



REACHING NEWS

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ADMINISTRATION

- On December 18, 2023, the Lawei Baphyrnai Children's Home for Boys in Nongrah was officially inaugurated by Rev Dr. R.R. Cunville. The event was attended by sponsors, representatives from different churches, neighbours, and children and women from various homes. The ministry is thrilled to have our dream of the home come true after a long wait. The opening of the home is a significant achievement that will provide a safe and nurturing environment for children in need.
- The Ministry organized an unforgettable Christmas family program on December 18th, 2023. The event included exciting gift exchanges, heartwarming carol singing, and mouthwatering food, making it a truly memorable occasion.
- As part of its yearly fundraising program, RSM organized a Jumble Sale cum Food Fest on 11 November at Malki Football Ground. **The total amount raised was Rs 2,55,385.00**
- A post-Children's Day celebration was organized by RSM on November 18, at the UDP Hall Bomfyle Road. Bah Paul Lyngdoh, Social Welfare Minister, joined the children in the celebration.
- In a small but impressive gathering, Reach Shillong Ministry in partnership with the Jingiaseng Samla Balang Mawiong, released the report of the Rapid assessment survey for children in need of care and protection, conducted at Mawiong Rim and Mawiong Umjapung, on the 21 December. With the findings in the survey, we are now clear of the way forward to respond to the needs of children in need of care and protection.
- On December 15, 2023, the Children from all the centres had an incredible time at the Christmas celebration organized by RSM. The day was filled with joy as they sang and danced to the captivating tunes of "Ka Shlem Saindur". The journey to the event venue was just as exciting as they rode on the bus, eagerly anticipating what the day had in store for them. The children's hearts were warmed as they received gifts as part of the Christmas Shoebox.



MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

- Provided medical assistance to those who are in need.
- An HIV screening and awareness program was held on October 13th and 27th, 2023, in collaboration with the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society.
- In collaboration with the Shillong Christian Youth Organization and Conference, Mr. XYZ was rescued from the street and admitted to the New Life Rehab Center in Mawlai.
- On December 19, 2023, the Evangelism Committee of the Presbyterian Church Laitumkhrah organized a Christmas celebration program that brought 53 homeless individuals together. With gifts, food, and a beautiful Christmas message, the program was a reminder that the spirit of Christmas is all about love, kindness, and generosity.

Statistics:

- No of Homeless enrolled as on 31st December 2023: 70
- New enrollment: 7



OPEN DAY SHELTER NONGMENSONG

- A medical check-up was organized by Grace Charitable Healing Ministry, Laban Presbyterian Church on October 7th, 2023. The total number of children was 67.
- The children presented a choreography during a Children's Day celebration organized by RSM on November 18th, 2023 at the UDP Hall on Bomfyle Road.
- On December 15, 2023, the students had an incredible time at the Christmas celebration organized by RSM.
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste are distributed monthly during the quarter.
- **Success Story 2023:** Two children completed the Bamboo Cane training program and were honoured with the presentation of necessary tools and raw materials. Their commendable efforts and successful completion of the training reflect their hard work and dedication.

Meetings/Training attended:

- Attended a training session on "Trauma-Informed Care" organized by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya on December 7th, 2023.

Statistics:

- Total No. of Children: 75. Age Group: 3-18 years

Vocational Training

- Mula making- 8 children. Tailoring- 5 children
- Embroidery - 4 children Haircutting- 5 Children

OPEN DAY SHELTER MAWBLEI

- A medical check-up was organized by Grace Charitable Healing Ministry, Laban Presbyterian Church on October 7th, 2023. The total number of children who participated was 67.
- The children presented a choreography during a Children's Day celebration organized by RSM on November 18th, 2023 at the UDP Hall on Bomfyle Road.
- On December 15, 2023, the students had an incredible time at the Christmas celebration organized by RSM.
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste are distributed monthly during the quarter.
- On December 13, 2023, Christmas cakes and cards were distributed to Madanrting traffic police, Mrs. Yoobha Pakyntien (the house owner), Sir Charles Pyngrope, Mrs. Konibon Kharpran, and Sir Arden Basaiawmoit.

Meetings/Training attended:

- Attended a training session on "Trauma-Informed Care" organized by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya on December 7th, 2023.

Statistics:

- **Total No. of Children:** 71. **Age Group:** 3-18 years
- **Vocational Training**
- Mula making- 13 children. Tailoring- 14 children

OPEN DAY SHELTER LAITKOR

- The children presented a choreography during a Children's Day celebration organized by RSM on November 18th, 2023 at the UDP Hall on Bomfyle Road.
- On December 15, 2023, the students had an incredible time at the Christmas celebration organized by RSM.
- On December 13, 2023, Christmas cakes and cards were distributed to Dr C Majaw and Bah N Marbaniang.

Meetings/Training attended.

- One Day Training On Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System, Understanding the Psychology of a Child on the 11th December, 2023.

