



# Ebenezer Gardens

*Gathering flowers for a fragrant bouquet*

## Newsletter

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Greetings and good wishes from all at Ebenezer Gardens. We pray that you will experience God's goodness throughout the coming year.

Our 6 children have progressed quite well during the past year. The tree older girls – Ruwani, Dilsahni and Sajini have grown taller and many fail to recognize them. Ruwani was placed fourth in the athletic and swimming events she participated in. Her school work has shown slight improvement, but she needs to work much harder to get through her O/L exams in December 2008. Dilshani is progressing well in her studies and Sajini has also improved in her studies – both have gained higher grades than their class average. Sajini continues to sing in the choir and follows piano lessons.

Chrisanthi and Banu started schooling at Logos College – the new Christian school that opened in Colombo last year. Banu joined in September, but Chrisanthi had to stay back for a month due to a fracture in her elbow. Both have settled in very well and have done well at the end of year examination. Banu obtained 2 certificates at the swimming meet at Logos College. Christa too has done extremely well in Pre-Grade, obtaining A+ and A in all subjects. She will start Grade 1 at Logos College later this month.

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service in July was well attended. All 6 children participated in the service – their musical contribution was appreciated by all who attended. During Christmas time the 6 girls entertained the Senior Citizens of an Elders Home with their musical talents. The three older girls also gave a special item at my cousin's homecoming reception. During the December vacations they were involved in volunteer work at my workplace and have also helped out during the year at the Church crèche on Sunday morning.

We were unable to take the children on their annual outing last year. Two of the girls were down with chicken-pox during the April vacation. My father's

hospitalization and surgery prevented me from planning anything during the August vacation. He passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> September at age 84 - it was a very peaceful death.

We encounter the usual problems associated with teenagers and are quite exhausted by the endless noisy squabbles of the younger three. But we have experienced God's goodness during the year and we thank Him and give Him all praise and glory for what has been accomplished over the past ten years.

Thank you for your support over the past year. Please continue to pray for the children, staff and members of the Board. We need your prayer support to raise these children in the fear and admonition of the Lord and to provide for their wellbeing.

Shanthini