

# "LION AIR" TRAGEDY

## A Memorial Library

**A** Service of Remembrance for all those who died in the 'Lion Air' tragedy (29-09-98) was conducted on Wednesday the 22nd September 1999 at Kudathanai C.S.I. Church. The Service was led by Rev M. Solomon assisted by Bro J. A Suthagar worker in charge, Kudathanai Church. The Bishop in his sermon said that there are many things happening in this world which are not the will of God. As long as there is sin in this world there will be suffering. Our

Lord Jesus Christ did not comment on the "Karama" theory. He has only asked us to identify ourselves with the suffering community. As Christians we are asked to struggle with the suffering, share with the suffering, and side with the suffering. Great Captains normally like to sink with the ship. Bishop said.

Parents and relations of those who died at the "Lion Air" tragedy participated in the Service.

The Service was followed by the opening of a library at Kudathanai in memory of all those who died in the "Lion Air" tragedy

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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPPE

### St. Johns' College Jaffna Central College Magazine

We heartily welcome the St. Johns' College Magazine VOL LXXXIX released recently

It is a report on "that glorious year 1998. A year of great significance - a historic land mark in the annals of St. John's College".

Dr. V. A. Benjamin has written a very informative article on the beloved physician Dr. G. R. Handy. According to him to be admired by the Rt. Rev. Dr Sabapathy Kulandran was a unique recognition. Appreciations have been written on the lives of former teachers and minor employees died during the period under review. The editor has to be congratulated or giving so much space for students contributions at a time of forbidding costs. Giving encouragement to budding writers is an important task of the school. The photographs of the Principal's visit to Australia have brightened the issue.

We admire the modesty of the printer who refrained from mentioning the name of his press anywhere in the magazine.

A praise worthy production in these times of uncertainties and controls — Scribe.

### Three Students Missing

The parents of three students of Anaikottai, Manipiy area have complained to Human Rights Commission, Jaffna that these students have been missing from Friday 13th of August 1999. The Names of the missing students are as follows:-

- 1 Jeyarajah Chana 15 years Anaikottai
- 2 Thevarajah Rama 13years (Navaly)
- 3 Mahalingam Dushanthan 15 years (Manipiy)

### Jaffna Central College Grounds

Jaffna Central College Grounds will be renovated at the cost of Rs. 2 Million. This amount has been granted by the Sports Ministry of Sri Lanka. It is hoped that the renovation work will be completed by September 1999.

### Association of Hindu Teachers

Arrangements are made to form a Hindu Teachers Association in Jaffna. Mr V K Thanabalan, President of the Hindu Youth League said that this will be established by the end of this month.

### In Jaffna on Holiday

Dr. Karunairaj Jeevaratnam and his wife Indi Somasundram Jeevaratnam were on a short holiday in Jaffna during the first week of August. (1999).

Dr Jeevaratnam is serving as Anesthetist in New Zealand. Mrs. Jeevaratnam has retired from teaching. She helps in the activities of the Anglican Church of New Zealand.

### Drieberg College Plans 125th Anniversary

A meeting of the old students of Drieberg College was held in the College on Sunday, the 25th July 1999. The meeting was presided over by Mr. S. Nagendra Rajah, the Principal of the College.

Mr. P. S. Gnanaeselan the Secretary read the Minutes of the Alumni Association Meeting. The old students resolved to write to (Condu. Page 4)

### 63 Selected for Diploma Course

63 teachers are selected this year from Government schools to follow the Diploma Course at the University of Jaffna. The University selects another group of students from private schools after conducting an entrance examination.

### Annual Commemoration of Ashram

The 60th Anniversary of founding of the Christa Seva Ashram, Chunnakam was held at Colombo C S I Church on 21st August 1999. Call to worship was done by the Rev Sathy Tambiraja. Litany was done by Rev. S. K. Kadigamar. The Sermon was preached by the Rev A. A. Paul on the text "Those want to be my disciples should deny themselves and carry their cross". The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. P.R Navandrangoolam. "Kanji" was then served to all those participated. The service was organised by the "friends of Ashram".

### Seminar on Human Rights

A Seminar on Human Rights organised by the National Christian Council, Sri Lanka and sponsored by the Christian Conference of Asia was held at the Roman Catholic Retreat Centre, Mattakulam from 26th to 28th August 1999.

### A new Church at Sathiapuram

On Wednesday the 18th August our Bishop laid the foundation stone for the new C S I Church at Sathiapuram. The new Church which is going to be constructed with the volunteer physical help of the members and Diocesan contribution will be completed before the rainy season in October 1999.

