



KKM Handweaving

SUPPORTING FOUR PROJECTS:

1. **KRIPAON KI MATA LEPROSY COLONY**, NALAPANI ROAD, DEHRA DUN 248001 (U.K.)
2. **BRAHMAPURI REHABILITATION ASHRAM**, TAPOBAN P.O. 249192, DISTT. TEHRI (U.K.)
3. **NAVJIVANGRAM HATH KARGHA UDYOG**, P.O. BOX 65, DEHRA DUN 248001 (U.K.)
4. **TARA PARBAT LEPROSY PROJECT**, CHALGAON, KULHAN P.O., DEHRA DUN -248001(U.K.)



It's about a year since the passing of our elder brother Mr. Pierre Ji. We still feel his absence. His life spent with the people here encourages us to keep moving forward. We are thankful to AKS Society, Mrs. Manju Lawrence for stepping in and helping in the day to day activities of KKM. With their support, everything is moving in good manner for the benefit of the people under KKM Handweaving umbrella. We are all thankful to our supporters, friends, donors and well-wishers for being with us.

Mr. Rimal Singh (Chairman)
Mr. Noel (Secretary)
For KKM Handweaving Society

Dear Friends and Well Wishers,

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued trust, love and support for KKM Handweaving Society.

There are now 107 people affected by leprosy residing in four different rehabilitations under KKM Handweaving Society. About 90 % of these people are quite old and they require proper physical, mental, emotional, medical care and health check-ups round the clock.

Presently since March 2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic, we have applied directives from the government to all the centers. In KKM also, there is a strict observance of lockdown and social distancing. Here we have to be extra careful as most of the residents under various project are elderly people. Please continue to support & encourage us to journey in the right direction

Take care of yourself and your loved ones.

With Best Wishes & Stay Safe

Mrs. Manju Lawrence (+91-9634671138)
(Facilitator, Communications, Public Relations & Sale of Textiles)

Agnes Kunze Society (AKS) supports medical services at KKM Handweaving for it's four Projects

Reports of few beneficiaries are as follows:

Medical Care for Mrs. Kaushalya ji- Kaushalya is very old and single, due to her age and leprosy disease she is restricted with her movements therefore AKS has been providing regular medical aid to her. There is a leprous wound on her right foot as well on left foot too, which has to be medicated and dressed on daily basis. She is suffering from diabetes and Hypertension as well. Mr. Ram Dular (paramedical worker) of KKM and Mr. Ganesh Ram from AKS visit her daily and treating her as per the Doctor advice. She is very grateful to AKS for the regular medical, emotional, spiritual care & support. Everyday she is keeping her eye on the gate and waiting for us with a Hope, this gives us encouragement.



Medical Aid for Mr. Madan Singh ji- Mr. Madan Singh ji was handling export documentation in KKM Handweaving Office but last year his right leg was amputated due to his Nerve & Cardiac problem so he could not come any more to the office but helping and advising from home only, that is a great guidance for us as he is very helpful and full of knowledge about the in and out of the society regarding Export. He is still under medication and the treatment is going on at Mahant Hospital by Cardiologist- Dr. Arvind Makkar. Once a month he has to go for check-up to the cardiologist and he is taking medicines regularly for the same. He is happy and satisfied.



Medical Care for Mr. Gopal Singh ji- Mr. Gopal Singh ji is suffering from cataract & retina problems. He has been visiting many doctors through AKS Society for his problems; but still there is no improvement and so he is under medication. Doctors have advised him to take precautions and to maintain his body sugar levels. This will help him healing his sight problem.





Medical Aid for Mr. Brikh Bahadur ji- Mr. Brikh Bahadur ji fell from a tree at KKM campus and broke both his legs and left hand. He was completely bed ridden, unable to stand or walk. Doctors advised him for a surgery to fix rod in his legs. He was referred to the AIIMS hospital at Rishikesh. There he got operated and plates & rods were fixed in his both legs. Now after 3 months, he is able to stand and walk a bit. Best part was all surgery was done free of cost as all people in KKM are now insured under the Govt. Medical Health Insurance, this initiative was done by AKS in 2018. People are very relaxed and relief from the burden of major medical expenses.

Cutting Down of Old Trees at KKM Campus :

There were some very old dried up trees at KKM campus. These could have fallen down due to storm or Monsoon season. These were quite dangerous for the KKM resident people. AKS Society team took initiative and fulfilled all the application procedures with the Government forest department. After the survey by the forest department, these trees were cut down. Although it took 4 months to take the permission from the Government but we succeeded.



Medical for Mr. Devmani ji - Many of you might be knowing Mr. Devmani ji, he was very close to Agnes and used to cook dinner for her. Before the retirement he was responsible to dye (color yarns) at KKM workshop and to look after the weaving work. Now he is old but very lucky to have wife (Kavita) who is looking after him 24x7. He has been suffering from high blood sugar, blood pressure, kidney and heart problem for a long time. At regular timings, he also taken to hospital for check-up and medicines, etc. He needs diapers as his sense for toilet is not good. I, Manju still remember Pierre words that no one should die or have unhygienic life when they are in bed or in wheelchair. Me and my team with the support of KKM Handweaving trying our best to keep them happy, clean and satisfied. At present he feels quite better but is still under medication.





