

NEWSLETTER

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Religious talk on “Anbe Sivam” at TEV campus on 6th March 2008.

Shri.Kandasamy Raju, of Om Sivaya Namaha foundation gave a spiritual talk on Love is God, for the TEV elders. Elders discussed with him about depression free happy living, meditation, life after death etc. Shri.Ramalingam, Senior Finance Manager garlanded him and gave vote of thanks.



Head – SP &E, New Delhi celebrates Karthikey’s Birthday at TEV.

The elders of TEV enjoyed a delicious feast provided by shri. Rajeshwar, Head – SP&E on 15th March. Followed by a birthday song and cake distribution, his son Karthik gave snacks to elders while our Head-SP&E serves dinner himself to them. All staff members were invited.



Birthday Feast – Head Emergencies

District Collector visits TEV on 16th March.

District Collector Shri. Ratnoo visits TEV with a donor from Dartford, UK Mr.Lutchuman, who wishes to help and live in elderly homes of Tamilnadu. DC also enjoyed hearing songs of elders with his family members and he helped elder sundarpal in operating the ganjira (moursing) instrument. Sundarpal is a fisherman from singarathope village and was paralysed for the past one year.



NLC Medical camp on 17th March

NLC medical team headed by Dr.Nirmala visited TEV on 17th March. Medical register books were issued to individual elders by her. 3 specialist Doctors, pathologist and Pharmacist attended the camp.



The role of NLC doctors' in TEV elders "care regime" was interviewed by the NDTV local News correspondent.

School children staged Cultural evening at TEV campus on 17th March.

TEV had a strong linkage with local schools and community organisations. Children of St.Joseph School and St.Antony's Matriculation wish to stage their programs like Fancy dress, drama, songs and dance for TEV elders. The first such kind of program was organized in the newly formed TEV amphi theatre on 17th march and was enjoyed by both the elders and the kids. Some elders even shared their dance and film songs with children. NDTV local correspondent shoot the entire program along with personal interviews. Head- Emergencies, Shri.Rajeshwar attended the cultural evening with his family members.

Pictures at site..



We wish to entertain TEV elders



We are fishermen. We know fishing.



Could you dance with us?



Trip to Local temples by the elders



TEV Elders visited the local temples Padaleeswarar at Cuddalore

and Perumal at Tirupatripuliyoor on 18th March. 25 elders along with Manager and senior caregiver attended the trip.



NDTV team from Chennai – visited TEV on 19th March.

Mr. Sanjay Pinto, NDTV- Chennai arrived here at TEV on 19th March for interviewing elders and to shot their activities of daily living. The program covered their involvement in income generation activities, recreation, dining socialization etc and was telecasted on 21st March in NDTV- My News section, Southern Edition.



SIB Officials visited TEV on 20th March 2008.

Staff team from the SIB, Ministry of Home Affairs, headed by Shri. Krishna moorthy visited TEV on 20th March. Dr.Sathiyababu and Mr.Elango received them and explained about aims & objectives of Elders for Elders Foundation.

BSNL Engineers installed WiLL phones at TEV campus:



BSNL Engineers arrived here at TEV on 14th March for installing wireless WiLL telephones

and internet connections Since there is no possibility of erecting fibre lines, 6 WiLL phones (04142 – 212651 to 212656) were installed at TEV campus. Fax line will be connected with existing 04142- 212352 separately, while coin box phones to be installed in the clusters for residents to use and one in gate.

Director of Social Welfare, Chennai visited TEV.



Dr.K.Manivasan IAS, Director of Social welfare, Govt. of Tamilnadu visited TEV on 29th along with the District Social Welfare officer Mrs.Anbalagi. He spent nearly 3 hours with us talking to the elders, checking medical records and being a Medical Doctor himself, showed interest in Palliative care- Project KIRAN and Elders for Elders Foundation of TEV.

Training Programs conducted during March 2008.

Following trainings were attended by SCGs and CGs:

1. Arthritis – types and treatment
2. Small pox and chicken pox
3. Diabetes & Metabolism.

Donations by kind, received during March 2008.



A Tailoring machine was received as donation from the Lions club of Pondicherry on 5th March 2008.



Neendakara VLF, Kollam donated a new fishing net to TEV on 22nd March. This net helps residents to get fish from Tamaraikulam pond.

Received 5 Nos. of spectacles on 26th March, from Dr.Gowtham Banerjee, Neyveli, (Lions Club) for five elders of TEV. The glasses were recommended by NLC Doctors during Aravind Hospital Eye Camp.

Obituary to Elder late Veerasamy:

Shri.Veerasamy, an elder from the village Kameshwaram of Vedaranyam passed away on 26th March due to heart failure, at his village residence. He was 82, lived in TEV for a month as respite and back home by the end of January. TEV elders paid their obituary through prayers, for the rest of his sole.



Early Morning Photographs at TEV



Elder feeding the ducks

Elder engaged in grazing of cows



View from E Block

Guest House



Admin Block and Kitchen- view from the Pond.



Front view of TEV from the road.



Side View of TEV from Pondy road.



