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# DOSTI<sup>3</sup>

## Dream Of School

*through*  
***Inform, Involve, & Inspire***

**Annual Report 2008**

DOSTI<sup>3</sup> (Dream of School through Inform, Involve, & Inspire) is a community development project, aimed at providing quality education to financially backward children. The project provides financial assistance to these children as well as helps fund the target schools where these children are likely to attend. The word 'DOSTI' means friendship in Hindi (The National language of India). The 'I<sup>3</sup>' stands for the three I's in the ICON caption: Inform, Involve, Inspire. These core values are the cornerstones of this project. The mission of DOSTI<sup>3</sup> is to provide need based financial assistance to financially backward children, irrespective of their social and religious affiliation so that, they become responsible and productive citizens, positively impacting their families, communities and the world.

For more details, visit us at <http://charity.icon.org.in/dosti3.php>

### DOSTI<sup>3</sup> 2008

DOSTI<sup>3</sup> - 2008 is the first pilot program for the DOSTI<sup>3</sup> project. MGM Public School, Chettukuzhy, Kochera PO from Idukki (DT), Kerala, one of the backward districts in Kerala was selected to be the pilot center for the project. Currently, MGM Public School offers classes from KG through 8th grade. With limited infrastructure, the class rooms are separated with hard boards and do not have separate rooms. The library has very few books and does not match up to the standards required to provide students the quality reading opportunities.

As part of the pilot project, the program focused on achieving the following 3 goals:

- ❖ Offer financial assistance for students from poor families to attend school: To achieve this goal, with the help of school officials, the project team identified the need for partial help for 55 students for the year 2008. Each student received Rs.1000 (US \$25) to meet part of the tuition fee for the year 2008.
- ❖ Enhance the library facility at the school: To achieve this goal, the project identified a list of books that will enhance the library and provided financial assistant to buy 300 books from the list during 2008/09 academic year.

❖ Work towards increasing female enrollment in the schools: To achieve this school, the school tried to reach out to all girls with in 3 kms radius of the school who currently do not attend school and encouraged them to attend the school.

The DOSTI<sup>3</sup> education assistance was handed over to the selected 55 students on July 12<sup>th</sup> in a function held at MGM School. The inauguration of the library was also done on that day by Rev. Fr. Zakariah remban. The first batch of books was handed over on the same day. The meeting was attended by two volunteers from ICON charities and many local well wishers of the school.

The detailed list of the beneficiaries are included in this document under the section Selected Candidates. We, the volunteers of ICON Charities Inc thank our Heavenly father for guiding us with this project during DOSTI<sup>3</sup> and pray for his continued blessing for the future. We thank our well wishers for their prayers and support during DOSTI<sup>3</sup>.

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### Selected Candidates for tuition assistance

For the year 2008, 55 students were selected based on recommendations and discussions with the school authorities. On behalf of each student, ICON charities handed over Rs. 1000 to the MGM School to cover the tuition fess of the students.

No.	Student Name	Class	Address	No.	Student Name	Class	Address
1.	Aswin Varghese	LKG	Siby, Tharavattathil, Kochera P.O., Chalakudimedu	29	Krupa Abraham	IV	Abraham, Kochupurackal, Chettukuzhy
2.	Sandra Jomon	LKG	Jomon, Mangapallil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	30	Jinta Maria Thomas	V	Thomas Joseph, Mallikasseril, Manthippara
3	Agxa Ann Thomas	LKG	Thomas, Parackal, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	31	Fenil Zacharia	V	Sunny Kurian, Parackal, Cubammettu
4	Alan Cherian	LKG	Cherian, Mooleparampil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	32	Rahul G. Nair	V	Gopinathan Nair, Madappallil, Kochera P.O.
5	Blesson Joy	LKG	Joy, Mangalasseril, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	33	Radhika G. Nair	V	Gopinathan Nair, Madappallil, Kochera P.O.
6	Don Xavier	LKG	Xavier, Mannukulam, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	34	Ansumol Abraham	V	C.A. Abraham, Cherupperil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy
7	Steve Biju	LKG	Biju, kaduppil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	35	Teenamol Tomy	VI	Tomy Ulahannan, Kallooparambil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy
8	Radhika T.P	LKG	Purushothaman Nair, Thekkedathu, Chettukuzhy P.O., Chettukuzhy	36	Cyril Sunny	VIII	Sunny Kurian, Parackal (H), Cumbammettu P.O
9	Dona Joseph	UKG	Thomas, vettathil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	37	Ananthakrishnan A.S.	V	S.P. Anilkumar, Sraippallil, Kochera P.O., Manthippara
10	Sharon .V. John	UKG	V.M. John, Velliackal, Kochera	38	Akhil Nath A	III	Anilkumar V.G., Vaduthala (H),