Statistics:

- Total No. of Children: 84 Age Group: 3-18 years

OPEN DAY SHELTER BOMFYLE

- An awareness program was organized on October 20, to promote cleanliness and celebrate Global Handwashing Day.
- On October 27, 23, an Autumn Camp was organized for children.
- The children presented an action song during a Children's Day celebration organized by RSM on November 18th, 2023 at the UDP Hall on Bomfyle Road.
- On December 15, 2023, the students had an incredible time at the Christmas celebration organized by RSM.
- A Quarterly Medical Check-Up was held at the Urban Health Centre on December 4th, 2023.
- A mass birthday celebration was organized for 28 children on December 7th, 2023.
- On December 14, 2023, Christmas cake was distributed at Umsohsun Health Centre, Sardar Police Station and the House Owner of Open Day Shelter Bomfyle.
- An out-of-school program was organized for eight children who attended the Open Day Shelter.

Meetings/Training attended:

- Attended a training session on "Trauma-Informed Care" organized by the Social Welfare, on 7/12/23.
- Attended a training on "Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System with Emphasis on Understanding the Child's Psychology" organized by Meghalaya Judicial Academy on December 11, 2023.

Visitors:

- Subhashish Bastia of Indian Collaboration, on 20/11/23

Vocational Training: Bamboo Cane Training: 6.

Statistics: No. of Children: 39 Age Group: 2-18 years

SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCY

- Attended a training session on "Trauma-Informed Care" organized by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya on December 7th, 2023.
- Attended a training on "Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System with Emphasis on Understanding the Child's Psychology" organized by Meghalaya Judicial Academy on December 11, 2023.
- Took part in the "International Adoption Day" event that was organized by the State Adoption Resource Agency on November 24th, 2023.

Statistics:

- Total Number of infant as on 31st December, 2023: 0.
- New Admission during the Quarter: NIL
- Adopted during the Quarter: 2



LAWEI BAPHYRNAI CHILDREN HOME FOR BOYS

- A siblings' meet was organized for the children on October 23rd, 2023, at Golf Link.
- The Children celebrated Post Children's Day at the UDP hall, Bomfyle Road on November 19th, 2023.
- Samuel Dkhar was awarded the Best Student of the Year on December 13th, 2023.
- On December 15th, 2023, the children attended the Pre-Christmas Celebration at NEEPCO by presenting an action song.
- The children attended a Pre-New Year Celebration at NEC on December 22nd, 2023.
- **Birthdays celebrations** were held for Anthony Kharkongor Pynbiang Khongwir and Samuel Dkhar.

Meetings/Training attended:

- Monthly review meeting of Boys' home on the 28/8/23.

Visitors:

- Christopher J. Booth Shadap and friends, Assam Rifles, ARASU, Happy Valley, Mr. & Mrs S. Dhar, Mr W. Nongrum, Mr. Vikash Agarwal, Mr. Phyrnai Kharnaioir (SMB).Mahindra Finance,P Shabong

Statistics:

- Total No. of Children till September 2023: 18
- No. of new admissions: 2
- Age Group: 4-16 years



LAWEI BAPHYRNAI CHILDREN HOME FOR GIRLS

- Birthday celebrations were held at home for Wanda, Iban, Laxmi, and Bala.
- A cooking lesson was conducted for the girls on October 20th, 2023.
- A meeting was arranged for the siblings' children on October 23, 2023, at Golf Link.
- A family from Pomlakrai celebrated their child's birthday with the girls on October 27, 2023.
- A children's day celebration program was organized by the home. The girls were able to share the joy of Children's Day with underprivileged children in Mawklot on November 13.
- The Girls performed a choreography at NEEPCO's Christmas Program on December 15th, 2023.
- The Girls presented a song in the Inaugural function of the Boy's Home on 18 December 2023.
- The children were given the honour of inaugurating the opening of the KOSMIC KINGDOM Gaming Zone on December 16th, 2023 at Marba Hub.

Visitors:

- Kharthangmaw family, 2nd year BD of JRTC, AGAPE Group, FRIENDS, Daphisha Nongsiej, Palvy Dora Kharkongor (Shillong Municipal Board), Dapalei Warjri, Lam Marbaniang, Kyrshan and Larishisha Nongpluh.

Statistics:

- Total No. of Children till December 2023: 10
- No. of children fostered: 1
- Age Group: 7-16 year

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

1. Programme/Activities:

- Half-yearly Report card has been collected and distributed to Sponsors during the Quarter.

2. Statistics:

- Total No. of Sponsored Children:
- Boys - 23, Girls - 15 = Total:- 38
- Total No. of Sponsors: 15

GRACE DROP IN CENTRE FOR WOMEN

- Initiated Vocational training on Bakery and Tailoring.
- Regularly conducted counselling and Group Sessions.
- Home visits are done twice a week.
- On November 8th, a certificate awarding ceremony was held for women who completed tailoring training. The certificates were issued by the Office of the District Commerce and Industries for East Khasi Hills District.
- A medical check-up was organized at Shakti Sadan Mawlai on November 23, 2023, and it had 15 beneficiaries. An awareness programme on HIV/AIDS was organized on December 8, 2023. A total of 38 women attended the programme. On December 14, 2023, a Pre-Christmas cum felicitation programme was held at Grace Drop-in Centre, and 50 women attended the event.