Glimpses of Kollam DLF visit:

Kollam DLF - registered as “**Kerala Punarjane Vayodhiya Samidhi**” invited us for a visit to all the VLF’s of Kollam to meet with elders selected for TEV on 21st March. We also picked with us, some of the Kollam elders, living in TEV who wish to celebrate their Easter holidays with family members.

Thope:



The DLF secretary Mrs. Lilly Joseph took us to Thope Village, where Ms. Vimala, Field Animator showed some of the elders who applied to live here at TEV. The elders enquired about food, clothing, medical care and religious observances.

Arinallur:

The VLF secretary and President Mr. Henry and Mr. Simon took us around the village along with animator Joykutty and showed those elders who applied to live in TEV.



Neendakara:



The VLF secretary Mrs. Beatrice took us around the Neendakara village, where we visited 3 elders who applied to live in TEV.

Iravipuram:



A Silent village with roaring waves, where we visited 2 elders who wished to live at TEV. VLF president Alben with animator Joykutty took us around the village.

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Arattupuzha:



The DLF/ EFE President Shri. Dharmarajan took us around the village and we met two destitute couples, lost their house and livelihood by Tsunami and wish to live and settle at TEV campus.

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Azhikkal:



The VLF secretary and animator Samsi took us around the village and we attended VLF meeting here. We also met a couple who wished to live at TEV from May 2008, after getting settled their mortgages.

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Wadi, Moodakara and Port Kollam



VLF of these sea shore villages took us around all the ESHG member houses and we had a chat with AAG beneficiaries. Many elders wish to live in care homes and applied to DLF preferring a home at Kollam.



Resident arrivals during March 2008:
TEV received 11 elders from Vedaranyam, Cuddalore and Kollam project areas for the month of March 2008.

	Rathinavel - 65, Entry date:07/03/08 Widower from Vedaranyam, lost his properties during Tsunami, neglected by his son. Recommended by PLF Vedaranyam.
	Jeyamma - 67, entry date: 20/03/08 Widower, neglected by her son and in-laws, starving for food and shelter, recommended by VLF Cuddalore.
	Rosamma - 60 Entry Date: 23/03/2008 Separated from her husband, since after Tsunami, wish to live in TEV. She is from Neendakara village, recommended by VLF, Kollam.
	Subramaniyanl - 60, Entry Date: 23/03/08 Destitute elder, left alone by his wife and daughters because of his earlier drinking habit. Starving for food, approached DLF Kollam and arrived here.
	Minna Joseph – 78 Entry Date:23/03/08 Widower, lived with her daughter in Thangachery, approached DLF and recommended by them.
	Ambrose Raju: Entry Date: 23/03/08 Destitute, affected by tsunami, unmarried, accompanied by his mother Minna, recommended by VLF Kollam.
	Murugiah -82, Entry Date:29/03/08 Lonely living elder, who was neglected by his family members, new OAP pensioner recommended by PLF, Vedaranyam Project.

	Joseph – 65, Entry Date: 31/03/08 Lonely Widower, from Thope Village, Kollam. Recommended by DLF Kollam.
	Gopalakrishnan – 72, Entry Date: 31/03/08 Destitute elder from Kollam, lost his family members in Tsunami, AAG receiver, recommended by DLF Kollam.
	Syed Ibrahim – 60 Entry Date: 31/03/08 Orphan elder, recommended by Kollam DLF, owns hut of his parents at senkottai.
	Sharlet – 61 Entry Date:31/03/08 Destitute elder, widower, wish to live in TEV, recommended by DLF Kollam.
	Joykin – 66 Entry date: 31/03/08 Left destitute by his son and wife, highly depressed elder wish to live in TEV and recommended by VLF Port Kollam and DLF.
	Maryamma - 78 Entry date: 31/03/08 Destitute elder, left alone at QSS office, recommended by DLF Kollam.

Farm Activities:

TEV received heavy down pour on 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th of March. Part of the



Onion, Brinjal and Tomato crops get lost while Raddish were harvested and some taken off to the kitchen and

rest to feed the cows.

Dairy:

Milk yield rose this month as an average



of 35 litres/day and price for milk collection raised from Rs.11/ litre to Rs.14/litre.

Vet. Doctor visited TEV twice for giving medication to Dairy animals and the dogs.

Tentative Program schedule for the Month of April '08

5th April: Meeting with CGS (Medical), NLC, Neyveli.

7th April: Training for CGs: Medical Care for Diabetes/ Hypertension/MI

10th April: NLC Medical camp

12th April: Fire safety – training course to all TEV staff/ elders

13th April: Tamil New Year celebrations.

16th April: Eye camp at Cuddalore
Organiser: Bell Book House and Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondy.

18th April: Awareness program on Diabetes to Elders of TEV.

22nd April: Elders Tour to Chidambaram, Velanganni and Nagoor

22nd April: Meeting with DSW, Nagai on OAP transfer

24th April: Elders of TEV- Resident Care Committee Meeting.

25th April: Religious Talk by Shri. Kandasamy Raju – Life after Death.

25th April: Yogasana for Elders – Yoga master Ganesan from St. Joseph school.

28th April: Eye camp Review at Aravind Eye Hospital through Lions Club, Cuddalore.

Fund Raising Week:

21st April - 26th April.