

We Share Programme In Vijayapuram Diocese

We Share is a Programme started by the Vijayapuram diocese in association with a voluntary association in America, that seeks to help the poor and needy members of the parish through poverty eradication, empowerment and to bring them to the center of society.

There is a history for the beginning of the We Share programme .When the Reverend Bishop Fr.Sebastian Thekkethecheril received priesthood he was immediately appointed as secretary to the Reverend Bishop Fr.Cornelius. Once in a parish visit with the bishop in a place called Dindi Kombu, Fr.Sebastian noticed a widow and her four children. The widow was mentally disabled. Disturbed by seeing their pathetic situation Fr. Sebastian brought their situation to the attention of Rose Mayor. Immediately Mayor agreed to sponsor that family, thus the first We Share family was made.

American couples Kathy and her husband Reni lived in India for several years and on understanding the living situations of the people here they set out to help them. The current Bishop Reverend Fr.Sebastian Thekkethecheril was the spiritual son of Kathy's mother Rose Mayor.

Now under the Kottayam region there are 198 families and under the Munnar region there are 91 Families in We Share. The Society's aim about We Share, that is, the income development scheme was made compulsory and awareness was conducted among families about this scheme. Now 57 families have initiated income developing schemes.

Along with the We Share Programme, Kathy also conducts a We Share Family Programme and through it 173 houses were allotted, 26 houses have their constructions pending. The photos and thank you letters are sent to Kathy, once the construction of a house is finished.

Another programme is ACSI (Amis Catalans du Sud de Il'Inde) where the head office is in France. The current President of this association is Mr. Mark Mozzi. This programme helps children coming from poor families in their higher studies, who do well in academics. Now 55 children are part of this programme and most of these children have started their higher studies.

These children write letters and special letters to their benefactors twice every year, moreover every year classes and training programs are conducted for the

We Share ASCI Families.