



SJDT Celebrates the sucess stories of two of its girls getting Married.



M. Shanmugavalli



S. Marthal

Case Study of Shanmugavalli

(Started her life as a 7 Year old orphan girl and graduated as manager of the orphanage)

Name : M. SHANMUGAVALLI
Date of birth : 10.12.1987
Age : 30 yrs
Gender : Female
Educational Qualification : M. Com.,
Father's name : Mr. Muruganandam (Late)
Mother's name : Mrs. M. Jothi Mani
Present status : In-charge of Pudhu Irudhayam
Center
Address : Pudhu Irudhayam Children Home,
Perumal kovil Pathu Street,
Thiruvidai Kazhi post,
Tranquebar Taluk, Nagapattinam District.



Family Status Then:

M. Shanmugavalli was an abandoned girl from Manamadurai village in Sivagangai District. She has two younger sisters. Her father was doing labour work in the market and earning Rs. 150/- per day that too was not a regular job because some days there won't be any work. They were living in a small thatched house with the meager income earned by her father. When she was studying her 5th standard, her father expired due to his prolonged illness. When her father was alive he did not allow her mother to go for any work. But after his the death, severe poverty gripped the family.

There were many relatives and friends resided nearby them, but no one supported them. So her mother decided to do some coolie work to manage the household expenses.

She did some housekeeping work and earned Rs.100/- per day. But the income of her mother was not sufficient to meet the educational and other family requirements, so her mother stopped her from the school. Since Shanmugavalli was the eldest daughter in the family all burden and responsibility were loaded upon her head next to her mother.

After six months of her father's death, she was sent to a Doctor's house to help them in their household activities like washing dishes, clothes, cleaning house and gardening at the age of ten. She was working there for about two months. At that time one of the staff of SJDT came to know her and her family situation and informed it to Dr. I. Sebastian. He graciously admitted her and her two sisters namely Kanagavalli and Muthulakshmi in Pudhu Vasantham orphanage home at Murugathooranpatti near Pallapatti.

SJDT Intervention:

There she was given good care and support. She was admitted in R.C. Middle school at Silukuvarpatti where she did her 7th and 8th standard. Further she studied her 9th to 12th standard in R.C. Higher Secondary school at Silukuvarpatti. As part of center activities, many life skills were taught to her in the evenings, weekends and holidays which gave her enormous learning opportunities there.

Since she suffered the pain of a poor abandoned child, she aspires to become either a social worker or as a teacher to do something meaningful for the abandoned children. So she studied well. After the completion of her higher secondary school education. She completed Teacher training course in St. John's College, Periyakulam.

Being a day care centre trained teacher she was appointed as a supervisor of SJDT run day care centre in Tsunami affected villages. Along with her work she completed her bachelor degree in psychology through correspondence course. During this period SJDT started an orphanage namely Pudu Irudayam near Tranqubar. Bro. Sebastian asked her to join as a staff and do part time two years of post graduation studies in commerce. After the completion of the studies she is promoted as the manager of Pudu Irudayam and ever since

she is managing the day today running of this orphanage. She is now beeing proposed to be married on the 23rd of November 2017. Started her life as an orphan in our orphanage graduated to be a post graduate in commerce (M.com) and worked as a Manager in our orphanage is now going to be married.



Enjoying play time with Pudu Irudayam children



11 Years



12 Years



13 Years



14 Years



17 Years



18 Years



19 Years



20 Years



Betrothal Ceremony



Betrothal Ceremony with bride

Case Study of Marthal

Name : S. MARTHAL
Date of birth : 20.02.1991
Age : 26
Gender : Female
Guardian : Bro. I. Sebastian
Educational Qualification : Diploma in Nursing Assistant
Job : Working as Manager in Pudupunal Home - SJDT



Family Background:

