

REACHING NEWS

A Quarterly Newsletter of Reach Shillong Ministries. (July- September 2022)

Greetings from all of us at RSM.

We once again bring to you the Quarterly Newsletter (July to September 2022) on the activities of the ministry.

This episode of the Newsletter wished to focus on the theme

“ **Because of you, we are...**” The objective is to help Sponsors understand that its because of their generosity, we are able to maximise our impact in the work that we do as a ministry. Once again, we are grateful to all our donors/sponsors and prayer partners. We still ask of your support as we continue to create an impact in the lives of the little children and women. Thank You

RSM- SCHOOL FOR THE UNDER-PRIVELEGED

- The Trainees of RSM VTC, organised a hair cutting for all the students of RSM School on the 28 July 2022.
- On 1 Aug 2022, Shri Pyniaid Singh Syiem MLA/MDC celebrated his birthday with children of the RSM School. A feast was organized for the children.
- Pre- Independence Day Celebration on the 12 Aug, 2022. Dr S Khonglah, graced the programme as the Chief guest.
- A Teachers Day celebration was organised on the 5 Sept, 2022.
- A Moral lesson sessions by Mr Andy Gift Kharkongor on the 16th Sept, 2022
- Free Eye checkup organised by Bansara Eye Care Centre on the 21th September, 2022.
- The school had organised a Sports Meet 2022 from 26th to 30th September, 2022.
- Grateful to the “Doctors for the Nation and Armed Force” for supporting the RSM School.



I WAS LOST BUT NOW I'AM GOING HOME' A Story of Kheno

Kheno Rongpei a resident of Mawtamur Nongwah, Mawpnar went missing from her home since the 17 August 2022. As per her statement, Kheno doesn't go out too much be it to buy groceries, or to do any other miscellaneous work, for she loved staying at home and looking after her mother. It is her sister and brother-in-law who manage all the household duties –buying groceries, paying bill etc. Apparently, on the 17th August 2022, Kheno without anyone's knowledge left home with a thought to go to (Iew Nongpoh) Nongpoh's market to buy vegetables. On reaching Nongpoh, due to language barrier as Kheno only speak her local dialect, therefore instantly panic for she did not know how to get back home. Frightened and at the thought that she would be missing from her home she immediately boarded a tourist-taxi thinking it was a cab that would take her home. Unfortunately, this taxi brought her to Shillong. On reaching Shillong she then got down and was roaming about with nowhere to go. With the help of some local people she was then brought to Laitumkhrah Police station. On reaching Laitumkhrah Police station, the Police tried to collect information so that they could restored her. But again due to language barrier overwhelmed by fear being in an unknown place, was not able to relate any information to the police. The only word she repeatedly utter is “Nowah”. Nobody could understand her. The only options left is to placed her in a safe place. Thus, she was then admitted at the Swadhar Greh a Home for Women of Reach Shillong Ministries.

On being admitted at Swadhar Greh, the only words that she can repeatedly uttered is “Nowah”. Strenuous efforts was put by the Coordinator and Staffs of Swadhar, through activities like individual counselling, group session. Slowly, she started to open with her fellow inmates. However, most of the time she chose to isolate herself. The Swadhar team did not gave up hope. Different methods was employed such as bringing in someone who can speak her dialect with a hope she might open up but it was in vain.

A month passed by and the Swadhar Greh team initiated follow up with the Laitumkhrah Police station, but nothing could be traced of her relative. However, one day during one of the session, a counsellor intriguingly asked her of her ID's . To the surprise of the team, Kheno had an EPIC with her. This then becomes a road map for the Team to locate her address. It was through this card that the Team learnt that Kheno is a resident of Nongwah Jirang Ri-Bhoi District. Without any further delay, the Swadhar Greh, took swift action by reaching out to friends from Nongpoh who were also resident of Mawtamur. They knew her well and were also narrating that there had been a community search and the family had lost all hope. The Rangbah Shnongs also inform that an FIR and a missing report were also filed. It was on the 14 September 2022, her brother in law along with the Headman and villagers arrived at the Swadhar Greh. Kheno, was restored back to her family safely.

LAND AND BUILDING

- **COMPLETED:** Construction of the first phase which include Civil works, Plumbing, Electricity, etc of the Boys' rooms, mothers' rooms, kitchen, dining hall, recreation room, library, sickroom, Second phase started.
- **WORK IN PROGRESS:** Painting, Laying of tiles of the above, Construction of the Administrative block which include the reception, Office, class rooms, Hall, counsellors' room, etc
- **AMOUNT RAISED TILL SEPTEMBER 2022:** Rs 91,33,370/-
- **AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE SECOND PHASE:** An amount of Rs. 70,00,000/- required.