### Examination Success

Rev A S Thavagunanthan our minister at Uduvil and Rev Milton Solomon our minister at Erlalai North have passed the B.A (Special Degree) Examination of the University of Jaffna. Conducted in 1998.

### Ground Grams Production

An experimental production of ground grams in Palai in 1999 proved to be a success. The Multi Purpose Cooperative society of Palai buys the ground grams at guaranteed price

### Speakers at KNH Sunday Service on 26 - 09 - 99

Alaveddy - Mr. Gurunathan  
Annaikoddai - Mr B Davidraj  
Araly - Miss P Banureka  
Atchuvely - Mr V Kirubahan  
Akkarayan - Rev John Selvam  
Chankanal - Mr S Uthayanan  
Chavakachcheri - Mr A B Guna- selam  
Chettikulam - Mr Thivaharan  
Colombo - Mr N S P Thampoe  
Erlalai North - Mr N Raveendran  
Erlalai South - Sathiaseelan  
Gandigramam - Davidraj  
Inuvil - Miss P Pearlranji  
Jaffna - Miss S Nininthini  
Jeyapuram - Rev Paul Suresh  
Karainagar - Mr K Kularajan  
Kalmadukulam - Rev Jerome Paul  
Karadiyan Aru - Mr S Vijaya- rajah  
Konavil - Rev A Pathmathayalan  
Manipay - Mr F Richard  
Mallavi - Mr S Ratnavel  
Moolai - Mr K Uthayan  
Navaly - Miss S Uthayarekka  
Nuwara Eliya - Rev A Savari- muththu  
Nunavil - Mr S Ranjanbabu  
Pandatheruppu Mr S Sritharan  
Rarl Odai - Rev Antony Sebastian  
Salambaikulam - Rev T Jeyach- andran  
Sadilipay - Mr S Selvantha  
Sathiapuram - Mr S Lingeswaran  
Tellipalai - Mr J Thayaparan  
Thevakiramam - Mr S Linges- waran  
Tholpuram - Mr K Uthayan  
Udupiddy - Mr Paul Sathees  
Uduvil - Miss S Senthamilchelvi  
Uranee - Mr Arumuganayagam  
Usan - Mr Vincent Jeyakumar  
Vaddukoddai - Miss B Savitha  
Varany - Mr K Thurairatnam  
Vavuniya - Rev K A Joseph  
Viswamadu - Rev D S Mathiya- paranam  
Wattila - Mr A Gunaseelan





## KINDER NOT HILFE SUNDAY

K N H has become a household word in Sri Lanka. It is because of the numerous Childrens' Homes, Day Care Centres and Vocational Training Centres which are doing yeomen service to the destitutes in our country with K N H support.

Mr. Karl Bormann a kind-hearted German seeing the suffering of millions of children in the third world felt that he will be failing in his duty as Christian if he remains indifferent to their cry.

The stories narrated by German Bishops who served in South India about the plight of the little children touched the hearts of people in affluent societies. The death of children in the third world due to war, social injustice and casteism were hundreds of thousand.

In 1959 he set up an organization in Germany to create funds for the running of homes for helpless children in poor countries.

In 1961 this body was recognized as a Charity Organization with the name KINDER NOT HILFE, which in German means "CHILDREN NEED HELP". Thanks to the band of committed Staff at Duisburg Kinder not Hilfe has become an organization reputed for efficiency and transparency, drawing support from many parts of Central Europe. At present Kinder Not Hilfe is supporting 112,000 children in South Africa, Ethiopia, Chile, Brazil, Phillipines and South Asia.

Kinder Not Hilfe, in these war torn and poverty stricken areas work with local churches and Church organizations. In Sri Lanka they work through the S L C C C A in which our Diocese is a member.

We are happy that Sunday the 26th September 1999 has been marked as K N H Sunday. This is the day set apart to thank God for Kinder Not Hilfe and the love and affection of foster parents.

Our Diocese has assigned persons to lead worship and preach in the local churches on K N H Sunday. It is a matter of great satisfaction and joy that most of these preachers are young men and women who grew up in K N H Homes.

They will tell the congregations about the concern of Mr. Karl Baumann and the work done by the dedicated staff in Germany and Colombo. The congregations will thank God for the foster parents for the leadership given by Hoeschelmann, Mr Detlef Hiller the Officer in charge of Asia Desk.



Dr. Samuel Fiske Green  
1822 - 1884

Medical Evangelist to the Tamils.

October 10th is his Birth Anniversary.