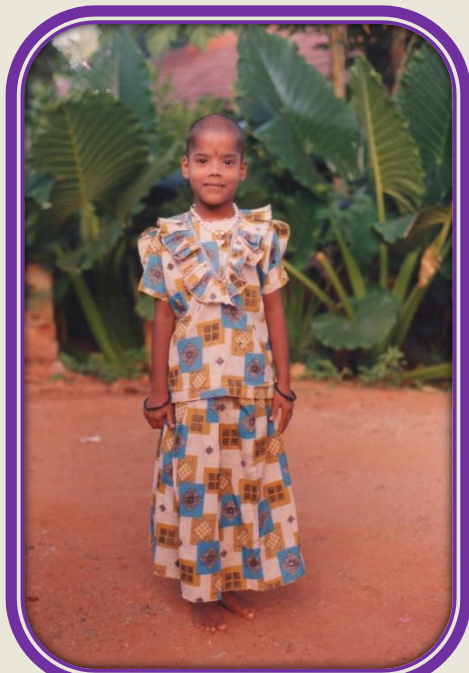
Marthal and Mariyal are twin sisters who were brought to our home by their aunt when they were 6 years of age. When I ask them now they hardly remember who their father was and hardly remember the death of her mother. The father seems to have abandoned the mother and the two girls as soon as they were born and have no idea where he has gone. The aunt who brought the girls to our care after their mother's death also disappeared without any trace after entrusting the two girls to us.

It is we who gave the names Marthal and Mariyal and it took lot of efforts from our side to make them feel at home in the initial period. Being twins created lot of confusion among our staff and at times they were playing mischief among our staff.

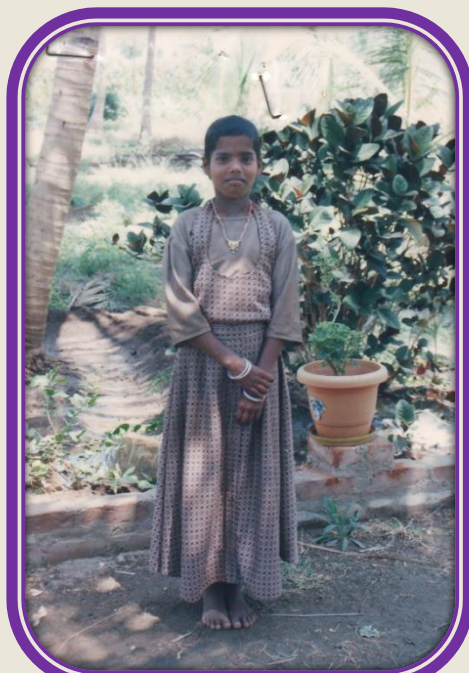
Marthal was sent to Puduvasatham home and from there she completed school education. Following her school education she showed interest in nursing and so she was sent to do a diploma in Nursing. After completion of her nursing course she started her career as a providing medical care to the orphan children of the very same orphanage where she grew up.

Her childhood life in Puduvasantham orphanage gave her lot of motivation and love for the work she was doing as a nurse. Then we at SJDT had a need for a manager at PuduPunal and felt Marthal had the necessary skill and talent to fill this post. Ever since her appointment four years back as the manager of Pudupunal with 250 children she is performing her duties wonderfully well.

Now she is proposed to be married on the 31st November 2017. We are very proud that we made a contribution in her life's journey. She is very nervous now of leaving our home as much as we are. We wish her all the best in her life.



8 Years



10 Years



12 Years



13 Years



14 Years



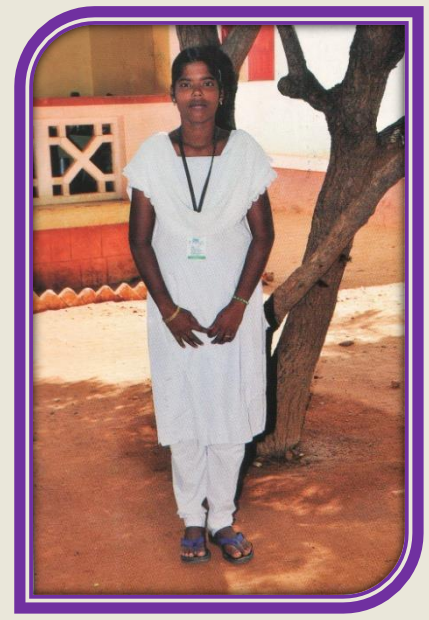
16 Years



18 Years



20 Years



22 Years



Betrothal Ceremony with bride



**Devibala and Joselin our SJDT Trustees
handing over bride's Marriage dress**



Bride & Bride groom's Families mix