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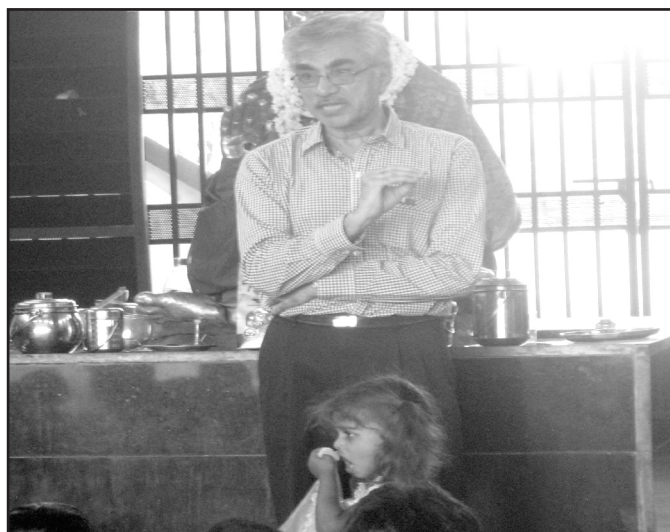
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EDUCATING MOTHERS ON IMPORTANCE OF BREAST FEEDING IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE



***DMS organizes camp on 08th August, 2015 as part of World Breast Feeding Week.
How to make soup with locally available ingredients: Nurse Poongothai gives demo captured
on screen. Dr. Badrinath, guest doctor addresses women assembled.***



JOI JAGAT JYOTHI

- KAMAKSHI BABA

(This is the mantra given by Guruji to be chanted three times when lighting the lamp for Karthik Deepam, which falls in November, 2015. Guruji says that this is what Swami Trilinga of Varanasi used to chant when the lamp would be lit. The Joi is actually Jai, but there is a Bengali accent lent to Jai so it sounds 'Joi'. Swami Trilinga had several Bengali devotees and hence the slant).

Dear Member,

This incident happened in 1964. At that time, Guruji was working on the Electrification project on the Nellore Guntur railway line. He worked for Best & Crompton. This episode relates to the contractor Kumar (name disguised), a very wealthy person, who used to supply jelly stones, sand and labour for the projects of M/s. Best & Crompton Engineering Limited.

“You are going to get married to a very rich girl” Guruji laughed and told Subbiah.

One of Kumar’s nephews was an orphan. Kumar had brought him up. He had finished his B.Com. His name was Subbiah. Guruji secured an appointment for Subbiah in Best & Crompton on a monthly salary of Rs.45/-. The office being just 4 kms away from the residence of Kumar, Subbiah used to cycle up and down every day. In the house his duty was to wash clothes of all the six inmates.

One day when Guruji visited the house of Kumar, he laughingly told Subbiah “ You are going to get married to a very rich girl. I bless you.”

Kumar was listening to this statement and wondered how any rich girl would marry Subbiah when Subbiah was not even earning Rs. 50 per month. Subbiah also did not have any property to boast of. When he was alone with Guruji, he expressed his mind.

“Who knows the ways of God?” Guruji responded.

Days went by. Kumar’s daughter Bharathi aged 19 was pursuing her graduation. She was the only daughter of Kumar. Kumar was able to get a superlative prospect for her. The boy came from a very rich family based out of Nellore. The boy had finished his Doctorate from the USA and was doing very well. The betrothal was performed in grand style and the date of marriage fixed for 15th August.

On the appointed day all the guests had arrived and in the evening were relaxing after finishing dinner. The time of the marriage was fixed from 10 pm till midnight.

The father of the groom entered the room of Kumar.”Here are the stamp papers. These are for bequeathing all your properties – residence, land, bank balances and lorries – to me so that the marriage can take place.”

Kumar was stunned. Bharathi was sitting with him. She was shell shocked. Kumar did not know what to do.

“Daddy, I refuse to get married into such a family. I will never permit your properties to be given to this person. You have spent enough on the preparations for the marriage.” Bharathi was unequivocal.

“But what happens to the marriage?” Kumar could hardly speak. “I also agree. I do not want to be coerced into handing over all my wealth in a moment of pressure. But I am feeling so lost, I do not know what to do.”

“No daddy. I will not marry. Do not worry. I will marry Subbiah. He is an honest, sympathetic boy and he will not let me down.”

“Yes, I will ask Subbiah to get married to you.” There was light in Kumar’s eyes.

Subbiah was on the terrace trying to catch some rest after dinner and before the fanfare of marriage started. His rest was interrupted by an urgent call to come down to Kumar’s room.

“Go take a bath and wear these new clothes. Come here immediately after that.” Kumar ordered Subbiah when he entered Kumar’s room.”

At 11 pm, as midnight was approaching, Kumar asked the guests to assemble. “I am not having the marriage of Bharathi as planned earlier because an hour back the father of the groom-to-be came up to me and asked to surrender all my properties in order for the marriage to take place. Instead, Subbiah will get married to Bharathi.”

The ‘groom-original’ could not stomach what the father had done. “You have been cruel. If I had known I would have stopped you. But now it is too late.”

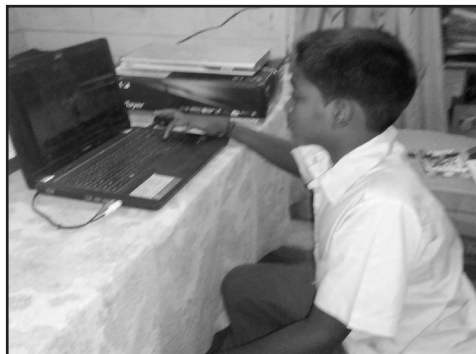
Subbiah and Bharathi were married at midnight and everything was the same – the venue, the festivities, only the groom was different. The newly married couple came to Guruji to take blessings. Guruji blessed them and turning to Kumar said “The ways of the Divine are unknown and unpredictable”.

