

Young Men's Christian Association

Jaffna

REPORT

January 2014 - March 2015



YMCA

Jaffna

Christain Emphasis



Youth Seminar On Spirituality



Sports



Child Right Programme



YMCA JAFFNA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10 – 10– 2015 AT 4.30PM
AT THE AUDITORIUM

AGENDA

- Devotion (4.30pm-5.00pm)
- Vote of Condolence
- Excuse of Absence
- President's Address
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 23.08.2014
- Adoption of the Report 01.01.2014 – 31.03.2015
- Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts (01.01.2014 – 31.03.2015) – Treasurer
(Any clarifications on the Audited Statement of Accounts to be notified to the General Secretary on or before 8th of October 2015)
- Resolutions – (If any) *to be notified to the General Secretary on or before 8th of October 2015.*
- Any Other Business
- Appointment of Auditors & Fees
- Election of Directors 2015/ 2016
 - **For five retirees - Three Years**
 - **One vacancy – One Year**
- Benediction followed by Dinner

Chairman of Committees



Mr.A.J.Kadirkamar
Chairman: Medical Care &
Editorial



Mr.V.Daniel Jeyaruban
Treasurer
Chairman: Finance,
Child Rights Project.



Mr.S.Puththisikamany
Chairman: Cultural Work



Mr.R.J.Sutharsan
Vice President
Chairman: Human Rights
Programme



Mr.R.Vinoth
President
Chairman: Hostel, Sports, Shops,
Building Maintenance & Beautification



Mr.Dinesh P.Gunaratnam
Vice President
Chairman: Religious Work,
HIV/AIDS Programme,



Mr.R.Nishan
Chairman: Youth Work



Mr.A.Donald
EXCO Member
Chairman: Relief Work,
"Y" Village Project



Mr.T.Balasubramaniam
Chairman: Elders' Project,
Membership.

Annual Report

We are happy to present the Report for the period January 2014 – March 2015. We were able to strengthen our Programmes and activities during the year.

We are happy to note that Jaffna YMCA is celebrating its 125th year and many programmes and activities have been on progress not only in Jaffna District, but also in other districts specially :- Mullaithivu, Vavuniya, Mannar and Uddappussallawa. We encourage our members to join hands in all our activities and make this a memorable year.

The audited Statement of Accounts and the Annual Report are being presented from January 2014 to March 2015, to be an accredited member of the National Council of YMCAs of Sri Lanka. In future the Financial year would be from April to March.

1. Christian Emphasis:

The All Island Annual Bible Quiz Competition 2014

13 teams (52 Participants) for the Under Twelve and 13 teams (52 Participants) for the Under Sixteen participated at the Quiz competition on 24.05.2014 at St. Johns' College, Uduvil Girls' College in the Senior Age Group and Rainbow Church in the Junior Age Group became the Champions.

Bible Quiz Regional Contest

The Regional Contest was held on 7th June 2014. Teams from Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitevu, Point Pedro and Jaffna (40 Participants) participated. AOG Point Pedro was the Champion; Rainbow Church Uduvil was the Runners up of Junior Age Group. Uduvil Girls' College became the Champion and AOG Point Pedro was the runner's up in Senior age groups.

Light of the World Speech Contest 2014

The contest was held on 06.07.2014. The winners are as follows:

Primary

1st Place	Ruth Aakkanasha Irajamohan
2nd Place	Shiyanuka Thilleswaran
3rd Place	Christon Nucson Kamalirajan

Juniors

1st Place	Jeevanantham Omshiyamshanka
2nd Place	Abigail Rikeshya Gregory
3rd Place	Vithuckshana Surenthiran Jerine Aarthi Jeyadevan

Intermediate

1st Place	W.E.S.Vathanan Gurupatham
2nd Place	Aaron Melvin Gregory
3rd Place	Gurupatham Samuel Luther Nithyajeevan

Seniors

1st Place	Karunainayagam Ravikara
2nd Place	Sivayogan Jegu Dilakshan

Cash prizes were given by the Jaffna YMCA. First place - Rs.1000/=, Second place - Rs.750/= and Third Place - Rs.500/=.