Dr Samuel Fiske Green who served at Manipay, from 1848 to 1874, was founder of Green Memorial Hospital Manipay. We give below the important events that took place in his life:

- 1847 Arrival in Jaffna
- 1848 Shifted his Medical students and Dispensary to Manipay.
- 1850 His first batch of Medical students passed out At his Medical School at Manipay, started the work of translating the books on Medical science into Tamil.
- Founding of "Friend in Need Hospital" in Jaffna (Civil Hospital) Dr Green co-founder and Medical Superintendent.
- 1857 Went on furlough.
- Married Margaret Phelps.
- Had three daughters and one son Julia, Louise, Mary and Nathan
- 1864 Started teaching medicine in Tamil
- 1874 Went home
- 1884 Died 28th May 1884

## CATS II

Second Conference of Asian Theologians (C A T S II) was held at Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore from August 9th - 15th 1999. About 100 theologians from most of the Asian countries, Australia and Asian theologians living in North America participated.

The theme for the Conference was "Celebrating life in Asia"

However the spirit of sharing shall be the main theme of K N H Sunday. The Kinder Not Hilfe by example had taught us to share our resources with the down trodden, lowly and the lost. We sincerely hope that the hundreds of young men and women in K N H Homes will have genuine concern for the poor in the neighbourhood and take the K N H spirit into the remote villages of Sri Lanka.

## Remembering Rev. George Daniel THOMAS

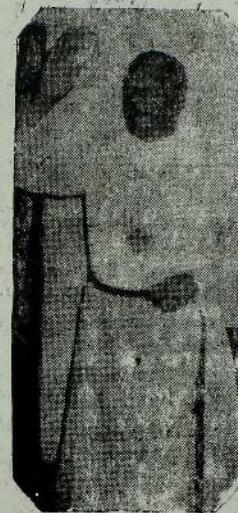
The Rev. G. D. Thomas was born in 1878 a Kalvayal in Chavakachcheri. He was baptized by Rev. T. P. Hunt into the Christian faith.

In 1906 he married Alice Arianayagam Velupillai of Chavakachcheri.

In 1908 Rev. G. D. Thomas joined the Staff Jaffna



## In Memoriam



### Rt. Rev. Dr. D. J. AMBALAVANAR

Born 28. 02. 1928

Entered Glory 10. 10. 1997

Two years have passed  
But memories stay,  
As near and dear as  
yesterday

In a garden of rest no  
worries no pain  
Safe in the arms of Jesus  
Till we meet again.

Diocesan Office  
Vaddukoddai

## Drieberg..

Alumni living abroad about the 125th Anniversary and publish a Souvenir. The celebration will take place in the year 2000. Drieberg College was founded by the American Missionaries in 1875. HUNT, DRIEBERG ABRAHAM and Sinnathamby are the names of the Houses of Drieberg College. Mr J. S. Drieberg was a British Officer. Others were natives of Chavakachcheri

College, but decided to offer himself to Lord's work and went to United Theological College, Bangalore where he studied from 1914 - 1917. His first station was Moolai. In 1918 he was ordained Minister of the S I U C. Subsequently he served at Navalay, Vaddukoddai, Tellippalai, Uduvil, Udupiddy, Pandateruppu and Araly.

The following are the positions held by Rev. G. D. Thomas; President, Vice President, Secretary of the Jaffna Council of S I U C.

General Manager - American Mission Schools.

Tamil Editor - Morning Star Member Larsen Committee - Bible Translation Member Church Union Committee of the SIUC

When he retired in 1954, the Executive Committee placed on record "his sincerity of religious conviction his scholarship in two languages and his eloquence which commended him to all congregations.

He died in 1955 at the age of 79

## OBITUARY

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. A. C. J. Eliezer, which took place on Saturday the 11th September 1999 in Victoria, Australia. The funeral took place on Sunday the 12th of September.

He was the brother of Prof C. J. Eliezer and husband of Kirupai Vallipuram. He leaves behind besides his wife, Dr. Kunarr Eliezer, Mr Impam Eliezer (Sons), and Mrs Sirmevan, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Jegannathan. (daughters)

The death occurred of Kunasingam Welch T., beloved husband of Swarana, loving father of Noel and Surika, brother of Mr Welch Balasingham, Thangasothy and late Kamala, son of late Mr S. H. T. Welch of Araly North, nephew of Rev R. C. P. Welch. The funeral service took place at 93 Manning Place, Wellawette on Monday the 6th of September 1999. Burial took place at General Cemetery, Kanette.

A service of remembrance was held at the residence of the sister of the deceased Mrs Thangasothy Santharasigam, Araly North, Vaddukoddai. Tributes were paid by Bro. T. S. Joshua and Rev. A. A. Paul at the Service