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KERALA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (UK)

Communiqué

Dear KCF family,

As KCF grows in support of a worthy cause, we want to use this bi-annual newsletter, to bring you closer the beneficiaries of your generosity. We will share with you, news from the people you have helped support and how you can continue to uphold each of them in prayer.

This being the first edition of the newsletter, we want to share, with gratitude, an update on the annual charity event held on 21 October 2017 as well as some of the thank you notes we have received from recent beneficiaries who have completed their courses.

Our annual event for 2017 was held at a new venue, the C&L Country Club with a number of new acts. These included the magician Ian Couch who managed to 'wow' the crowd and the SOZO gospel choir who belted out crowd favourites like oh happy day as well as a few new tracks. We were also honoured by the attendance of the Mayor of Loughton, Cllr. Philip Abraham.

As part of the fundraising contributions, we had cakes donated by KCF supports, two paintings from the talented Roy Thomas who displays his work in local galleries (you can see more of his work here - <http://painting.100webspace.net/>) and two framed pictures by Ray, a homeless man with a passion for art and photography. Ray featured in the 2016 & 2017 calendars that the Café Art had produced. You can learn more about this initiative here - <http://cafeart.org.uk/about-us/our-story/>.

We can confirm that the final amount raised as part of the charity event, is £10,240 after expenses. We are grateful and thank you all, once again for your support and prayers which has enabled this charity event to be a success.

In an effort to improve our communication and stay connected with our supporters, we have revamped our website. www.keralachristianfellowship.org.uk
Please check it for updates on all KCF's activities.

The primary focus of KCF continues to be to meet people at their need. To empower individuals to pursue an education, to then be able to support their families who are all in desperate poverty.

This year we have provided financial support for 22 families, with students pursuing courses like engineering and nursing. We've included some of the thank you notes we have received recently from beneficiaries and their families.

KCF has sustained itself over all these years thanks to the continued support of the community. We are certain that there are others who would also like to be involved in an initiative like this. If you know someone, please forward this to them too. We would be happy to include them in our mailing list and updates. We also welcome new ideas and ways of ensuring KCF continues to serve its primary focus and support those less fortunate for many more years to come.

Do get in touch with us with feedback, questions or ideas to keep the light of KCF shining.

With every blessing,

The KCF committee

Registered Charity Number : 295820

Queries / Feedback ?

Please contact the secretary at:
secretary@keralachristianfellowship.org.uk

The impact we make...

"Thank you for your support in my daughter's education. She has cleared her engineering degree with 73%. She has now joined for MTech as part of her further studies. I want to thank everyone at KCF for their prayers and support to my daughter and my family. May God bless you all. If it was not for KCF, my daughter could not have completed her engineering degree as we were unable to cover her fees despite a bank loan. I pray that KCF would continue to be a light to others as it has been to my daughter and to our family."

- **Mini M K** (mother of Akhila V Prakash)

"Thanks to KCF, I have completed my BSc nursing from Pushpagiri Medical College, Thiruvella. Since the completion of my course, I have got a job as a neonatal staff nurse at the same hospital. I have completed two years experience and am hoping to get a job overseas, which will help me to earn a bit more and support my family. Please pray that something materialises soon."

- **Sijimol Babu**

"It is with much gratitude that I write to you, for the support KCF has given toward my daughter's education. The money came just in time, to pay the fees for her fourth year in BSc Nursing. If the money had not reached, she would have been removed from the college. We are struggling to make ends meet. As we do not have enough money to rent a home, we are staying with my brother-in-law. Thank you for your kindness and timely help."

- **John Thomas** (father of Meena Thomas)

Glimpses from our Annual Charity Event 2017



Jonathan, our MC for the evening as well as a committee member & Tom Mathew, current President of KCF, UK.



Cllr. Philip Abraham & his wife, Dr. John Thomas, founding member of KCF, Mr. John Thomas, former President & Ray



Magician Ian Couch literally pulling tricks out of the bag, with the help of the audience



Jay Kumar getting the audience on their feet



Guests enjoying a meal and meeting friends



Jonathan John,

one of our committee members will be taking on the tough mudder challenge again this year having successfully raised **£1,800** for KCF last year. Tough mudder is a 10 mile track with over 20 obstacles, not to mention rain and slush depending on the weather.

This year, Jonathan and three of his friends,

**Vikesh Gohil,
Hardeep Kamboj &
Ronak Shah**

will take on this challenge to raise money for KCF on 28 April 2018, in Henley on Thames.

Do look out for Jonathan's email and link to the just giving page nearer the time and come along to support them if you are in the area.