

## **CSI EAST KERALA DIOCESE MELUKAVUMATTOM**

The CSI East Kerala Diocese runs seven hostels by the support from the partnership church in Germany. Totally there are 155 children on the whole.

Many of the children belong to tribal communities living in the forest where there is no educational facilities, and proper food. All most all the children are from very poor families. Some belong to backward communities, some are semi orphans and a few are from broken families. Their parents do coolie labour for earning their livelihood.

The hostels are a home away from their house's. The children are provided good education, balanced food, and good health care. In the hostel the children are brought up in good discipline, good habits, and in Christian nurture. To help and care them properly the church hard hostel committees presided by the local presbyter. The warden and cook resides in the hostel through out the day.

The children will be in the schools from 10 am to 4 pm. The School year is from June to March, Besides, one week holidays in September (Onam) and in December (X'mas) they have two months vacation in April and May. During these months the children will be with their parents.

The children of the hostels are studying in I to 12<sup>th</sup> classes. The warden and tuition teacher helps them in their studies in hostel besides, their school hour. Many are good in studies, and there is lot of improvement in their knowledge and learning after coming to the hostel. Master Chinchu Raj of the Walakom hostel is good in English.

Some children are good in crafts and sports and in extra curricular activities. Mater Dhanish of the Baker Dale hostel got prize in handi crafts making from bamboo, (Master Wishak & Bakerdale hostel) got prizes in Mono act, and Singing in the Subdistrict School Competition. Some are very good in drawing and painting Beside this the local School and hostel's conduct work experience classes to improve their skills.

The Birth Days of children, local festivals and Christmas are celebrated.

How ever as the children are from tribal and poor backgrounds, there are health problems. And behavioral problems, the medical doctors of the church do free service concerning these.

The warden's are not trained in child caring, but are with a good mind of service. The local church and diocesan authorities shows much interest in bringing up the children, in a good Christian family atmosphere for the Glory of God.

We as a diocese express our Sincere thanks to the German Partnership church for the generous gift towards the children. Please find here with the report and the accounts till now.

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