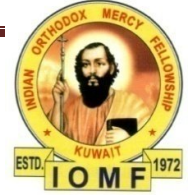




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Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship, Kuwait

A Spiritual and Charitable Organization of

St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka, Kuwait

A Parish of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Under the Kolkata Diocese

Greetings in the name of our Lord & Jesus Christ

PREFACE

Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship, Kuwait a charitable organization of SGIOME has successfully completed its 41 years of silent service for the welfare of the poor and needy, irrespective of cast, creed and religion. Let us give thanks to Almighty God for guiding us through these years. On behalf of the office bearers 2013-14 of the IOMF, it is my privilege to present before you the Annual Report for the year 2013-2014.

VICAR & PRESIDENT

Our Vicar and President Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew have been leading our activities as the President. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew's service and leadership in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We had the pleasure to welcome our new Vicar and President Rev. Fr. Raju Thomas & Associate Vicar Rev. Fr. Reji C. Varghese to IOMF.

May the Lord continue to be with them in their service in our parish and also in IOMF.

IOMF (2013-14) MANAGING COMMITTEE:

The general body met on March 21, 2013 elected the following office bearers, auditor and committee members for the year 2013-14.

Vice-President: Mr. Samkutty George

Secretary: Mr. James Peter

Treasurer: Mr. Mathews Varghese

Joint Secretary: Mr. Jiju John Mathew

Vice President Designate: Mr. Samuel Chacko

Auditor: Mr. Mathai T Varghese

Ex-Officio: Mr. Jibi Thomas Mathew

Committee Members:

Mr. George P C

Mr. Oommen K V

Mr. Jacob Zachariah

Mr. Alex George

Mr. Shaji Thankachan

Mr. Johnson Kunjukunju

Mr. Joji Thomas

Mr. Georgy John

Mr. Santosh Samuel

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Annual Budget

General Body approved the annual proposed budget of KD 11,044.500 as Income & KD 11,044.500 as expenditure for the report year

IOMF MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

By the grace of God, we had the pleasure to welcome three new families to the IOMF and now blessed with 48 dedicated members including our Vicar's family.

- I. Mr. Jibu Jacob Mathew & Family
 - II. Mr. Jason Zachariah & Family
 - III. Mr. Vinod Thomas & Family
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METROPOLITON & EPISCOPAL VISIT:

We were blessed with the visits of the following Bishops, Priests, and distinguished guests during the report year. We are indebted to them for their spiritual leadership and guidance in Christian life.

- I. Rev. Fr. Ebey Chacko visited our IOMF general Body on May 10, 2013.
- II. Rev. Fr. Shino Sam visited our IOMF General body on July 27, 2013.
- III. Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Vallikattil visited our IOMF General body on October 26, 2013.
- IV. His Grace Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan Kolkata diocese visited us on Mercy Homes Closing function held on November 23,2013
- V. Rev. Fr. Thomas P T visited us on Mercy Homes Closing Function held on November 23,2013
- VI. His Grace Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem, Metropolitan of diocese of Adoor – Kadambannad visited us during Christmas & new year celebration held on January 2,2014
- VII. Rev. Fr. Philip Tharakan visited us on Founders Day Celebration held on February 20,2014
- VIII. Mr. Varghese Vattaparambil (founding Member) visited us during Founders Day Celebration held on February 20,2014
- IX. Ramban Geevarghese Kochuparambil visited us during Election General Body held on April 3, 2014.
- X. Rev. Fr. Varghese T Varghese visited us during Election General Body held on April 3, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL BODY:

During the report year we have conducted a total of 12 executive committee meetings to plan, organize and evaluate various activities of IOMF. The following sub-committees were functioned in the year 2013-14.

- I. Picnic/Day Out
- II. Family Retreat & Convention
- III. Founders Day Celebration
- IV. Coin Box Collection
- V. Mercy Homes Project Closing
- VI. Christmas Carol Service.
- VII. IOMF website redesign

We would like to thank the conveners & joint conveners of above subcommittee for the time and effort that they have put in planning the event for IOMF.

General Body

The general body met 11 times to conduct business during the past report year. The following decisions were taken during the general body meetings.