OPEN DAY SHELTER MAWBLEI

- On 19 July 2022, a hair cutting programme was organised with the students of VTC Laitkor for the children attending the Centre. **Total number of children – 30.**
- Summer Camp from the 20 to 29 July, 2022. **Total number of children – 70.**
- Teachers Day Celebration on the 5th September, 2022. Total number of children – 20.
- Parents Meeting and Parenting Skill Development Programme on the 20th September, 2022. Total number of children - 20. Parents
- Free Eye check up organised by Bansara Eye Care Centre on the 26th Sept, 2022. Number of children - 68.
- Celebrated Pre Independence Day at Wahkdait Contact point on the 13 Aug. **Total no of Children- 50**
- **Vocational Training: Cane Stool-7 Tailoring: 13**
- **Statistics:** Total No. of Children: 71 Age Group: 4-18 years

OPEN DAY SHELTER NONGMENSONG

- Food was distributed on a daily basis for the children.
- Summer Camp from the 19th July to 23rd July, 2022. Total number of children - 55.
- Parents meeting on the 3rd of August, 2022. Total number of parents: 19.
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration on the 13th August, 2022. Total number of children – 60.
- Free Eye Check Up by Bansara Eye Care Centre on the 10th March, 2022. Total number of children – 11.
- The Centre is now moved to a new building at Umkdait on the 9 September 2022.
- Vocational Training: Cane Stool- 10 Tailoring 10
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Attended training on Team Building organized by HR Club, Martin Luther Christian University.
- **Statistics: Total No. of Children: 57 Age Group: 3-18 years**
- **Inspection:** National Commission for Scheduled Tribe and DCPO.

24 HOURS CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTRE

- A Summer Camp from 25th to 29th July, 2022.
- Pre Independence Day celebration on the 13th August. The Shillong Municipal Board, distributed food packets as part of the celebration.
- Birthday celebration of Suraj Sunar and Gourav Thapa on the 22nd August.
- Teacher's Day Celebration organised by the children of ODS Nongmensing and 24HCMC on the 6th Sept
- Eye Camp conducted by Bansara Eye Care Centre at ODS Nongmensing on the 24th Sept.
- **Statistics: No. of Children till Sept: 11 Age Group: 10-20**



OPEN DAY SHELTER IEW MAWLONG

- Health Week in collaboration with the Urban Health Centre Demseiniong from the 11th – 15th July, 2022. **Total number of children – 25.**
- Pre- Independence Day Celebration on the 13th August, 2022. **Total number of children – 21.**
- Distribution of protein drink on the 18th August, 2022. **Total number of children – 6.**
- Practical Hygiene Programme on the 24th August, 2022. **Total number of children – 6.**
- Birthday Celebration of Abhiyam Thakur on 26th August, 2022. **Total number of children – 16.**
- Free Eye Camp checkup in collaboration with Bansara Eye Care Centre on the 21st September, 2022. **Total number of children – 39.**
- Outing to Kharsati Park on the 24th September, 2022. **Total number of children – 33.**
- Indoor games competition on the 26th and 27th September, 2022. **Total number of children: 16.**
- **Vocational Training:** Cane Stool- No of Trainees 7
- Meetings/Training attended:
- Training on Team Building organised by Administration Dept in collaboration with MLCU HR Club on the 27th Sept, 2022.
- **Visitors:** Mrs. Dolcy Melville Suting.
- **Statistics: Total No. of Children: 39 Age Group: 2-18 years**

SWADHAR GREH- A HOME FOR DESTITUTE WOMEN

- Family counseling thrice in a month.
- Provided Medical Assistance.
- Inmates are engaged in Group Session once a week.
- Video Documentaries on Social Change, Time management, Self-Growth, Mental Wellness.
- Through the Vocational Training Centre - Inmates are daily engaged in Tailoring, making envelop, pickle making and in Baking.
- During the quarter Legal Aid has been done as an when needed.
- Cleaning Drive was organised on the 14th August, 2022.
- Independence Day Celebration on the 16th August, 2022.
- Birthday day Celebration for one of the inmate on the 23rd August, 2022.
- Farewell Day Celebration for one of the Trainer on 15th September 2022.
- Free Eye checkup organised by Bansara Eye Care Centre on the 30th September, 2022.
- Outing to Science Centre on the 1st July, 2022.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Training on Team Building organised by RSM in collaboration with MLCU, HR Club on the 27th September, 2022.
- **Statistics:**
- **No. of Sisters residing at the Home:**
- Women - 23. Children - 7
- **No. of Sisters restored:**
- Women – 8 Children – 6. Missing - 1
- **Total No. of Sisters at the Home till 30th June, 2022:**
- Women – 14. Children – 1 New Admission – NIL