Youth Bible Challenge: The Challenge Contest was held on Saturday 11th October 2014. 11 teams were enrolled from four organizations. Calvary Full Gospel Church – Kokuvil "A" team won the Championship and the Rainbow Church were the Runners up.

The World YWCA/YMCA Week of Prayer: The 'week of prayer' was observed from 9th to 15th November 2014. The week of prayer was observed at the YMCA, YWCA and at the residences of the Board of Directors. The week of Prayer was successful this year.

The Christmas Carol Service: the Annual Carol Service was held on 13th December 2014 at 3.30pm. Rev.S.W.Thevakumar of Methodist Church, Thirukovil preached the sermon. The following choirs sang carols: St. John's Church – Chundikuli, St. Anthony's Church – Passaiyoor, Calvari Full Gospel Church – Kokuvil, NUFFIELD School – Kalhady and Salvation Army – Jaffna.

The William Black Memorial Chapel was rededicated by Ven.S.P.Nesakumar and a Service has been held at 9.00am from Monday to Friday. The Service has been arranged before the Monthly Board Meetings.

2. Youth

Seminar on Spirituality

A workshop on 'Meditation for youths' was held on Saturday 8th March 2014. 22 youths participated. Honourable Minister Mr.T.Gurukularasa, was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony.

3. Sports

Soccer Training Programme: A Training Programme was held on 22nd May 14 at the Kayts Divisional Secretariat. 30 members (Male and Female) participated from 8 clubs. Mr.B.Muhunthan, District Soccer Coach and Mr.K.W.Vimalarajan, retired Assistant Director of Sports NEP were the resource persons.

Soccer Training Programme for U19 School Players: A Training Programme was held on 15th July 14 at St. Anthony's College, Kayts. 28 Students (Male and Female) participated from Veianai Central College, Punguduthivu M.V and St. Anthony's College, Kayts. Mr.B.Muhunthan, District Soccer Coach and Mr.K.W.Vimalarajan, retired Assistant Director of Sports NEP were

the resource persons. Assistant Director Physical Education and the In-service Advisor of Zonal Education Office Islands and the Vice Rector St. Anthony's College, Kayts also participated at the opening ceremony.

Scouting Camp at Mullaithivu: A Scout Camp was sponsored by YMCA Jaffna at Mullaithivu organized by the YMCA Mullaithivu conducted at Vithyanantha College Mullaithivu. Hon. Minister T.Gurukularajah was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony. Some Directors also joined at the closing ceremony

GYM / Indoor Games activities:

All members were invited on 20th October 2014 had a meeting and restarted the activities. Enrolled Members are utilizing the facilities at present and all the other members are invited to use our facilities.

4. Child Right Programme (CRP):

Preschool Teachers Training I: Two of our Preschool Teachers attended a Training Programme at Suthanthirapuram, organized by the CACM from 24th to 29th August 2014.

Excursion: A Preschool excursion was organized on 1st October 2014 to commemorate the Universal Children's Day. The Children sighted the Iranaimadu Tank, visited the newly opened Children's Park at Kilinochchi and the Exhibition organized at the Cooperative Hall at Kilinochchi by the Preschool Children.

Preschool Teachers Training II: The Teachers' attended the second training programme at St.John's College on the 25th & 26th of October 2014. The Training was organized by the All Ceylon Union of Teachers (ACUT).

Preschool Christmas programme: Preschool Christmas Programme was held on 6th December 2014 commencing at 9.00am. Rev.Enoch Punitharajah, President CACM was the Chief Guest. Mr.T.Jutharajah, Project Officer CACM and Ms.Tomoko from Japan, Research officer, JICA were the Special Guests. 79 Children from three preschools participated and each school performed five programmes. **Gift packets were distributed to the Children.**

Leadership Training Seminar: A seminar for School Prefects was held on 14th February 2015 at Jaffna YMCA. 35 Students attended from the following schools. Vembadi Girls' High School, St. Patrick's College, J/Central College, J/Hindu Ladies College, J/St. John's College, St. Charles. M.V and Jaffna Hindu College. The lecturers were 1. Leadership & Discipline by Rt.Rev.Dr.S.Jebanesan, Bishop Emeritus, JDCSI. 2. Child Protection by Mr.K.Gouthaman, District Psychosocial Officer, District Secretariat, Jaffna. 3. Career Guidance by Dr.B.Nimalathan, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Accounting, University of Jaffna.