- I. May 10, 2013: Approval of Annual Report and account of 2012 and budget for 2013
- II. May 10, 2013: Approval to update & redesign the IOMF website.
- III. October 26, 2013: All payments should be made in Kuwaiti Dinar or equivalent amount to budgeted exchange rate.
- IV. February 20, 2014: Honor IOMF members on 20 years of completion with IOMF instead of 25 & Honor senior members on age of 60 instead of 65.
- V. April 3, 2014: Annual Election of 2014-15

SOURCE OF INCOME:

The main sources of our income are the voluntary contributions from our members and our parishners. Our other sources of income are from member's offertory, tithe, birthday & wedding anniversary offerings, Auctions of handmade items, contributions from well wishers, proceeds from the Christmas carols, coin box collections.

AID DISBURSEMENT

Managing committee meet every month to discuss the charity applications received during the month. After the study of the same, these were then placed before the general body for the final approval and action.

Charity to the poor, being the prime aim of IOMF through the years, let us thank Almighty God that we were able, yet again this year, to disburse financial aid to the destitute poor and needy. During the current year, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,505,667.00 (KD 9,034.000) was disbursed towards Charity Aids which included 69 poor & needy applicants.

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Aid Disbursement in details:

Sl #	Aid Description	Total Nos	Amount (IRS)	Amount (KD)
1	Sick Aid	17	231,850.00	1391.100
2	Special Sick Aid	23	825,467.00	4952.802
3	Educational Aid	6	70,400.00	422.400
4	Special Educational Aid	12	129,950.00	779.700
5	Marriage Aid	3	75,300.00	451.800
6	Partial Housing Aid	8	172,700.00	1036.200
7	Self Employment Aid	-	-	-
8	General Aid	-	-	-
9	Local Aid	-	-	-
10	Orphanage Aid	-	-	-
	Total Aid Amount		1,505,667.00	9,034.002

IOMF ACTIVITIES:

IOMF activities are vital part of our fellowship that provided our members with an opportunity to strengthen the relationship within and between members.

I. Picnic & Onam Celebration:

On September 27, 2013, we had a fun-filled IOMF picnic & Onam Celebration at Kabd Chalet, organized under leadership of Conveners Mr. Alex George & Mr. Johnson Kunjukunju. We wish to thank everyone who participated and made it a memorable day.

II. Family Retreat & Convention:

IOMF retreat & Convention was held from October 24 & 25, 2013 at United Indian School, Abbasiay. Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Vallikattil was the speaker. His talk emphasized on family values and relationship. We thank him for spiritually inspiring us with his heart touching messages and express our gratitude to the conveners Mr. Jacob Zachariah & Mr. Samuel Chacko and all IOMF members for the support and prayers. Special thanks to Choir Master Mr. M U Mathews & IOMF divine Melodies team for their leadership in singing.

III. Mercy Homes Closing Ceremony:

Mercy Homes-2012, a project under which 40 houses were given to 40 poor people who did not have a house of their own. The project was jointly executed by IOMF and MGOCSM of India. In the closing function, chief guest H G Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan Kolkata diocese congratulated IOMF members on completing such a humanitarian project. His grace formally closed the project.

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Other dignitaries present during closing function were SGIOME Vicar and IOMF President Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew, Associate Vicar of SGIOME Rev. Fr. Reji C Varghese, Ex Vicar of SGIOME Rev. Fr. Thomas P.T, all sponsors who contributed towards the project and advertisers in the Mercy Homes Souvenir.

We sincerely thank General Convener Mr. George P C and entire IOMF team for making this project a grand Success.

Redesigned IOMF website was also launched by His Grace, during the closing function.

IV. Christmas & New Year Celebration:

The birth of Jesus was celebrated in IOMF by singing carols and greeting each other by visiting the residence of the well-wishers on 14th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 21st, & 22nd December 2013. . The carol song lyrics were written by IOMF member Mrs. Shybi Jacob & the music was composed by Mr. M U Mathews. We had a blessed & meaningful carol service under the leadership of Mr. Shaji Thankachan & Mr. Jojy Thomas. Our thanks to the Vicars, Choir Master Mr. M U Mathews, IOMF families and the Executive committee for their hard work and dedication in making the event a blessed one.

We were able to raise KD 2,630.000 through the door to door carol program.

The Christmas & New Year celebration were conducted on January 02, 2014 in the presence of H. G Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem, Metropolitan of Diocese of Adoor- Kadambanadu, Vicar & President Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew & Associate Vicar Rev. Fr. Reji C. Varghese. His Grace Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem delivered the message from the word of God. We thank the efforts of all IOMF members for participating and also thank all the people who supported and worked on and off the scene to make the day a memorable one.

