



# NEWS LETTER

## AUGUST 2016

Dear Members of Madurai YMCA Family,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is a great privilege for me to be in touch with you through our newsletter sharing the developments and activities happening at the YMCA Madurai.

The **YMCA Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired** at Visalakshipuram benefits nearly 200 Children with hearing impairment. For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, our 10<sup>th</sup> standard students have achieved an impressive 100 % success in final examination. The 12<sup>th</sup> standard students have obtained a hard worked 95 % success in their final examination. They now pursue their higher education in various institutions.

The last few months were eventful. Training in photography, career guidance, and Training in Yoga are some of the important events that took place. Also, Parents meeting and Independence Day celebration were organized at the school. Students were taken out on Pleasure trips and they enjoyed.

You are invited to visit our school with your friends and relatives and share your joy with the children through special events.

The **YMCA Special School for the Mentally Challenged** at Ellisnagar is offering special education for 100 children with varying needs. Children above 15 years are involved in paper cup making and candle making. Regular physiotherapy, counseling and psychiatric support services are being provided to the children. Parents meetings, Independence Day celebration and In-service training to staff were organized in the last quarter.

Madurai YMCA is grateful to Mr.M.Jeganathan for sponsoring the laying of paver blocks in the special school campus at a cost of Rs.1.5 lakhs. Madurai YMCA expresses its thanks to Mr. Murugan Kanthaswamee, Proprietor, Ace Tower Agencies too for donating a 5.8 kg Haier Washing Machine to the hostel. And thanks to Mr.D.Udayakumar of Udaya Builders for gifting one computer, 2 Mixies [one to the hearing impaired school hostel and one to the hostel of the mentally challenged]. Educational toys have also been gifted to the children.

The **YMCA J.P.Kennett Home for the orphaned boys** at Alagappan Nagar takes care of 20 orphan and semi-orphan children with loving care and quality education. The boys have scored high marks in the Government examinations. We request your prayers and support to meet the immediate need for a new living block for the boys as the existing one is owned out. Special thanks to all members / donors who join the children to celebrate their special days with the boys.

The **YMCA Evening Study Centre** at Muthupatty is offering academic coaching and nutritious refreshment to 75 poor children who are mostly first generation learners. Our study center is playing a crucial role in reducing the dropout rate in schools and many have pursued their higher education.





The **Play School**, set up at Muthupatty in 2013, provides English medium nursery education for 35 children of poor socio economic backgrounds. Training programs focusing on equipping the teachers of the Play School were conducted in the last few months. Independence Day was celebrated joyfully.

**YMCA Rural Community Development Project** focuses on the development of small and marginal farmers, women and children. St. Martin's Model Farm at Kayathar is equipped with a training centre facility which is being utilized by other organizations as well.

Tennis, Badminton, Cricket, Walking, Skating and Fitness Gym are the facilities available at our **YMCA Sports and Wellness Centre** in Alagappan Nagar for maintaining the physical well being. Around 300 people make use of these facilities. Madurai Tennis Foundation conducted Madurai District Inter- School Tennis Tournament for boys and girls at our Tennis Academy in July 2016.

YMCA Madurai manages all its service projects with funds raised locally and internationally from friends and organizations.

YMCA Working Women's Hostel at Visalakshipuram and the International Guest House at Main Guard Square support partially the activities of the YMCA service projects through the income generated.

The International Youth Centre of Madurai YMCA which is under construction at Ellisnagar is a self reliance initiative and it is expected that it will generate a substantial resource on its completion. Kindly remember this project especially in your prayers for successful completion and fund raising towards the process.

As we briefed in our April 2016 News Letter, Rev. S.Suyambu, who served as the General Secretary of Madurai YMCA for the past 28 years, retired from service on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016. A great Visionary and a Fundraiser par excellence, Rev.S.Suyambu, has been instrumental in taking Madurai YMCA to its present glorious heights. Madurai YMCA is thankful to him for his yeoman service to place the YMCA on a sustainable footing.

With a humble heart, I would like to convey to the members that the Board of YMCA Madurai has appointed me as the General Secretary of Madurai YMCA with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016. I request your prayers, support and participation to carry forward this mission with utmost care and dedication.

We thank you for your time and participation in our election process 2016-2017 during the end of May 2016. Our Annual General Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. We have communicated to all of you and kindly request your prayerful presence and your support for the work of Madurai YMCA.

We deeply mourn the demise of our YMCA Accountant Mr. V.Selvin Raj on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016. We request your prayers for his family and his ailing wife.

Once again on behalf of Madurai YMCA, I thank you all and request your solidarity and support to this ministry of giving succor to the lives of many. Kindly remember our beneficiaries, Staff, Secretaries and Board of Directors in your prayers.

May our Dear Lord strengthen us for the glory of His Kingdom!

Yours in Christ,

J. Shamila Doris  
General Secretary

