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SHEEN MOUNT SCHOOL LINK WITH CAMEROON

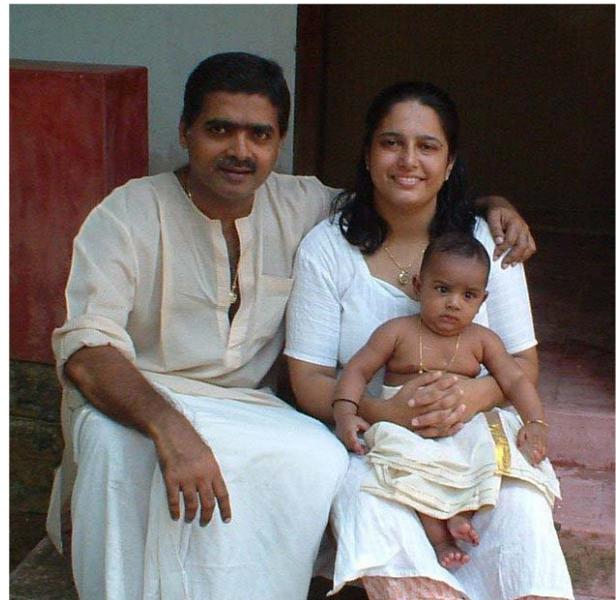
We are grateful to Suzanne Maile, a teacher at Sheen Mount School, who in addition to sponsoring two children, is now organising a link up between Sheen Mount and Hill Light School in the Cameroons. We are hoping this will enable Richard Tambe, our project manager, to establish a successful school and make good use of the building which Richard has already constructed with our funds. Although there is still a great deal of work to be done on finishing the building, the good news is that Richard has started classes for a few children. He reports:

' We took the children to a national trade fair that is taking place in our main town Bamenda for the children to see touch and feel a lot of things and experience the Merry Go Round a thing which is rare to find in our little town. They were very excited but some were crying and screaming because it was their first time especially when it was put in motion. They also had a wonderful experience drinking fresh boiled cow milk with cakes.'

We have now sent out money (previously raised by Sheen Mount) so he can purchase 6 more desks plus teaching equipment and other items. We are sure that the link up between the schools will benefit the children at both schools.

A SPECIAL NEW HOME FOR REHAN

We are delighted to hear the lovely news that Jacob and Deepa have successfully adopted a beautiful four month old baby boy. They call him REHAN JOHN JACOB. We don't have to tell you they and all their family are extra thrilled and of course busy parenting and they wanted to convey this happy news to all their friends and well-wishers across the world.



TSUNAMI FUND CLOSURE

Initially we helped 16 families in South East India who were affected by the tidal wave on Boxing Day 2004. This year we also sent out another £200 for Jacob give to some local women to set up a coir (rope) making venture. This is still being sorted out and provided it is successful we will send out the remaining £250 in the fund for a further similar project. We are still accepting donations until 31/12/06 when we plan to close this fund. We wish to again thank everyone who generously contributed to this cause.

HELP FOR GIRL TO TRAIN AS DOCTOR

We have given £100 to a young girl named DIVYALAKSHMI in Chengannur who has done very well at school and wished to go on to train as a doctor. Our donation is helping pay for her hostel accommodation and fees at the college which is about 50 miles from her home.

MARK COY HOUSE

We were recently contacted through our website by Mark Coy, a builder, who with his family were emigrating from the UK to Australia. They wanted to use some of their assets to build a house for a needy family and generously donated the £1000 required to build a home in Chengannur through the Trust. Jacob is currently looking for a suitable family. We hear that Mark and family are doing well and we now have our first supporters `down under` !

CHENGANNUR TUITION CLASSES



Our free tuition classes held after normal school for poor children in Chengannur continue very successfully. Jacob orders childrens publications and books on a regular basis which they love to read. They also enjoy the free posters in them such as popular cricketers and are seen happily showing these off in this photo. The trust pays for these publications which help their reading skills and general knowledge and interest in what is happening in the world.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TALK

In November Russell and Kay gave a talk at the request of the URC Bromley Friendship Club about the work of the Trust. The church members were generous in their praise for our work and with some sales of small items and their kind donations we raised £86 and collected a quantity of used postage stamps. We have sent this money to Nigeria to be given to Elizabeth, an orphan girl, who has just left school but needs to be able to support herself. She was an excellent student who the Trust supported through the final years of her schooling.

She will use the money to start own business selling foods from the street.

CYRIL GILL

We were very sorry to lose another longstanding supporter and sponsor in the passing of Cyril Gill just after our last newsletter was produced. We send our condolences to June who also sponsors and supports our local sales.

STAMPS

We would like to thank everyone who sends us postage stamps, some are sent anonymously so we would like to thank those people too. Absolutely any stamps are fine, used, unused, on or off paper/envelopes, British, foreign or collections. We can make use of all of them so please spread the word and keep them coming in!

JACOB HAS ANOTHER NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note because of problems with his last address he now has another which is jacobpunnen@gmail.com Please also remember to tell us if you change your email address !

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS