



MAR GREGORIOS MOVEMENT (MGM)

A Spiritual and Charitable Organization of
ST.GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX MAHA EDAVAKA, KUWAIT

Mar Gregorios Movement (MGM): A Spiritual & Charitable Organization of St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka 2013-2014 Annual Report.

Praise the Lord, O my Soul;
All my inmost being, praise his holy name
Praise the Lord, O my Soul
And forget not all his benefits (Psalms 103:1~2)

MGM 2013/2014 Committee was elected to office on 25th May, 2013 and thereafter the Committee held MC meetings for the smooth functioning of the movement with constructive decisions. Key roles and responsibilities were agreed by the committee members from the beginning itself.

Total 13 Committee meeting, 7 Prayer meetings and 2 General Body Meeting was carried out in the Committee period. The Full year program was approved by the General Body carried on 17th September, 2013.

The regular prayer meeting was attended by the President Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew & newly joined Associate Vicar Rev. Fr. Regi. C. Varghese. In addition MGM had the privilege to invite various other Priests available during their visit to Kuwait for MGM Prayer meeting. The following are the visiting priests who attended.

1. Rev. Fr. Wilson Mathew – 28th August 2013.
2. Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Vallikattil – 23rd October 2013
3. Rev. Fr. Kurian John, Vicar of Ahmadi Orthodox Church – 05th November 2013 (Parumala Perunnal)
4. Rev. Fr. Johns Abraham – 21st January, 2014 for MGM Prayer and Farewell for senior children.

MGM also had the Diocese Bishop H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysious for MGM Prayer held in November 2013 at Indian Public School, Salmiya & H.G Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem for the MGM Christmas & New Year Family Get-together held at United Indian School, Abbassiya.

MGM gave a farewell to Vicar Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew & family on Saturday, 28th December 2013, at UIS.

MGM Managing Committee members visited MGM members' houses during August-September 2013 under the leadership of the Area nominated members and Committee members with the support of VP, Trustee, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Cultural Secretary and Fellowship Coordinator and few MGM members as a split team. During the visit all MGM members were encouraged to support MGM activities and attend all MGM prayers and visits concluded with prayer at each house.

MGM registration at Indian Embassy reinstated in the name of MGM Cultural Association that is valid for 3 years until September 2016.

MGM introduced standardized formal communications through Email and Facebook especially for Farewell, Obituary, Prayer requests, Wedding and New born and monthly Announcements, Upcoming Events etc... including an Employment help desk to announce job vacancies known.

MGM also started updating its membership database with member's house addresses and floor/ flat details to track all details of members, for effective planning and implementation of activities.

MGM has introduced **local charity box in prayer meetings**. The collections from this box are marked for the support the critically ill people in Kuwait.

MGM gave **farewell to following outgoing members** Mr. Zachariah P.V (Babychen) and Mr. Mathews Abraham (Rajan), Mr. Josy T.S, Mr. George T.C., Mr. Koshy Mammen K. and Mr. Varughese T.G.

MGM conducted its **Picnic on 4th Friday, 25th Oct, 2013 at Ahmadi Gardens** under Captain Mr. Babu Varghese and Games Convener Mr. Lejoe George, Transport Convenor Mr. Luju Daniel, Food Convenor Mr. Saji Cherian & Mr. Mathew Vattaniekal, around 350 members and children attended.

MGM conducted its **Paramula Perunal & Family Get Together on Tuesday, 05th November, 2013** attended by Rev. Fr. Kurian John, Vicar of Ahmadi Orthodox Church, with a huge crowd of 450 members and children attended.

MGM distributed "**Neyyappam & Juice**" as "**Nercha**" on the occasion of **Parumala Perunnal to all SGIOME members** on November 05th and 08th after Holy Qurbana at NECK and also in Salmiya Chapel.

MGM presented a "**Margam Kal**" as stage program for the **St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka Harvest Festival in November, 2013** under the guidance of Mr. Rajesh P. Varughese & family and performed by MGM children graced that occasion.

MGM presented a "**Musical Skit**" as stage program for the **St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka Christmas Program** held on 27th December 2013 at Indian Central School, Abbasiya under the guidance of Mrs. Anita Biju and Mr. Biju Cherian and coordinated by Mr. John P. Abraham and Cultural Secretary Roshan K. Varghese and performed by MGM children graced this occasion.

MGM visited **all its members during the Christmas Season** for Christmas Carol and messages led by Convener Mr. Saji Cherian and Joint Conveners Mr. Abraham Saji, Mr. Saji Varghese in Abbasiya, Riggae, Farwaniya area and Convener Mr. Babu Varghese and Joint Convener Mr. John P. Abraham in Salmiya/ City area.

MGM conducted its **Christmas and New Year Family Get-together** on Saturday, 28th December 2013 attended by H.G. Zacharias Mar Aprm, our Vicar Rev. Fr. Jose Mathew and our Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Regi C. Varghese, with a variety of cultural programs performed by MGM children with the presence more than 600 members and children attended.

MGM conducted a **Career Guidance Session through the visiting Priest Rev. Fr. Johns Abraham** during the January 2014 Prayer meeting and MGM gave farewell to 10 outgoing students.

MGM conducted the **4 day Divine Convention during time of Nineveh Lent led by Rev. Fr. Philip Tharakan Thevelakkara** on behalf of MGM for all SGIOME members. The Convention was coordinated by Convener Mr. Jacob Vallelil (Shaji) that was a very successful convention with active participation of Maha Edavaka members attendance during all the four days of the convention.

MGM has acquired its own **Sound system, Speakers, Mics and related cables with the support of 4 MGM members** who sponsored altogether approximately KD. 400/- towards the same. MGM held a small raffle draw during MGM Christmas and New Year Family get-together and raised KD. 226/- also for the fund. This complete system will enable MGM to conduct prayers, cultural programs and conventions in a better way.

As per **MGM GB decision in Sept. 2013, MGM GB Decisions Manual was tabulated and published in the MGM website** with password and access controls for all MGM members.

MGM Fellowship coordinator **Mr. Jacob Vallelil (Shaji)** coordinated the house visits and prayers with support of MGM office bearers for those MGM members who were hospitalized, those MGM member lost their near and dear ones, and those children who was attending final board examination prior to leaving Kuwait.

MGM expressed its heartfelt condolences to the family on the untimely departure of

1. Ms. Sonumol, daughter of Mr. Jacob Varghese,
2. Mrs. Annie Thomas Thattakkunnel, wife of Mr. Thomas Thattakkunnel.

There were 15 members joined MGM from June 2013 to March 2014.

Total MGM active members on roll in Kuwait closing on 31st March, 2014 is 299.

Receipts & Payments 2013-14

SI	Particulars	Amount in KD.
1	Total Receipts	9021.786
2	Total Payments	8077.857
3	Other income	23.235
4	Surplus	967.164

Charity Dispersements 2013-14

SI	Type of Charity	Number of persons	Amount in KWD.	Amount in IRS
1	Medical	9	834.900	180000.00
2	Education	4	278.290	60000.00
3	Housing	2	186.100	40000.00
4	Marriage	1	92.940	20000.00
	Total	16	1392.230	300000.00

Presented by

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MGM Secretary

31st March, 2014

