



# PALATHINKAL VARTHA PATHRIKA

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## *Message from your President*

Dear members of Palathinkal Kudumbayogam,



This is the 6<sup>th</sup> issue of our Varthapathrika and I have great pleasure in greeting all our members through the same. Shortly, we will be meeting for our annual get-together (AGM). This year, due to some unavoidable reasons, we are forced to make a change from our usual date of 1<sup>st</sup> May for AGM. Now, we propose to meet on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2011, at Palathinkal Hall, T.B.Junction, Kottayam. You will be receiving the invitation for the same shortly. Even though it is a working day, being Saturday, may I request all members to make themselves free on that day and attend our meeting in large numbers.

With the active support of the Executive Committee members and others, I was able to discharge my responsibilities during the year. I am happy to inform you all that we were able to give our Educational award to a deserving student from the Baker Memorial Girls High School, in addition to the one we had already instituted in M.T.Seminary High School. Mr.V.N.Vasavan, MLA from Kottayam, gave away the Award to Mr.Febin Sabu Abraham from M.T.Seminary High School at the Annual Day function of the school on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. Ms.Reshma Kuriakose, selected from Baker Memorial Girls High School was given the award by Very Rev.T.O.Oommen of CSI Cathedral, Kottayam, who is also Bishop's Commissary, at the Annual Day function of the school on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011. I thank all the members, who contributed to Palathinkal Endowment Fund, which enabled us to distribute these awards. We have started receiving contributions for the third fund raising for instituting a similar award in C.M.S College High School, Kottayam from next year onwards. I hope that all members will contribute liberally to this fund in the next few days to raise the full amount. The list of donors appear elsewhere in this Varthapathrika. The awardees of current year are invited to attend our AGM so that we will get an opportunity to meet them.

During this year, we had two full fledged Executive Committee meetings. I thank Mrs.Valsa Isaac Palat and Mr. Renjith Kurian for hosting these meetings.

This year, we started a Ladies wing of our Kudumbayogam and a Prayer Fellowship meeting (once in two months). Both are going on well. I thank all those who have taken the initiative to make it possible.

We also took initiative to financially help a couple of our members, who deserved our help and support to tide over their difficulties in life. For a de-addiction treatment we gave Rs 5,000/- to the parents of an addict. For another member, who is physically challenged due to an accident, we gave Rs 25,000/-, to acquire a dwelling place, with the liberal contributions from some members. I am sure that you will agree with me that we need to involve ourselves on such occasions to brighten the life of our members, who go through such terrible times in their life. Existence of our Kudumbayogam will be more meaningful and relevant only when we take up such activities.

It is a matter of great pride for all of us that our member Sgn.Capt Khalil Isaac Mathai (son of Ammu Isaac and late Isaac Mathai) has been conferred Vishishta Seva Medal (VSM) by the President of India for his meritorious service to the Nation. As you are probably aware, Khalil is a renowned Neuro surgeon and at present heading the department of Neuro Surgery at INHS ASVINI, Mumbai. On behalf of all of you, I congratulate and wish him all the very best in life.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SGN. CAPT. KHALIL ISAAC MATHAI, IN, WHO WAS CONFERRED  
"VISHISHTA SEVA MEDAL" (VSM)  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA ON THE REPUBLIC DAY 2011**

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Mr.Ranjit Mathew and myself made a visit to Muttar (Kuttanadu) to locate the lost link of our family, the descendants of our ancestor Kurian (PAL 1.1.1.1), who according to our Kudumbacharithram married from Parambathu family of Muttattil and settled there. (Refer back cover of our Kudumbacharithram.) Their descendants are Muttattil Cheeramvelil family. We met President of Cheeramvelil Kudumbayogam, Mr.P.J.Thommy and their General Secretary Mr.Chريان Kuriakose. They belong to the Catholic Church and are members of St.George old church. Some members of their family are highly placed in life. They have agreed to come and attend our Annal Kudumbayogam meeting this year. It will be great that we, who belong to the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> generation of Palathinkal family, are getting an opportunity to meet our brothers of same generations, who now belong to another family by name and who were hitherto unknown to us.

Late last year we got a communication from Corporation Bank, Kottayam about a balance of Rs 2259/- in SB, which was operated last in 1984. We have now reactivated that account.

With the Grace of Almighty, we have managed another year of activities and we seek His guidance in the years to come.

