

Berita Bethany



Kanapathy & Karthik

Shine Brighter

Dear friends, greetings from all the children, staff and members of the Management Committee of Bethany Home. We pray and believe that you are blessed and a blessing to the people around you.

Bethany Home's 50th Anniversary and Thanksgiving Service was held on 22nd October last year. We did not realize that our Bethany Home's Golden Jubilee celebration took us longer than planned until June this year. We organized many programmes and activities in conjunction with our Home's Golden Jubilee. Those programmes were more than mere events and they enabled us to reflect on God's faithfulness for 50 amazing years. The many reflective learning moments about God and His goodness were those I enjoyed most. God has been very faithful in His leadership and providence. His grace and mercies, His love and compassion were amazingly beyond description. Truly, God is great and it is a privilege to witness His work daily at Bethany Home.

Dear friends, once again, through this Newsletter, we are here to say that each one of you are highly respected and appreciated. Thank you for your "hearts and hands" in helping Bethany Home both directly and indirectly in this God's service to the People with Disabilities and their families. Each of your well wishes, prayers, help in cash and kind is very much appreciated. As you honour God by being kind to the needy (Proverbs 14:31), surely God will remember to honour you in His time. We praise and thank God for you daily and we invite you to continue to support the mission at Bethany Home.

Bethany Home's Motto: "Shine Brighter"

We are in a very challenging time and season to even keep our lights on. Not just the "winds of difficulties" are around, but even the "turbulences of evil" are coming from every corner. Therefore friends, let us keep our lights **ON** and continue to shine through good works and services more than ever before. The needy are there in our community. Let's be aware of them and our role to be a blessing in our society. Though time is ever challenging, we got to bear the "fruits of righteousness" more than before. The staff of Bethany Home is committed to shine brighter with you. Together, shall we continue to "Shine Brighter?"

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Shine Brighter

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Key Events of Bethany Home



Christmas & New Year Celebration was held on 6th January 2017 with the children, parents and community around. The celebration was filled with colorful presentations, dance, caroling choir and beautiful gifts for everyone. Gifts were exchanged in remembrance of the great Gift of God to the world.



Community Ponggal Celebration was held with our Group Home residents, their parents, our friends around Taman Desa Bernam and the volunteers from Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Darwin. Everyone enjoyed the earthen-pot cooking and serving of sweet ponggal rice. International guests enjoyed and appreciated much of this Indian Cultural Festival Experience in Malaysia.



Chinese New Year Celebration was held on 20th January 2017 with the children, parents and our friends of Bethany community. Our Chinese friends and well-wishers gave "ang pow" gift packets and oranges to our children and the staff. Lion dance and other stage performances were carried out to entertain and serve as an outdoor classroom education to the children with special needs.



Bethany Home's Support Walk 2017 was held on 26th February 2017 to raise the awareness of the existence and service for People with Disabilities. The 3.3 KM walk from Bethany to SKJ (C) Keow Min, Hutan Melintang was participated by about 250 people. Bethany was able to raise more than RM 20, 000 through this event towards the sports and physical education in Bethany Home.



Bethany Home's 44th Handicamp, a camp specially designed for the (Group A) severely challenged young adults held from 18-19 March 2017 at Bethany Home. About 20 students and 35 volunteers participated in this fun-filled camp. Among the super enjoyed activities were Water Play, BBQ Dinner, Talent Night and movie time at MBO Cinema Teluk Intan. The camp was concluded with a special lunch fellowship program at Village Restaurant Teluk Intan.



Bethany Home's 45th Handicamp, for severely challenged (Group B) children was held from 27th - 28th of May 2017 at Bethany Home. About 15 children with the help and support of 30 volunteers participated in this fun-filled learning camp. Among the super enjoyed activities were the Water Play, Tele-match, Talent-show, Satay/BBQ dinner, Candle light night walk and a camp fire program.



Bethany's Annual And Special Olympics Games was held on 22nd April 2017, at the SMK Hutan Melintang field, Simpang Empat. All the children with disabilities were trained to be Special Olympic athletes and they were given the opportunity to take part in the sports and supported to perform their physical and mental abilities.



Sukaneka Bethany was held on the 17th June 2017 at the Taman Bernam Community field near one of our Group Home at Batu 10. This event was

organized to connect with the community around our Group Home Residential Program and bring awareness of the service to the People with Disabilities. Over 100 kids from the community participated in the coloring contest and over 200 people from the community participated in the telematch fun-filled games activities. Staffs and children from a nearby kindergarten, Tadika Anakku Ceria also took part in the Sukaneka and appreciated Bethany's annual effort in bringing the community together.



Hari Raya school level celebration was held on the 7th July 2017 as a time to learn and treasure our Malaysian's multi-racial and cultural diversity. With some stage dance performances, Malay traditional dress/ costume and talents show, the students and teachers had a great learning time with the parents.



Annual Bethany Carnival - ABC 2017

was held on the 15th July 2017 at Bethany Home. This awareness & fundraising event was organized by the staff of Bethany with the parents and members of our PIBGS (parents- teachers- volunteers association). There were over 30 food, drinks and games stalls and together we raised over RM 50, 000 on the ABC2017. The attendance and volunteer services rendered by the teachers and students from St. Stephen's School of Perth, Masha University of KL and SMK Hutan Melintang were very encouraging and supportive. Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Minister of Plantation Industries and commodities visited and officiated the event.

Bethany Home's 50th Anniversary / Golden Jubilee Celebration **22nd October 2016**



"Witnessing God's Work"

50 Years of Service and Ministry to the People with Disabilities and their Families at Bethany Home

Please pray & support

23/09/2017

PIBGS Family Day

30/09/2017

**Friends Day Celebration
Thinking Course Graduation**

24/11/2017

Prize Giving Day/Open Day

1-3/12/2017

Handicamp 3 -Young Adults: Camp Murni

*Let's Shine Brighter
For the Glory of God*



Please be invited to

**Thanksgiving Service
&
Dinner Fellowship**

**Celebrating the 51 Years
of God's blessings at
Bethany Home**

Simpang Empat, 36400 Hutan Melintang, Perak

**14TH OCTOBER 2017
SATURDAY @ 5.00PM**

*The Celebration will be graced
by the Bishop of ELCM Rt. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rajah*

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Full Name Mr/Ms.....

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Tel No: Fax No: E-Mail:

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 trainees
- ☐ I would like to sponsor a child. Please send me details of a child.

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RHB Bank, Simpang Empat, Hutan Melintang.

Account No: 2-08203-3600037-9

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Bethany Home

CIMB Bank Teluk Intan

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