LAWEI BAPHYRNAI CHILDREN HOME FOR BOYS

- A friend of the children, Aunty Daphish celebrated her birthday on the 5th July, 2022.
- A Dental Check up by Titanium was organised on the 12th July, 2022.
- Outing to Betmeki Resort, Umroi on the 15th July, 2022.
- Swachh Bharat on the 21st July, 2022.
- Music Festival in collaboration with the 24 hours Crisis management, Nongmensong on the 28th July, 2022.
- Celebrated Independence Day on the 15th August, 2022.
- Attended a Get Together of the Pohkseh Youth Fellowship at Lapalang on the 19th August, 2022.
- Celebrated Teacher's Day on the 5th September, 2022.
- A Two- days retreat was organised at Arcadia resort on the 16th and 17th September, 2022.
- Celebrated Birthdays on the month of July and August.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Monthly review meeting on the 29th August, 2022.
- Monthly meeting on the 10th September, 2022.
- **Visitors:**
- **Groups** – Na Ri, Mr. Regain Lyngdoh and family.
- **Individuals** – I. Dkhar, Lur Warjri & Edmund, Mr. Pathaw, Sushil. K. Choudhary.
- **Statistics:** Total No. of Children Sept 2022: 17
- Age Group: 3-16 years

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

Total no of Homeless: 14

Visitors: 1

Programmes: Listening Ears, Food & Clothes Distribution, Counselling.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

- Trades: Hair Cutting
- **Trainees:** 25, Boys – 12; Girls – 13.
- **Age group:** 14 to 18 years
- **Completed:** 5 Months
- Conducted a hair cutting programme for Children of the RSM School.

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

- **Statistics:**
- **No. of Sponsored Children:** Boys - 20, Girls – 18 = Total:- 38
- **No. of Sponsors:** 15

LAWEI BAPHYRNAI FOSTER HOME FOR GIRLS

- An Educational visit to the Air Force Museum and Elephant Falls on the 2nd July, 2022.
- Celebrated birthday of Aunty Daphisha on the 5th July, 2022.
- Visits cum Fellowship of the 2nd year Bachelor of Divinity of the John Roberts Theological College, on the 13th July, 2022.
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration in the Home on the 13 Aug, 2022.
- On the 15th August the girls attended the 75th Independence Day Celebration in the High Court of Meghalaya and presented a patriotic song. On the same day they also attended a Cultural Programme at Raj Bhavan.
- Received food packets from Kong M Lytan MCS, on account of the Independence Day Celebration.
- Food distribution from members of **"Na Ri"** the Shillong Milk Union on the 16th August, 2022.
- Teachers Day Celebration organised by the girls in the Home 7th September, 2022.
- During the month of September the girls were engaged in the Rashtriya POSHAN Maah programme.
- Enrollment of the girls under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana at Pomlum Primary Health Centre on the 12th September, 2022.
- A regular gardening lessons organized in the Home.
- **Visitors:**
- 2nd year Students, Bachelors of Divinity of the John Roberts Theological College, Mawklot, Kong R. Jyrwa, Dr Rida Nongrum and Family, Ri Khasi Riders, Shillong, Mr Lurphira Warjri, Kong Dolcy S Melville, Kong Balarisuk Warjri, Kong Lyttan (DC Office), Shillong Milk Union, Kong Baphiralin Kharrngi.
- **Statistics: No. of Children till Sept: 11**
- No. of new admissions: 1. Age Group: 6-17 years

LAWEI BAPHYRNAI SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCY

- **Programme/Activities:**
- Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month).
- **Statistics:**
- **Total Number of infant till 30 Sept: 3 Babies.**
- **New Admission during the Quarter: 2**
- **Meetings/Training attended :**
- Virtual Orientation Programme and Dissemination on Adoption Regulations 2022, on the 14th Sept, 2022



PHOTO GALLERY



