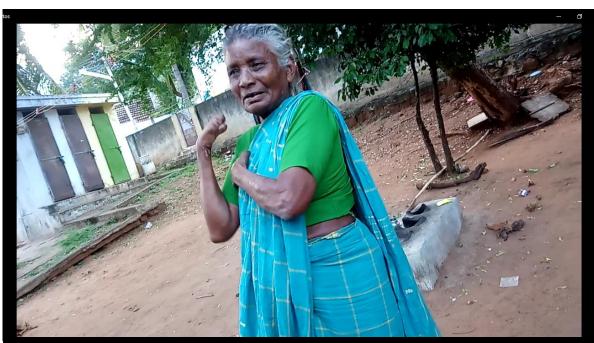
Leper Rehabilitation Center

THE CENTER FOR LEPERS AT MARUDHAMALAI UNDER THE CARE OF MRS.PERCIA JAMES

No. Of People: 30 Leper Families | 70 People



They are old now, some of them have died due to old age, but most of them have survived and are more than 60 years old now. But they still live in harmony. For many people, the wounds have been arrested from spreading and they are active and have their own social life.

They have been able to send their children and grandchildren to school. Some of the children are staying in different hostels in different places and they come home during holidays. They are happy that their children have come out of this stigma of belonging to a Leper family and are gaining good education and will be successful people in life.

The Leper Center...

"I've been here from the start, now I am 90 years old. 40 years back when I came here, I underwent treatment organised by Pastor Gnanaparakasam. I ate the medicines and they took blood test and the spread of leprosy is arrested", shares this lady.

When asked if she was happy here, "By God's grace I am happy here, I am washed by His blood and everything is fine. Every month I get rice, dhal, oil, pepper, cumin, garlic and all that I need for the month".





He met with an accident and hence the bandage.



He was cooking with tomatoes in his hands and invited us for a meal





Their older daughter score 95% in her grade 12 and they are very proud of her.







THE LEPERS' CHURCH

The Lepers are very involved in church. After the death of Pastor James, his wife Percia and their two teenage children - Jerome and Jeniffer are very involved in the ministry. The Children lead the worship ministry in the church. They play musical instruments. You can see it in the pictures to the Left.

At this church in Marudhamalai, they conduct special meetings and they give offerings to the speaker with the pocket money the Lepers receive as gift from different people. It is so touching to see that they give willingly and happily.