More and more members are coming forward and involving themselves in our activities. It is a welcome sign. But, still there are many who are keeping away. May be, they need a loving push. I request you to inspire them to come forward and play active role in our Kudumbayogam activities.

I look forward to meet you at our Annual meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Please attend the meeting and make it a big success.

With warm regards,

Bhasi Joseph Ipe - President

### ***Report by Secretary***

Dear members,



With great pleasure, I present the report on our Kudumbayogam activities since October 2010. The office bearers used to discuss matters of importance informally whenever it was required. The Executive committee met for the second time at the residence of Mr.Renjit Kurian on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012. 31 Executive committee members and guests from Palathinkal family attended the meeting. It was decided to form a Kudumbayogam Trust at a later date.

President informed the members about an old SB account with Corporation bank, Kottayam, which was operated by our predecessors in early 1980s. This account is now re-activated and has become operational. We have a balance of Rs 2259/- in that account.

In the Executive Committee meeting, President informed the members about the plight of a family member, who became bed-ridden after an accident. He needed a dwelling place for which President requested members to contribute. Five of the Executive committee members volunteered to donate and the collected amount of Rs 25,000/- was handed over to him. In a similar way, 3 members donated a total amount of Rs 5,000/- towards payment of expenses for de-addiction treatment of one of the family members. In addition to this, 7 members who attended the meeting promised donation towards our 3<sup>rd</sup> Endowment Fund of Rs 80,000/- to institute Palathinkal Merit Award to a deserving student of C.M.S College High School, Kottayam from next year onwards. I thank all the donors.

From the existing Palathinkal Endowment Funds, we gave awards of Rs 3,000/- each to Febin Sabu Abraham of MTS High School and Reshma Kuriakose of Baker memorial School of Kottayam on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 and 11<sup>th</sup> march 2011, when the respective schools celebrated their Annual Day.

I close my report, thanking all those who made my task a simple and pleasant one.

Thank you.

Kurian I Palat (Renjit) - Secretary

### ***Appeal to members***

1. May we request all members to contribute Rs 5,000/- towards 'Palathinkal Endowment Fund' and sponsor at least one page in the website, in memory of their loved ones. This is one of the ways to show our love and respect to our departed relatives and at the same time serve the needy in their education, through our contribution.
2. Few more copies of both the above are available with President Mr.Bhasi Joseph Ipe (09447247494) and with Mrs. Valsa Isaac Palat (09447910263) at Jiss Engineers, MD Arcade, K.K.Road, Kottayam. We request you to contact either of them and buy your copies.
3. Please send information on time, on marriages, births, demises, recognitions, achievements, etc in your family and also travelogue, Recipe, etc to Editor or President. We can publish them in Varthapathrika only on receipt of such information.
4. Please visit our website [www.palathinkalktm.org](http://www.palathinkalktm.org) regularly

## Treasurer Reports.....



Dear members,

As desired by members, I had given a detailed statement of Income and Expenditure and Budget for current year. I had budgeted an income of Rs 80,000/- towards 'Donations for the Endowment Fund'. We have now received promises from 7 members for a total amount of Rs 25,000/- may I request other members to come forward and donate liberally to collect the balance of Rs 55,000/-. so that we can institute Palathinkal Merit Award in C.M.S.College High School, Kottayam, where many of our members and their ancestors had studied.

From the accounts presented in the previous issue, you might have noticed that we need additional income for meeting all the budgeted expenses. Please do your best for achieving increase in our income. We look forward for more donations from your side, when you make it this year during our Annual Kudumbayogam meeting.

Given below, please find the names of the donors for various causes during this year:

### Donation for dwelling place for the physically challenged member

1. John Ipe, Arackal	5,000/-
2. Renjit Mathew, Palathinkal	5,000/-
3. Sam Thomas, Ullattil	5,000/-
4. George Isaac, Palathinkal	5,000/-
5. Bhasi Ipe, Arackal	5,000/-

### Donation for de-addiction treatment

1. Isaac Palathinkal	2,000/-
2. Bhasi Ipe, Arackal	2,000/-
3. Jacob Kurian, Palathinkal	1,000/-

### Promise of donations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Endowment Fund

1. John Ipe, Arackal	5,000/-	5. Sam Thomas, Ullattil	2,500/-
2. Abrham Jacob, Thadathil	3,000/- (Paid)	6. Jacob Thomas, Ullattil	2,500/-
3. Kurian I.Palat (Renjit), Palathinkal	5,000/-	7. Jacob Kurian, Palathinkal	2,500/-
4. Isaac Palathinkal	5,000/-		

I look forward to your continued support and co-operation. Thank you.