V. Founders Day Celebration:

The 3rd Founders Day was celebrated in the presence of our Vicar & President Rev. Fr Reji C. Varghese, guest Vicar Rev Fr. Philip Tharakan and our Chief Guest Mr. Varghese Vattaparambil (One of the Founding member).

During the function Mr. Varghese Vattaparambil, guest of Honour received a Memento and Ponnada from Rev. Fr. Reji C Varghese and Rev. Fr. Philip Tharakan.

This was followed by most impressive presentation of Solo Song, Group Songs, Group dance by young talented members of IOMF, which was received with heartfelt appreciation and applause.

We thank the Conveners Mr. Jiju John Mathew, Mr. Georgy John & Mr. K V Oommen for making a well planned event.

VI. Coin Box Collection:

We are happy to inform you that through the "Coin Box Collection", we were able to collect KD 753.820. IOMF records its sincere thanks to the donors to the "Coin Box Collection". We extend our gratitude to all the members and well-wishers who were generous in their donations to the IOMF, understanding its needs. May the good God bless you abundantly and continue to be generous.

We thank the able leadership of Conveners Mr. Santosh Samuel, Mr. Jibi Thomas Mathew & IOMF Trustee Mr. Mathews Varghese.

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VII. IOMF Website:

IOMF managing Committee 2012-2013 is pleased to announce the release of our redesigned website. Our Website www.iomf.org has been redesigned with a fresh new looks and has been updated with information about IOMF. The website is the result of months of Synchronized hard work done by CMM technologies, Cochin, Managing Committee 2013-14 & Mr. Anish Mathew in analyzing and designing the concept.

We are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors Mr. George P C, Mr. Koshy Mathew, Mr. Jiju John Mathew, Mr. Anish Mathew, Mr. Jibu Jacob Mathew & Mr. James Peter.

VIII. Self Employment Project

Managing Committee received two Self Employment project reports, one each from Kolkata and Nilackal Diocese; both the reports were submitted to General body for necessary action.

CONDOLENCES:

As one family, we share the pain with you. We encourage you with the hope and comfort from the Word of God and in Christ Jesus and his eternal promises of eternal life with him forever.

IOMF mourn the loss of,

- I. His Grace Geevarghese Mar Ivanios, Metropolitan of Kottayam Diocese of Malankara Orthodox Church.
- II. Mrs. Mariamma Chacko (86), Mother of Mr. George P C.
- III. Mr. Koshy A I (81), Father in law of Mr. Saju Varghese.
- IV. Mr. Daniel Kodyath (87), Father of Mr. Koshy Daniel.
- V. Mrs. Mariamma Varghese (83), Mother of Mr. Saju Varghese

FAREWELL:

During the report year, the following members left Kuwait permanently. The departing members were felicitated and mementos were presented on behalf of the IOMF.

IOMF bid farewell to the Vicar & President of IOMF Rev. Jose Mathew. On behalf the IOMF family members we express our love and regards to Achen and family and wish him all the best in his new posting.

IOMF felicitated and mementos were given to 12th standard students who had written their Board Exam and leaving Kuwait for Higher studies.

- I. Miss. Reena Koshy
- II. Miss. Divya Mariam Binu
- III. Mast. Shawn Samuel
- IV. Mast. Richie Jacob Lalu

The following is the list of IOMF members who have left Kuwait:

- I. Mrs. & Mr. George K V

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CONCLUSION

We extend our thank for all the timely advices and directions we received from our Diocesan Metropolitan H G Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius, Ex-Vicar Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew, Vicar & President Rev. Fr. Raju Thomas, Associate Vicar Rev. Fr. Reji C. Varghese. On behalf of IOMF, the executive committee thanks and appreciates the support of the Trustee, Secretary and the Managing Committee of the parish.

Let us thank God for the marvelous ways in which He has led us since the formation of the IOMF. We conclude the report 2013-2014 with a deep sense of gratitude to God Almighty for all the blessings showered on IOMF. May God bless us and use us all to be His instrument to build His Kingdom, and nourish us to be His witness in the society around us.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For the Executive Committee
Mr. James Peter,
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May 1, 2014