Preschool excursion for the year 2015 was organized on 11th February 2015. The Children sighted the Railway Station, Paranthan, visited the Children's Park, Tsunami Memorial Centre, Post office and the Market at Mullaithivu.

Gift to Orphanages:

Karunaniliyam Killinochi: The Directors visited Karunaniliyam on 11th January 2015 and handed over the Christmas Gift to the Orphaned Children and some songs were taught to them.

The gift items to the other organizations were distributed on 24.01.2015. Orphaned Children of NUFFIELD school, Uduvil Girls' College and St. John's College were present and received the Gift Packets. The Children were invited to know about the YMCA and the programmes for the 125th year celebrations.

5. Medical Work:

Wheel Chairs: Six wheel Chairs were donated to the RDHS to be distributed to the following Base Hospitals - Point Pedro, Tellippalai, Chavakachcheri, Kayts, Divisional Hospital - Gurunagar and Alaveddi. Dr.A.Ketheeswaran, The Regional Director of Health Services, Jaffna, received the Wheel Chairs on 20th June 2014.

Mrs. Mary Natkunam Balasubramaniam, a sickly person was provided with a Wheel Chair under the lending scheme.

A sum of Rs.50,000/= was donated to Late Rev.Dr.J.Jebamohan towards his hospital expenses. He served as the President (2006- 2009 & 2012- 2013) was Chairman of Religious work Committee and as a Board of Director for number of years.

6. Relief Work:

Furniture worth Rs.33,972.25 were donated to St, Mary Magdalene's Church Preschool at Uduthurai.

32 pairs of Shoes were donated to the school going children at the "Y" Village.

Master. R.Anujan of Punnal Neeravi, a student of Grade five who got 146 marks in the Scholarship Examination has had to walk four Kilo Meters to the School. He was presented with a Lumala Ladies Bicycle for his convenience.

7. Elders' Work

The Elders' Get-together:

Elders' Year end get-together was held on 17th December 2014. 62 elders participated at the gathering. Rs.750/= worth of gift packets were presented to each Elder. Our former President Mr.M.C.Francis gave financial support to this project and promised to continue support in the forthcoming years.

8. Membership:

Members, Staff & Family Get together: The Get-together was held on 27th December 2014. Around fifty five members and their families participated. Several entertainment activities were organized. A music group was arranged and the members also performed with the musical backing.

9. Hostel:

We were able to get a reasonable income from the 12 Rooms. A Dormitory was also setup with six beds. Mirror, Table, Pencil and a note pad were made available now. Tamil, Sinhala and English language Bibles were kept by the Jaffna Camp of the Gideon International.

The Shopping Complex, Canteen and the Ground Floor shops were also rented out.

10. YMCA Village - Iyakkachchi:

The Directors visited the Village on 11.02.2015 and Gift packets to the Elders were distributed among the Elders. A Meeting was held with some members on the development of the Village.

11. News Letter: The Editorial Committee has released the newsletter after a long gap. Activities from August 2014 to February 2015 and special articles were released.

12. Constitution Committee: The Committee had four meetings to propose amendments. As there were no proposals from the members, the task was close down.

13. We are happy to record that M/s K.N.Y. Maurice, M.J. Francis; our past Presidents visited Jaffna YMCA during February 2015 and had a meeting with the President Mr.R.Vinoth, V.Daniel Jeyaruban, Treasurer and Mr.Dinesh.P.Gunaratnam Vice President. They reminded of the activities that the YMCA did during the critical period from 1987 to 1995. The Past Presidents also agreed to raise funds towards 125th Anniversary Celebrations on request of the Committee.

14. Annual General Meeting 2014:

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna YMCA was held on Saturday 23rd August 2014 at 4.30pm.

The following Board of Directors were elected:

- 1) Mr.R.Vinoth
- 2) Mr.Dinesh.P.Gunaratnam
- 3) Mr.A.Donald
- 4) Mr.R.Nishan
- 5) Mr.T.Balasubramaniam

Mr.R.J.Sutharsan was elected to fill the vacancy of Rev.Dr.J.Jebamohan.