Jacob Kurian - Treasurer

## PALATHINKAL EDUCATIONAL MERIT AWARDS



Mr.Febin Sabu Abraham of M.T.Seminary High School receiving Palathinkal Merit Award from Sri.V.N.Vasavan, MLA from Kottayam during the Annual Day function of the school on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011.



Ms.Reshma Kuriakose of Baker Memorial Girls High School receiving Palathinkal Merit Award from Very Rev.T.O.Oommen of CSI Cathedral, Kottayam , who is also Bishop's Commissary , at the Annual Day function of the school on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### Palathinkal Prayer Fellowship

As informed through the last issue of Varthapathrika, 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer Fellowship meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The 2<sup>nd</sup> such meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at the residence of Joseph Isaac (Rajankunju). Rev.Jacob Mathew gave message during the meeting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Prayer Fellowship meeting was hosted by Valsa Isaac Palat at her residence. Rev.Joseph Chacko was the guest speaker for the meeting. The next meeting is planned for May 2011.

## Palathinkal Women's Wing

### *President Ammu Isaac reports ....*



As reported in the last issue of Varthapathrika, Women's wing of our Kudumbayogam was formed and now it has started functioning in full swing.

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the residence of Ammu Isaac Mathai. The following office bearers were elected: Ammu Isaac Mathai - President, Valsa Isaac Palat - Vice President, Sucey Mathew - Secretary and Suma George Ipe - Treasurer. In addition to the elected officers, Omana Mathew, Deepa Renjit Mathew and Lalitha Isaac Kurian were also present at the meeting. The meeting discussed ways and means to strengthen fellowship between members and to become a source of support to our Kudumbayogam. The following decisions were made:

1. To meet once a month
2. To invite and encourage more members to participate in our activities
3. To take up group visits to sick and lonely members of our Kudumbayogam.

As a follow up, we visited Annamma Kochamma and Alice Thomas on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Shekaina Apartments, Kottayam. In January 2011, we visited Isaac Arackal, who was resting after a major surgery. These were gratifying experiences.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the residence of Summa Ipe. 6 members attended the same. It was suggested that we organize sale of homemade food items to raise funds for our wing.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was convened on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 at the residence of Shirley Abraham. We had 9 members for the meeting.

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010, hosted by Valsa Isaac Palat. Sale of food items was the main attraction in the meeting. This has proved to be a humble beginning for raising funds.

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was organized at the residence of Lalitha Isaac on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Members happily bought sweet items prepared by Lalitha for the sale.

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was hosted by Valsa Isaac. 9 members attended the meeting. In the meeting, it was suggested that we start cookery classes conducted by our own talented members. Deepa Renjit offered to take classes.

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was at the residence of our Secretary Sucey Mathew Joseph. The 8<sup>th</sup> and the valedictory meeting of the year was held on 6<sup>th</sup> April at the residence of Ammu Isaac.

Looking back at the activities of the year, I feel that we have made a small beginning. We enjoyed and shared fellowship during meetings. This has created a greater sense of belonging to the Kudumbayogam, thereby serving the purposes of our formation.

It is our sincere hope that our Women's wing will grow in strength as days go by and prove to be a great blessing for our Palathinkal family.

### **New buds** (10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011)

A baby boy Yacub Cherian Mathen was born to Linu (PL.1.2.1.7.5.2) and Sanju on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011.



### **Congratulations**

Sri. Isaac Palathinkal, Past President of our Kudumbayogam, is elected as the India Area President of Y's Men International for the year 2011-12. He will be installed to office by the International President Ym. Finn A Pedersen on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Cochin. Sri. Isaac is already one among the 21 members in the International Council of Y's Men International.



### **Obituary** (10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011)

Thankamma Varghese (AR.1.3.3.1.3) 72 years, wife of retired judge Varghese M. Mathew, died on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Trivandrum. Son Dr. Sandip Mathew (UK) and daughter-in-law Reena. Funeral was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Pattoor Cemetery of St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Trivandrum.

**PALATHINKAL KUDUMBAYOGAM OFFERS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY.**