			P.O, Chettukuzhy				Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy
11	Bhagyanath P.A.	UKG	Saji,Valiyathara, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	39	Maria Thomas	LKG	K.J.Thomas, Karukappally, Kochera P.O, Appappikada
12	Akash Thankachan	I	Thankachan, Kooramattattil, Kochera P.O., Chalakudymedu	40	Phistees Thomas	UKG,	Thomas, Puthenparambil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy
13	Basil Boban	I	Boban Mathew, Alikuzhiyil, Kuzhitholu P.O	41	Nikhila Jacob	IV	Jacob, Edappadiyil, Kochera P.O, Chettukuzhy
14	Subin Koshy	I	Koshy, Purayidathilparambil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	42	Suriya Suresh	IV	Suresh, Arichatharayil, Cumbummettu
15	Ashin Susan Joseph	I	Joseph, Madathil, Kochera P.O., Chrttukuzhy	43	Justin Thomas	UKG	Mr.Thomas, Thazhathedathu(H), Nettithozhu P.O.,
16	Jerina James	I	James , Kaippallikalikottu , Vellimala	44	Salbin Thomas	II	Mr.Thomas, Thazathedathu (H), Nettithozhu P.O.
17	Dani .P. John	I	Puthenparambil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	45	Kessin Mol Sam	LKG	Mr.Sam Michel, Mashikallumkal (H), Nettithozhu P.O.
18	Joel Scaria	I	P.T.Scaria, Puratheparambil, Kochera P.O.	46	Melvin Thomas	II	Mr.Sabu, Kochupurackal (H), Nettithozhu P.O.
19	Tessy Thomas	I	A.D.Thomas, Arimattathil(H), Cumbammettu P.O., Thankachankada	47	Santhoshkumar P.S.	III	P.S.Surendran, Parathottiyil(H), Nettithozhu
20	Jeswin James	II	James, Cherukaraparambil, Kochera P.O., Appapikada	48	Sajin Sabu	LKG	Mr.Sabu, Koorappallil(H), Nettithozhu P.O
21	Aneesha Kurian	II	P.V.Kurian, Purayidathilparambil, Kochera P.O, Chalakudimedu	49	Sosamma Kuruvilla	UKG	Mr.Kuruvilla, Kavimkal(H), Rajakandom
22	Meenu Raju	II	P.I.Raju, Purayidathilparampil, Kochera P.O.,	50	Vargheese T.C.	UKG	Biju, Thazhathu (H), Rajakandom
23	Jaison Cherian	II	Cherian Thomas, Neduvelil, Kochera P.O, Chalakudimedu	51	Aiswarya Sunil	II	Mr.Sunil, Nattasseril(H), Nettithozhu P.O.
24	Ligimol Johnson	II	T.C. Johnson, Thachenkery, Kochera P.O.	52	Adarshkumar P.S.	III	Surendran P.G., Parathottu(H), Nettithozhu P.O.
25	Akhil Joseph	III	Thankachan, Paravamparambil, Kochera P.O, Chettukuzhy	53	Ajith Saju	II	Mr.Saju, Podimattathil (H), Nettithozhu P.O
26	Tijo .T.K.	III	Tomy Ulahannan, Kalloparambil, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	54	Princy Elizabeth Mathew	I	Jojo Mathew, Vellamattom(H), Nettithozhu P.O.
27	Binimol Abraham	III	Abraham, Palakal, Kochera P.O., Chettukuzhy	55	Subin Joseph	II	Mr.Joseph, Arangathu (H), Nettithozhu P.O.
28	Ginto George	II	Mr.George, Parayil (H), Nettithozhu P.O.				

## Enhancing the Library

For the year 2008, two batches of books were donated to the MGM School library. The new library was inaugurated on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The first batch of the books was handed over to the school officials on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The second batch of the books was handed over to the school officials on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## Trail of your Donations

We thank all our donors to reaching out to the students of the MGM School to provide them better opportunities in their learning process. The trail of donation information posted in the follow-up section of the project page provides you the tracking information for your donations.

No.	Name of Donor	For Tuition: (USD)	For Tuition (INR)	For Library (USD)	For Library (INR)
1	Thekkakara John, NY	50			
2	Thekkakara Varghese, NY	20			
3	Ruthamma M. Chacko, NJ	100			
4	Well Wisher, Austin, TX			50	
6	Deno Kandis, IL	40			
7	Santhosh Salver, IL	50			
8	Madhubabu Dandamudi, IL	58			
9	Mathews Mathew, IL	10			
10	Sanjoy Paul, Chandigarh		4500		500
11	CBL Rao, IL	50			
12	Surendra Bachina, IL	50			
14	Well Wisher, Calgary, Canada	100		100	
15	Chacko Thomas, NY	100			
16	Very Rev. K. Mathai Corepiscopa	100			
17	Beena Poozhikunnel	100			
18	Dr. Meriner Martin Pereira, IA	100			
19	Mathews K Jacob, NY	100			
20	Joe Thomas Valliparampil, IL	200			
21	Balakrishnan T Sreedharan, IL			150	
22	Harikiran Gogsetti, IL	58			

23	Biju & Sholly Ninan, IA			50	
24	Rajan Mathew, PA			35	
25	Mathew Mathai, IN			100	
26	Binto George, IL			50	
27	Sajit Prabhakaran, IL	200			
	Total	1486	4500	535	500

### Accounts Summary

Accounts	Amount
Amount Received from Donors	\$ 2132
Amount provided to MGM School for Tuition Fees Assistance	\$ 1250
Amount provided to MGM School for Library	\$ 450
Balance transferred to DOSTI 2009 Account	\$ 432

### The DOSTI<sup>3</sup> 2008 Scholarship Distribution Ceremony

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The meeting started and ended with prayer. Rev. Fr. Elias, Manager of the School welcomed the gathering and spoke about the DOSTI<sup>3</sup> project and ICON's partnership with Grace Charities to the help the school in providing quality education to the students. Many well wishers spoke on the importance of education and need to provide better opportunities to the students.