Statistics:

- No. of trainees in tailoring: 27; Bakery: 13
- No. of trainees completed basic training in bakery: 11
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- Total No. of trainees till 31st December, 2023: 18

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX 2023

REQUIRED BOXES:500

RECEIVED: 588

FUND RAISED: Rs 2,74500/-

SHAKTI SADAN- HOME FOR WOMEN

- Regular Counseling is being conducted on a day-to-day basis.
- Family counselling was conducted five times during the Quarter.
- Sisters are engaged in Group sessions once a week.
- Medical Assistance is being provided to the Sisters whenever needed.
- EPIC/AADHAR CARD enrollment was completed for the required Sisters.
- A Home Visit to Ichamati to check the well-being of one of the family of a sister on 20 November 2023.
- Through the Livelihood Training Centre, the sisters are daily engaged in Tailoring, Cooking, baking, pickle making Envelope making and Medicinal Bayberry Juice.
- During the quarter, legal aid services have been provided.
- Participated in a Jumble Sale Programme on the 11th November, 2023 organised by RSM as part of its Fund Raising programme.
- A Free Medical Check-up by Grace Healing Ministry of the Laban Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Dr.G Rangnad on 25 November 2023.
- A Christmas Get-together programme was organised with the Staff of Amirkha School followed by Christmas Lunch on 15 November 2023.
- Participated in an inauguration programme of Reach Shillong Ministry office.

Visitors:

- A visit from the Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Laitumkhrah on 2 October 2023.
- A visit from the Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Laban on 13 November 2023.

Statistics:

- No. of Sisters residing at the Home:
- -Women - 19
- -Children – 2.
- No. of Sisters restored: 2



URGENTLY IN NEED

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You can donate to the following needs

1. PROJECT OPEN DAY SHELTER AT MAWIONG.(Cooking Utensils/Rice Cooker/Rice and many more.)
2. WEEKLY SPONSORSHIP OF FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS.
- 3.CIOTHES/TOILETRIES/BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS.

DONATION IN CASH OR KIND IS ACCEPTED.

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OUR BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Reach Shillong Ministries

Bank Name. : UCO BANK, Laitumkhrah Branch

Account no: 00890110001431

IFSC Code: UCBA0002373

“Each gift is gratefully received, promptly acknowledged and prayerfully used.”

24 HOURS CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTRE

- Participated in a Medical Camp organised at the Open Day Shelter Nongmensong on 7 October 2023 by the Grace Healing Ministry of the Laban Presbyterian Church.
- Organised a Children Siblings Meet at Golf Link on the 22 October, 2023.
- Participated in a Children's Day Celebration organised by RSM on 18th November 2023 at the UDP hall. The children presented a dance.
- As part of the Christmas celebration, the children distributed Christmas cake to the Nongmensong Police Station and the few families who are close to the centre on 14 December, 2023.
- Participated in a Christmas Program Celebration on 14 December, 2023.
- Participated in a Christmas Program at NEEPCO Shillong on the 15th December, 2023 where the children presented a dance on the occasion.
- The children were invited to a lunch followed by the Inauguration of the Kingdom Bumper Carsat M.CROWN HOTEL on 16th December, 2023.
- Participated in a Pre-New Year celebration organised by the North Eastern Council Secretariat Employees (NEC) on 22nd December, 2023.

Meetings/Training attended:

- A State Level Mock Exercise on Earthquake and Landslide conducted by the Meghalaya State Disaster Management Authority (MSDMA) at State Convention Center Shillong on the 12 October, 2023.
- Training on Trauma Informed Care at Eldorado on 7/12/23.
- One Day Training Programme on Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System at High Court of Meghalaya on the 11th December, 2023.

Visitors:

- ALL SAINTS Church, MAHINDRA FINANCE , H.Y.C

Statistics:

- Total No. of Children: 11
- No. of children restored: 1
- No. of new admissions: 1
- Total No. of children till 31st December, 2023: 10
- Age Group: 13-21

RSM SCHOOL FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

- **No. of Students: 155**
- A rally against corruption was organized by Union Bank of India Laitumkhrah Branch in collaboration with RSM School on November 3, 2023.
- The students presented a dance at a Children's Day Celebration organized by RSM on November 18th, 2023 at the UDP Hall on Bomfyle Road.
- The final exams for Nursery to Class 7 were held from 20th to 29th November 2023. Progress reports were distributed, and special prizes were awarded to students securing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions on 8th December 2023.
- On December 15, 2023, the students had an incredible time at the Christmas celebration organized by RSM.
- A Jumble Sales was organised on 13 December. A total amount of Rs 23,345/- was raised.