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2017 has been a very useful and eventful year. We, as a team, have done well. We have stayed sane, happy and connected.

True success comes from overcoming unpredictable challenges. We have had many.

The highlight of the year has been the get-together at St Louis, US. This is a unique new world of happy kids and happy families. This helps you open your eyes to all the goodness and positive things in life.

About fifty orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children have become part of happy families this year. We have been able to find a home for almost every disadvantaged child.

Our community college and TCVG skill development centre continue to help empower women.

As a leading Burns Care centre in the country, we have had excellent results.

We are working on a Skin Banking facility. The

plastic surgery department has done some amazing reconstructive surgeries.

The new spurt in vector borne infectious diseases has been a huge challenge. Our team has risen to the challenge and has responded effectively following the standard international protocols.

A new Accident and Emergency White Zone has been inaugurated this year.

We have been advocating predictive medical care. This is about knowing your risk factors and planning your life and health care.

Phymsoft's fitness for all programme focuses on health promotion.

A knowledge sharing centre is being developed under Grey Matter, where we will conduct various training programmes round the year.

Besides our team, a lot of friends have been very helpful and have ensured a smooth and successful going of our organization.

We sincerely thank everyone who has directly or indirectly contributed in achieving our 'Home for every child' mission and vision.

Wish you all a happy and fruitful 2018.

Stay sane, stay happy and stay connected!

- Dr Augustus Samuel Dodd





Phymsofit in association with Sethu Cricket Foundation run by Mr Sethuraman, cricket coach, has helped improve the performance of the following players

-Joe Mathew D who now plays for the Madurai University, under 23. He is a fast bowler bowling at an average speed of 134 kmph, which is amazing.



The others are

R Ajith

Age 17

TNPL Madurai Super Giants

Siva Devan S

Age 14

Under 17, State player

Surya

Under 14,

State stand by

J Rohan

Under 14,

State stand by

The Train, Gain, Shine Programme, Tennis kids with Phymsofit are also performing extremely well.

Everyone has a dream of flying an aircraft. We now make this possible. We will be starting our aviation medical tests at GKF Hospital shortly to help students have their medical assessment before taking up flying.

PREDICTIVE MEDICINE

Predictive medicine is a field of medicine that entails predicting the probability of disease and instituting preventive measures in order to either prevent the disease altogether or significantly decrease its impact upon the patient (such as by preventing mortality or limiting morbidity).

Association and correlation studies have found that a female individual with a mutation in the BRCA1 gene has a 65% cumulative risk of breast cancer. A woman's lifetime exposure to estrogen can now determine a woman's probability of developing estrogen positive breast cancer also known as sporadic breast cancer (the most prevalent form of breast cancer). Genetic variants in the Factor V gene is associated with an increased tendency to form blood clots, such as deep vein thrombosis (DVTs).

Aside from genetic testing, predictive medicine

utilizes a wide variety of tools to predict health and disease, including assessments of exercise, nutrition, quality of life, and so on. This is an integrative approach. Predictive medicine changes the paradigm of medicine from being reactive to being proactive and has the potential to significantly extend the duration of health and to decrease the incidence, prevalence and cost of diseases.



We have qualified medical professionals to advise you regarding Predictive Health Care. Your questions during pregnancy, after child birth or at any age, shall all be addressed.

- Dr S R Sankarasubramanian

GRACE KENNETT FOUNDATION FAMILIES IN AMERICA

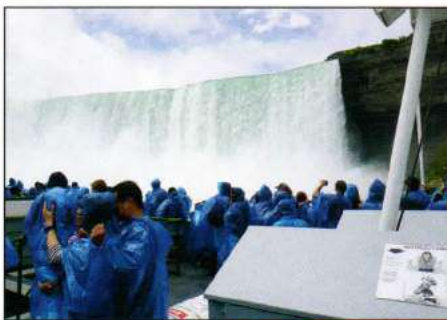
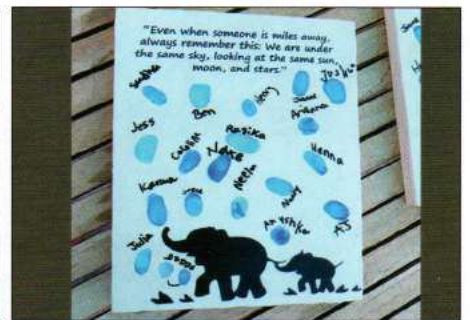
Over the weekend of June 23, 2017, nine families with children adopted from Mazhalai Illam met in St. Louis, Missouri for our annual reunion. This year, we were very happy and honored to welcome Dr. Dodd and his wife Priya to our reunion. We were very grateful they made such a long trip to see all of us and get reacquainted with the GKF children, some of whom are now over twenty years old! We were also joined by Miss Joanne Baldwin and Miss Nancy Wallace, both of whom have volunteered at Mazhalai Illam. In all, there were 40 people in attendance, our largest gathering so far!

Reunions such as this are very important for our GKF children and for us parents as well. Even though our children have moved half a world away from their

birth country, they are able to stay connected with each other. As parents, we are able to talk together and discuss situations that may be unique to our children who were adopted. Regardless of whether we are Indian or non-Indian parents, we find that we have a lot in common and enjoy each other's company very much. As for other children in our families, whether also adopted or biological, they fit right in as well, and everyone has a wonderful time!

We are so grateful for all that the staff at Grace Kennett Foundation did for our children while in their care, and we are very thankful to Dr. Dodd and Priya for joining us this summer as we celebrated our unique families.

- Mrs Teresa Marie Baxter





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