Kumar then recalled that this was precisely what Guruji had predicted – what looked impossible to Kumar – that Subbiah would get married to a very rich girl! Of course, least of all did Kumar expect, that the girl was to be none other than his own daughter!

Devotees may often wonder about Guruji’s ways. If Guruji had mentioned the girl’s name then, who knows Kumar might have reacted or even revolted. Now, his heart was at peace!

The anti-climax was presented by the other boy. “What will I tell my friends what happened? I feel very humiliated by you” he told his father. He proceeded to find out a suitable bride for himself. Instead of getting married in riche-rich style as was to have happened, this groom from USA located a very poor but very good-looking girl, and got married to her in a simple temple wedding ceremony.

- ❖ When last time we appealed to members to donate laptop and DVDs for children, little did we expect that one member would be silently perusing our list and the member decided to buy a **new DVD player** itself for DMS. We were surprised to get a call from **E.S.Vallabhan** (Life member) saying his son **Harikrishna** is donating a brand new DVD player and we really felt elated at the gesture. Here is a photo of a child using the DVD player. Our deep appreciation to Vallabhan and Harikrishna!



- ❖ Once again, like we appealed last time, we appeal to every single one of you to donate at least Rs.10,000 this month to *DMS*.
- ❖ Donors who responded so far:

* Aradhna Rangachar (Goa)	-	40,000
* Baskaran V. (Chennai)	-	1,00,000
* Gurupriya Ramanathan (Mumbai)	-	10,000
* Narayanan M. (Coimbatore)	-	10,000
* Pramila Gogineni (USA)	-	65,785
* Radhakrishnan S. (Hyderabad)	-	10,000
* Srinivasan T.S. (Chennai)	-	10,000
* Vijaya Nathan (Chennai)	-	20,000
* Wishing to remain anonymous (Australia)	-	8,474
- ❖ Donations need to be made in the name of “*DMS Trust*”. The bank details for NEFT are as follows (only for remittances in rupees. For other currencies please email us).

Bank Name	:	ICICI Bank
Branch Name	:	R.K.Salai Branch
A/c Holders Name	:	DMS Trust
A/c No	:	602201191797
RTGS / NEFT / IFSC Code	:	ICIC0006022.

Please do not forget to email/sms/watsapp us after remitting.

You will be entitled to the benefit of Sec. 80-G and **your tax planning for 2015-16 can start auspiciously with your donation to DMS!**

- ❖ When it rains in Chennai, it floods in Alamadhi. This time, part of the compound wall has collapsed. (see last page for pictures)



**Dr. M.B. Badrinath [MD (Ped), DCH] and Dr. Geetha Badrinath [MD (Ped), DCH]
awarding one of the top three winners of best mother fed baby.**

Report from Dr. Geetha Badrinath on World Breast Feeding Week Celebration

International Medical Corps is proud to mark World Breastfeeding Week, held in the first week of August. Celebrated in more than 170 countries, the week promotes the importance of breastfeeding for infant nutrition and health.

This year, world breast feeding week was celebrated on August 8th 2015 at our centre.

Drum stick soup was prepared by nurse Poongothai. She gave a demo on how it is to be prepared. The soup was served to all participants.

The chief guest for the occasion was Dr. M.B. Badrinath, a senior pediatrician from the city. 29 mothers and 30 children under 2 years of age took part in the celebration.

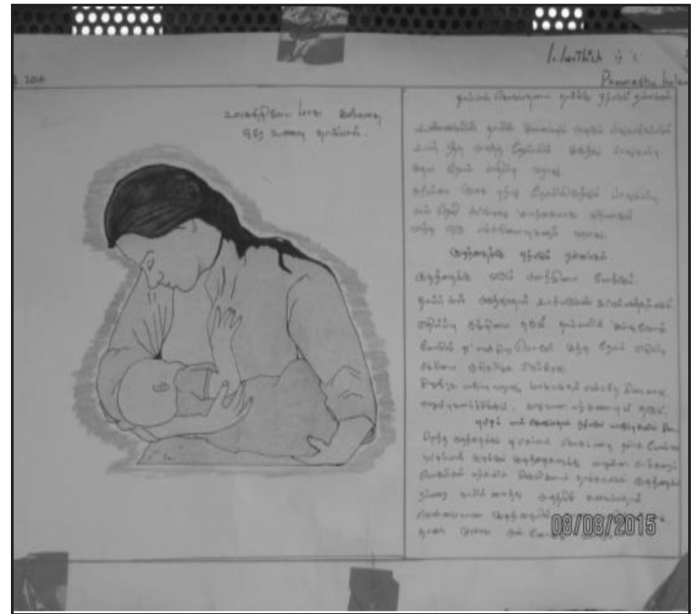
Exclusively mother fed babies were examined by the guest doctor and 3 best babies were chosen from among them based on certain criteria. These criteria were “exclusive” breast feeding, weight, time of introduction of solid food, spacing of birth, family planning and immunization.

Besides these, oratorical contests and painting contests for school children to highlight the importance of breast feeding were held. Best speakers and best posters were awarded prizes.

Our guest Dr. Badrinath addressed the mothers and students on the advantages of breast feeding.

All the participants ie: mothers, children, students and guests were served Annadaanam lunch.

Posters prepared by students on importance of Mother's Breast Feeding and Dr.Geetha Badrinath evaluating best poster.



Floods impacting severely....!

Please donate generously to help us meet expenses arising out of the damage.