Fish Farming Project at KKM: A new livelihood project for the people of KKM was started. The aim of the AKS is to help KKM become more self-reliant and to be able to support people more effectively. In long terms, it is being hoped that this will also be a project of income generation. At present we have started with 4 species of very small fish in this pond. These will take 5 to 6 months to grow-up. Which then would be sold to fish- vendors and the profit will be used for KKM Handweaving Society.

Submersible Water Pump fixed at KKM:

A submersible water pump was fixed at KKM. There was a water supply problem at KKM. So AKS took the initiative and fixed a heavy Submersible water pump for the KKM handweaving. This was one of the great need for the society.



Mushroom Farming Project at KKM: AKS also initiated the Mushroom cultivation and farming at KKM Handweaving Society. This is also a livelihood program for the people of KKM. Three residents of KKM were sent for Mushroom cultivation training to the Mushroom cultivation training department of the Government in Dehradun. Many people have got the job through this program. This is also a income generation program. Some of the people are willing and taking interest like Sushila, Hazra, Jitendra and Samsuddin.





Taraparbat Leprosy Rehabilitation Center: There are now 12 residents at Taraparbat Rehabilitation Center. They are also getting medical aid and other benefits through the AKS. Every week a medical camp is organized for the people here, who are very old and are unable to visit the hospital.

Taraparbat is situated in a hilly area, people are engaged with their kitchen gardening and growing ginger, turmeric etc. due to less water ginger and turmeric is good option to grow and less labor.

Navjeevan Gram – Leprosy Rehabilitation Center - There are 15 resident in this center. Their requirements of medical aid is also provided and taken care by AKS to this centre. AKS took the initiatives for leading their day to day activities and now handloom work is also functioning where they are making runners and spinning the cotton for yoga mats. Also the society is taking the initiative for the marketing of the product.



Brahmapuri – Leprosy Rehabilitation Center - There are 22 residents in this center. Mostly 95% people are old and due to their oldage they need special care. There are 5 young people (Couple –Rajender & Nirmala), (Couple – Laxmi and Jairam are paramedical) who are looking after the old people and making all efforts to their best. Same time AKS is co-coordinating and taking advice from Swami Ji from Shivananda Ashram. Brahmapuri is situated near by the Banks of Ganga River and 45 kilometer from Dehradun and we are visiting once in a week or as per any emergencies. There is good coordination among AKS and Brahmapuri Team.



Exhibition at Sri Ram Continental School, Signiwala : An exhibition was organized at Sri Ram Continental School by the school management. AKS also participated in that exhibition. The whole motto was to make people aware of such social work and also to sell some of the products of KKM Handweaving Society. Many people appreciated and purchased the product made by KKM people. Good money was raised by AKS for KKM people.

We are really very thankful to all the guest from France, Belgium, Germany , Netherlands, Austria, many more who visited KKM Handweaving and its other centers and had the conversation and special time with the residents, we don't have many words to say only – DHANYAWAD for being always there and helping, supporting, caring and praying.





Death Anniversary of Bhai ji (Pierre Reyniers): A Community Lunch was served on Bhai ji's death anniversary for people of all the centers and to their children. On this day people remembered Mr. Pierre Reyniers – the valuable work he had done for the betterment of the lives of leprosy people. We have continued the good work which Bhai ji has done. Now we are also trying to sustain his life's dream. People from all groups and their children were very thankful to for this occasion and for the fellowship of the community lunch and the food menu was set according to his favorites- we miss him.

People who left us : With grief we want to inform that this half year 6 persons died under KKM handweaving due to various illness and old age sicknesses..



Salim Yahoun died due to old age about the age of 72 years and lived in the KKM Colony for about 55 years and he was masterweaver & founding member representing the affected community.



Sumitra Devi died due to stomach cancer about the age of 75 years and lived in the KKM Colony for about 30 years and was engaged in spinning.



Dharma Devi died due to old age and was about the age of 77 years .



Mr. Haru Masih died with brain hemorrhage. He was in the KKM Colony for about 35 years and he was a good weaver. He was 70 years old.



Mushi Devi from Brahmpuri left us on 28th October 2019. She was 80 years old.



Gaina Devi from Brahmpuri left us on 2nd February 2020. She was 82 years old.



Holi Festival Celebration with KKM People :

Holi festival was celebrated with the KKM People. People had been celebrating this festival for many years now. So this year also they celebrated the festival with a great joy.

A Word of Thanks from Supervisor (Mr. Ganesh):

I take this honor to thank all our supporters and well-wishers for their continuous help and encouragement for the work of KKM Handweaving work. I acknowledge that the work is quite tough and I need regular mental and emotional support. I thank KKM Board for their timely guidance. I am indeed grateful to the Director of AKS, Mrs. Manju Lawrence for her constant encouragement and guidance. She not only motivates me, but is always ready to help every resident under KKM Handweaving in her best capabilities. Thank you.



Photo Gallery



We hope and pray for the whole world that we soon come out from this COVID-19 Pandemic situation.

Stay Safe and Healthy