



Dear friends and well-wishers of DAIA,

Greetings in the matchless name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your valuable and continued support for the work of DAIA. In this newsletter, we share with you the events undertaken in April 2018.

Success story of Mrs. Bhoopathy:

Mrs. Boopathy, a 40-year-old widow from Idayanvilai, in Tuticorin District, has HIV/AIDS. With no children or immediate family support she has been fighting her illness on her own. She had difficulty walking and found it challenging to fend for herself. When DAIA heard of her sickness, we started to visit her regularly and provided medical help and counselling and as a result Mrs. Boopathy is now better able to live more comfortably and has learned to walk with ease. And on Friday 20 April, we were delighted to welcome her back to our Care and Support Program, where she thanked everyone for their love and compassion, and through which she has continued to live a more healthy and independent life. (This is Bhoopathy sharing her testimony in the picture on the rightside) Please pray for her.



Case history of Maharaja

Maharaja, a 9th grade student and the son of a former patient Mrs. Subbulakshmi, is fighting his own health issues having been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Sadly, after a prolonged and brave battle with her own illness Mrs. Subbulakshmi passed away in April 2017. Maharaja's father Mr. Mayandi had passed away 4 years ago. Being only 15 years of age and with no shelter or resources to continue his studies, DAIA has been able to put Maharaja in contact with Kalvary Chapel Hostel, which is functioning for the welfare of HIV/AIDS children. We praise God, for Maharaja's admission to the hostel which has also allowed him to continue his education. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the esteemed organisation for their kind help. Please uphold both Kalvary Chapel Hostel and Maharaja in your prayer.

Medical Camp



On the 14 April, 30 HIV/AIDS patients attended a medical camp where medicines tonics and 60 kilos of nutrition powder were distributed.

Care and support



A week later, on 20th April, our Care and Support Program attracted a further 15 HIV/AIDS patients. They gave positive feedback saying that their health had improved with our on going care and support. Grocery items in addition to nutrition powder were provided to each patient.

Adult Literacy

It is exciting to see the pride on the faces of our mature students who attend the Adult Literacy programme. They are taught how to read and write, to an early grade standard, which will enable them to understand the simplest instructions, signs, and information. We also teach them basic numerical skills, allowing them to better handle money.



Embracing old age people



DAIA is always looking for ways in which to help those people in need and we were delighted to start an Aged Care Program, aimed at elderly people who have been abandoned by their families. In this programme we will endeavour to assist with their physical and spiritual needs. Already we have 10 elderly people in the programme who are receiving grocery items and spiritual encouragement. Please pray for these senior citizens in our community.

Youth Awareness



It is always rewarding to work with our young people and on Sunday 8th April DAIA held a special service at the Annanagar Church. We were encouraged by the 25 youths who came to listen to motivational talks on how to overcome addiction to substance misuse. With God's love, we have undertaken to continue guiding these young people through their addiction.

Regular activities during April 2018

Last month, it was encouraging to see 111 people attended our special Medical Camp to gain knowledge of the work of DAIA, and to understand why our work in the community is important. During the camp 88 PLHAs received counselling while medical treatment was given to 30 patients. In addition, we also provided nutritional powder to HIV/AIDS patients and their children. Everyone was invited to attend the Life Skills and HIV/AIDS awareness classes which proved very popular. Only with your ongoing financial support of the work of DAIA, can we continue to conduct this type of Medical Camp THANK YOU!

Needs of DAIA :

Following the success of last month's Medical Camp here in Tuticorin, we have arranged to conduct a similar event at Kovilpatti in Tamil nadu next month, June. As you are aware to hold these camps is a financial burden on our resources and therefore we humbly ask you to donate to DAIA, so that we can continue to work, support and educate our people. While our monthly budget is Rs 300000/- (approx.. US \$500 or AUS \$662) - please be assured that your generous donation has been and will always be used to continue the work of DAIA.

Your donation could save a life!

We are giving our bank account numbers below for easy transfer of money.

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Please pray and support us. Your personal help or introducing to someone will help us to carry on DAIA's work.

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