

# Berita Bethany



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Bethany Home



## INTERDEPENDENCY IS BEAUTIFUL

Dear friends,

Greetings from Bethany Home!

Bethany Home started by caring and providing for the needs of the disabled. Those under its care were very much **dependent** on the caregivers, as they could not do much by themselves for basic daily living. From caregiving, Bethany Home advanced to providing quality training towards independent living. The Group Home Residential Programme is one among the significant platforms through which the Home has trained many towards **Independent Living**. Teaching **Independent Living Skills** has been one of the main areas in Bethany's curriculum. However, **INTERDEPENDENT LIVING** is the key word now. Bethany teaches **Interdependent Living skills**, a much needed skill in community living.

As Bethany's Training-Care model has shifted from **Dependent Living** to **Independent Living**, we now experience the blessings of **Interdependent Living** even more. Bethany has always been **Interdependent**. However, the lack of its awareness had resulted in some negative feelings among some. People, especially those with severe physical disabilities, expressed that they have been feeling very bad being on the receiving end all the time. When we assured them of their unique contribution to the people around them and that the community needs them, they immediately felt good. Parents with disabled children too communicate that they feel good when we tell them we depend on them as much as they depend on us.

Bethany is **Dependent** on the donations and support from the general public. However, it has grown not to feel bad about asking and presenting its needs. We **Depend** on the staff and volunteers for the success of each programme e.g. Handicamps and Sports. Again, we do not feel bad about being **Dependent**. Since we shoulder an important responsibility in providing care and educational training for the children with disabilities, we are proud of the fact that we contribute to the development of the community and the nation. As we depend on each other, we experience interdependency. And at Bethany we experience it as something so very beautiful.

Friends, the year 2015 is a gift from God to all of us to enjoy. The people around too, are God's beautiful gifts to us to enjoy beautiful interdependent life. At Bethany, we have decided to enjoy 2015. We are committed to foster and practise community living and we believe that everyone needs and depends on each other. Our vision becomes clearer and it looks so beautiful as people with and without disabilities rely and depend on each other in a harmonious community.

"**Interdependency is Beautiful**" is the new theme at Bethany Home. I encourage you to join hands with Bethany Home to promote and enjoy community **Interdependency**. **Interdependent Living** is God's idea and is not a new idea. Many are the blessings in this way of life. None of us has everything and each one of us is uniquely created by God with His special gifts for mutual blessing when shared.

Have a blessed and beautiful 2015. **Rev. Karthik Sibanyanam**  
**Director**

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## Bethany Home's 48th Anniversary Celebration/Thanksgiving Service

On 1st November 2014, we celebrated Bethany's 48th anniversary with our children, their parents, and our friends both near and far. A thanksgiving service was organized to thank God for His faithfulness in providing all the needs at Bethany Home in His special way. Bishop Dr. Solomon Rajah brought the greetings and God's encouraging Words to continue the disability ministries on behalf of the ELCM.



## Mr. Arasu's book launch

Mr. Arasu's book (Nahukkarasu)- The Other Shore of Life, a collection of poems was launched on the 1st November 2015 by Bishop Dr. Solomon Rajah at Bethany Home during the anniversary celebration. Mr. Arasu's mother testified that her son's Muscular Dystrophy could not stop him from "dreaming"! Arasu's dreams are coming true one by one in Bethany Home.



## 38th Handicamp of Bethany Home

38th Handicamp for the Young Adults, held from the 22-24 November 2014 at Refreshing Spring Resort, Kalumpang, Selangor. About 110 people participated in this camp to celebrate together the special gifts of life each received from God.



## School Opening Year 2015

School Year of 2015 commenced on 5th January 2015. After a long school holiday, children came to Bethany and were generally excited to be in their "new classroom" with their "new teacher." This year school program started with 165 students. About 45 staffs are serving as teachers/caregivers at Bethany now. The total staff-force of Bethany is 70 as of January 2015.





## Christmas and New Year celebration

On 9th January 2015, Bethany Home had its Christmas and New Year celebration with the children and teachers. Gifts were exchanged in remembrance of the great Gift of God to the world.

## Chinese New Year Cultural Celebration

Held on 13th February 2015 with Parents and friends in the community.

Our Chinese friends and well-wishers gave "angpow" gift packets and oranges to children and staffs of Bethany Home.

## Volunteers and Visitors

Bethany is blessed to receive visitors and volunteers from local and overseas. Their visit promotes our disability ministry awareness and fundraising program. We had 8 people from the Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Darwin from the 10-17 Jan. 2015, immediately after the re-opening of school. Currently we have 4 German volunteers and 1 from Tamil Naadu. From April to June 2015, we are expecting about 40 volunteers from Perth and Adelaide, Australia. We need and encourage the volunteer service at Bethany Home.

## Annual Bethany Carnival (ABC2015)

Bethany Home is planning to hold its Annual Carnival fundraising event on the 9th May 2015 at its premise. The PIBGS of Bethany is helping to organize it with all parents. Friends and well-wishers of Bethany Home are encouraged to join the Carnival and help raise funds for the general operation of Bethany Home.



## Handicamps in 2015 - Planned...

- a) For the Severely Challenged: 14-15 March 2015 in Bethany Home. Day trip to the Turtle Conservation and Information Centre, Pasir Panjang, Segari, Perak.
- b) For the Children with Disabilities, below 14 years old: 30-31 May 2015. Day trip to the National Stud Farm, Tanjong Rambutan, Perak.
- c) For the Young Adults with Disabilities: 21-23 November 2015 at Tapah.

*\* Please contact us for registration, volunteer service and more information about the camps.*

## Sheltered Employment Project

Since January, we have been working on the renovation of the old Café MMM building. This is to restart the café employment programs for the young adults with Special Needs. A Computer Service Centre and handicrafts shop too will be opened so gifted young adults will earn an income while the place function as employment training centre.



## Job Service Vacancies

- 1. Gardeners
- 2. Care givers (Residential Program)
- 3. Teachers (School Program)



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Group art work - SNU 2



One to one teaching session



Fun in the pool

## Please support and pray for the followings

- 1. Special Olympics Annual Sports on 11 April 2015, at Town Field, Teluk Intan.** That the athletes with Special Needs and disabilities are given an opportunity to do sports activity, and be celebrated for their participation. That Bethany could raise RM 10,000 to organize this sports event to say, "Sports is for everyone."
- 2. Annual Bethany Carnival and Fundraising event on 9 May 2015, at Bethany Home.** That Bethany could raise RM 50, 000 with the support of all parents, volunteers and friends in the community for its general operational fund.
- 3. Professional Volunteers to serve as art teacher, music teacher, speech and occupational therapist.** That Bethany could provide therapies for holistic development for children with disabilities without a fee.

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Address: .....

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I would like to assist Bethany Home in the following way/s:

- ☒ Enclosed is a cheque/bank draft/MO No: .....bearing the amount of RM.....
- ☒ I would like to pay an on-going contribution of RM..... per month
- ☒ I have paid a direct credit of RM ..... into the Bethany Home account. The pay-in slip is attached.
- ☒ I would like to volunteer my time to assist Bethany Home in the following area/s:  
☐ Student Camps    ☐ Sports Events    ☐ Student Outings    ☐ School Programs
- ☒ I am interested in providing employment for a suitable Bethany Home trainee
- ☒ I would like to sponsor a child. Please send me details of a child.
- ☒ Yes, please include me in the Bethany Home newsletter mailing list.

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Account No: 2-08203-3600037-9  
SWIFT CODE: RHBBMYKL

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