The second batch of books for the library was handed over to the school authorities by Rev. Fr. P. A. Philip, Director, Mar Baselios College of Engineering, Peermedu, Idukki on November 15, 2008 at Gethsemane aramana, Idukki, Kerala, India.



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## **DOSTI<sup>3</sup>: Maintaining the core values**

At ICON Charities Inc, we count the success of a project not based on the dollars that we raise, but based on how close we get to our documented goals of openness, transparency, efficiency, follow-up and the streamlined process.

We are glad that DOSTI<sup>3</sup> - 2008 could be operated with these core values that we adopted and executed in other ICON Charity projects. We also continue to build a very strong relationship with the school officials who in turn help us maintain the accounting and process transparency of the project.

**100% IN-OUT and more:** One of the core values of the project is to ensure that 100% of the donations made by the donor reach the students. During DOSTI<sup>3</sup> 2008, we not only were able to accomplish it, but were also able to do more. ICON Charities added small roundup amounts to ensure that the students received a rounded up figure.

**Lowest Overhead Cost:** Another objective of the project is to keep the operating cost of the project to the lowest. All tasks of the project were undertaken with the help of volunteers and thereby keeping the costs to the lowest.

**Follow-up with our Donors:** ICON Charities Inc strongly believes in the need for follow up of its projects with its donors and well wishers. One of the main aims of this report is to help our donors find the information related to the project. We believe in end-to-end transparent accounting and open access to all information related to our transactions.

We have mailed the receipts for your donations as soon as we received your donations. In case you haven't received it, please contact us and we will be glad to send you a duplicate of your receipt. The following information is available to you to assure you that your donations have reached the right hands under the 'DOSTI<sup>3</sup> - 2008 Project Follow-up' section on the DOSTI<sup>3</sup> - 2008 page. <http://charity.icon.org.in/dosti3-2008.php>

1. Annual Report of DOSTI<sup>3</sup> - 2008: Provides a summary of the project for the year 2008.
  2. Trail of your donations: Provides the ability to track your donations from the moment you donated to the time the student received your donation. To access the trail of your donations please visit the 'Trail of your donations' section under follow-up.
  3. Glimpses of the scholarship Distribution Ceremony held at MGM School
  4. Acknowledgement letter and receipt from the school: Provides the acknowledgement that the school has received the donations from ICON Charities Inc.
  5. Vouchers signed by the recipients: Provides the acknowledgement that the students have received your donations.
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## **Acknowledgements**

We, the volunteers of ICON Charities Inc would like to thank heavenly father for all the blessings he has showered on us.

We express our gratitude and remember H.G. Augen Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan of Idukki diocese and thank HG for all the guidance and support he has provided us in the past.

We express our gratitude to Rev. Fr. Zakariah Remaban, Rev. Fr. P.A. Philip for distributing the assistance to the students and inaugurating the library. We also would like to thank the selfless work of Rev. Fr. K.T. Jacob, the office bearers and volunteers of GRACE Charities, the school authorities, all the priests of the Idukki diocese, our donors and well wishers, all the students and their parents, the ICON web team and everyone who has prayed and worked for the success of this project. Thank you!

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## **Questions/Comments/Suggestions?**

Total transparency in accounting, process and availability of information for everyone across the globe has been few of our documented emphasis for the DOSTI3 project. To accomplish this, we have made all the details of the project available online at the ICON Charities Inc website.

[ <http://charity.icon.org.in/dosti3-2008.php> ]

If you would like to know more about the project or if you would like to get involved, please visit the DOSTI3 page [<http://charity.icon.org.in/dosti3.php> ]

If you have further questions/comments/suggestions, or if you would like to partner with ICON Charities Inc in this project, please feel free to send us an email. Our email is [iconcharities@gmail.com](mailto:iconcharities@gmail.com)

## **What next?**

Continuing the momentum and encouragement that we received as part of DOSTI3 2008, we plan to launch the DOSTI3 2009 during the month of August 2009. We plan to reach out to the masses through the ICON forum to help the financially backward well deserved students of Idukki realize the dream of higher education. Stay tuned!

## **About ICON Charities Inc**

The ICON Charities, Inc is a non-profit organization registered in US to undertake charitable activities based on the teachings of Christ, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40). All donations to ICON Charities are tax deductible as per US Federal Tax Laws under chapter 501(c)(3), IRS EIN: 20-2966676. Visit [www.charity.icon.org.in](http://www.charity.icon.org.in) to know more about other ICON activities.

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"Don't forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God." (Hebrew 13:16)