Chairman of Committees 2013/2014

01. Mr.A.J.Kadirgamar	President, Chairman, Medical Care, Membership
02. Mr.S.Puththisikamany	Vice President, Chairman, Relief Work, 'Y' Village
03. Mr.K.W.Vimalarajan	Vice President, Chairman, Sports
04. Mr.P.Andrew Praveen	Treasurer, Chairman, Finance
05. Mr.R.Vinoth	Chairman, Hostel
06. Mr.G.D.Priyaranjan	Chairman, Religious Work
07. Mr.V.D.Jeyakumar	Chairman, Youth
08. Mr.N.Sathiyakumar	Chairman, Shops, Canteen
09. Mr.G.S.Scott	Chairman, Elders' Project
10. Mr.V.Daniel Jeyaruban	Chairman, Child Rights Project
11. Mr.R.J.Sutharsan	Chairman, HIV/Aids, Human Rights, Cultural

Chairman of Committees 2014/2015

Mr.R.Vinoth

President

Chairman : Hostel, Sports, Shops, Building Maintenance & Beautification

Mr.Dinesh P.Gunaratnam

Vice President

Chairman : Religious Work , HIV/AIDS Programme

Mr.R.J.Sutharsan

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Mr.V.Daniel Jeyaruban

Treasurer

Chairman : Finance, Child Rights Project

Mr.A.Donald

EXCO Member

Chairman : Relief Work, 'Y' Village Project

Directors :

Mr.A.J.Kadirgamar

Chairman : Medical Care & Editorials

Mr.S.Puththisikamany

Chairman : Cultural Work

Mr.T.Balasubramaniam

Chairman : Elders' Project, Membership

Mr.R.Nishan

Chairman : Youth Work

15. Staff:

Mr.S.Jeyarajasingam – General Secretary
Ms. S.Thusyanthi –Accounts Clerk cum Typist

Volunteers –

Mr.J.Gopinath - Receptionist
Mr.J.Jesuthasan - Receptionist
Miss. T.Anushiya – Steward

We record with regret of the demise of our volunteer staff Mr.A.Henry who worked as our Receptionist for three years.

The General Secretary attended a Workshop on "Global Citizenship Education" in India from 29th May – 13th June 2014. The Workshop was organized by the Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs at the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, India.

16. National Council of YMCAs of Sri Lanka (NCY)

Annual General Meeting:

The AGM was held on 31st May 2014 at "Meth Arana", Athurugiriya.

M/s.K.W.Vimalarajan and Dinesh.P.Gunaratnam participated.

The following were elected as Office Bearers.

President	Mr.Kishan Gunawardana (Dehiwala YMCA),
Vice Presidents	Mr. S.T.Thoumiyan (Dehiwala YMCA), Rev.Srilal Karunaratne (Morotuwa YMCA) and
Treasurer	Mr.Richard Jansz (Nugegoda YMCA).

NCY Executive Committee Meetings: Five Executive Committees were attended by our representatives.

Mr. Anil Fernando, National General Secretary, Mr.Shanaka Mendis, Accountant and Mr.T.C Brownson, Executive Secretary, visited the Jaffna YMCA on 21st of January 2015. The Treasurer, Mr.V.Daniel Jeyaruban and the Vice President Mr.Dinesh.P.Gunaratnam and Vice President Mr.R.J.Sutharsan had a meeting with the team.

A meeting to discuss the amendments of the constitution of the NCY was held at the YMCA of Batticaloa on 17th March 2014, Mr.K.W.Vimalarajan and the General Secretary attended.

Our Thanks:

Our sincere thanks goes to all those who supported us to successfully conduct our Competitions, Contests, Workshops, and other YMCA activities. We express our appreciation to the National Council of YMCAs of Sri Lanka for the subsidy to conduct the Preschools.

S.Jeyarajasingam,
General Secretary.

30th September 2015

Staff



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Receptionist



Mr.S.Jeyarajasingam
General Secretary



Mr.J.Jesuthasan
Volunteer Receptionist



Miss.T. Anusiya
Volunteer Steward



Founder - YMCA Movement 1844



**Sir William Twynam
Founder President-YMCA Jaffna
(1890 - 1911)**

Relief Work



Elder's Work



Membership



Hostel



YMCA Village - Iyakkachchi



Medical Work



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