that we gave toys to and a Christmas lunch last year. This time they came to us



asking for funds to buy their 48 children school badges, ID cards and Belts which form part of their uniform. So we provided that with about £60 pounds from our Education fund and the children were looking very smart with them as seen in the pictures. The teachers especially thanked the Trust for our continuing support.



### 'HUNGRY FUND'

Jacob continues to distribute packs of staple foods every quarter to poor and disabled residents around the area. In the picture on the left he is preparing to take out a delivery and on the right is one of the happy recipients. Over recent years this project has grown and become perhaps our most successful, after sponsorship and housing.



### MITRA DAY CARE CENTRE

Rejani, a special education teacher runs Mitra Day Care Centre on her own in a small town about 10 miles away from Chengannur in a rented building. About 16 special needs children from very poor backgrounds attend her school. Her

expenses like rent and daily expenses are met through well wishers as she has not yet received any government help so she cannot presently make both ends meet. She approached us for some Christmas help and her children had a big day with happy meals, ice creams and all the needed Christmas dress for some fun times.

### REQUEST

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