



Good Friday Charity Report

2015

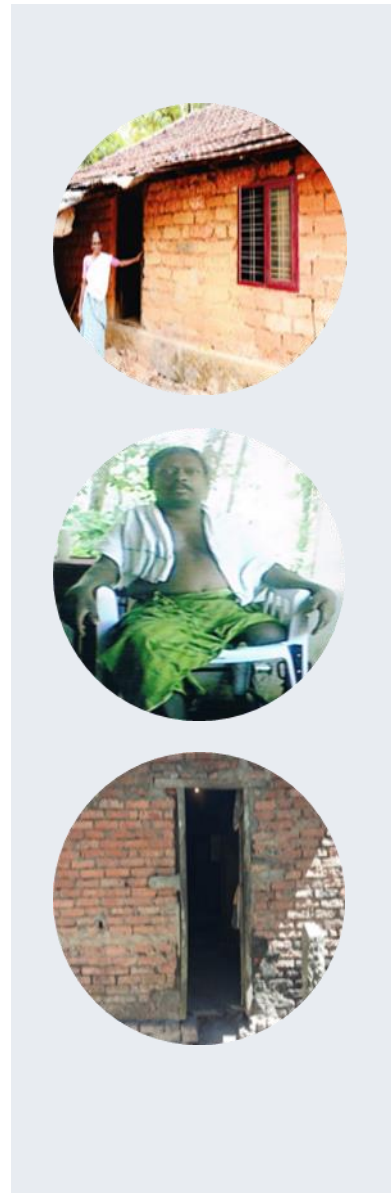
Good Friday Charity

Giving back has always been at the core of St. Gregorios Austin family. Thanking our Lord for all the blessings he has given us, we continued our tradition of using the Good Friday offertory to help people in need. On behalf of the Good Friday Charity (GFC) committee, I am humbled to present the GFC 2015 Report.

The Need

Every year, we receive many applications as part of the GFC, which contain life situations and stories of tragedies of ordinary people. This year was no different. Sharing a few of the stories that help each of us reinforce how our help is making a difference.

- A child (studying in 1st grade) crosses the road seeing her mother after getting off a school bus and a KSRTC bus hits her and goes over her leg and finally doctors had to amputate her leg.
- A student gets 96.7% marks, but is unable to continue her education since her parents can't afford her higher education
- Multiple widows living in houses that could collapse any time or having no houses to live in, having to deal with disabled children, losing husband to cancer, having to deal with brain tumor treatment of their children, and many more.
- An applicant sends a request to us for help, but passes away before we can get them any help and is survived by his wife and two children who are mentally challenged and unable to operate any financial matters making it hard for us to reach out to them.
- Daily wage workers living with medical conditions not able to afford an surgery
- A wife who is sole bread winner for a family, whose husband's one leg is amputated and has limited vision, passes away from a snake bite.
- The parents of a 38 year old girl not able to conduct their daughters marriage due to financial challenges
- Cancer, Tumor, Heart disease, Stroke, Kidney disease, TB, Nerve disease, you name it, the chances that we might have an applicant with this, is highly likely.





GFC 2015 Goals

Our primary goal remains the same: Share Christ's love with people in need. This year, in its natural evolution, we set few additional goals to enhance the project.

1. Enable a faster distribution of funds by June 30th
2. Encourage the participation of our members in the selection of the beneficiaries and the operation of the project.
3. Undertake one local charity project in the community we live and worship and enable our youth to participate in it.
4. Enhance the operational excellence of the project and drive transparency and follow-up.

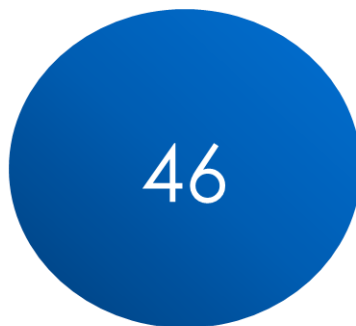
To achieve these goals, a GFC committee was created, which worked on refining the process and came up with a criteria based ranking model.

GFC 2015 Summary and Plan

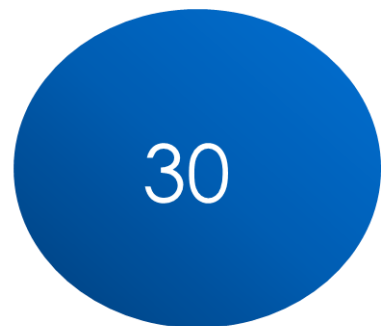
We received 46 applications this year before the deadline from 13 dioceses belonging to five categories. We received \$10,000 this year as part of the Good Friday charity collection.



Donations Received

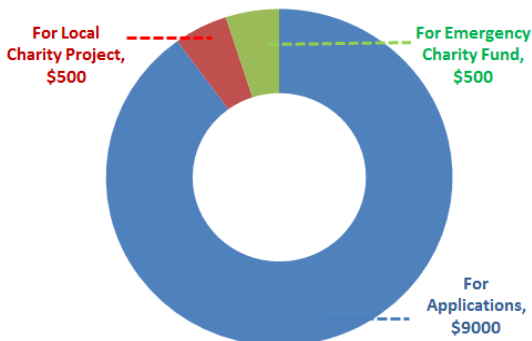


Applications Received



Applications Selected

We allocated \$9000 for supporting the applications received. From this year, we decided to fund a local charity project in our local community and year marked \$500 for the project. We also established an emergency charity fund to fund any emergencies that may occur after the regular distributions are made and year marked \$500 towards it.



The applications were shared with the members and is available at

<https://app.box.com/s/dt1kzs7a9jebztyt13twlflklvggbrhc3>



GFC 2015 Distributions

The distribution of the Good Friday charity was done at multiple locations. We lived up to target of issuing the checks by June 30th. We thank the bishops, priest and other church officials for distributing the help in a timely manner.



Thrissur



Sultan Battery



Idukki



Kollam



Kottayam



Malabar

Back to School Project

In an effort to multiply the impact we can bring to people in need, in addition to the financial support, we wanted to get our youth involved in these activities so that we can bring their time and talents to serve the people in need. We selected the Manor ISD school supplies project as the local project for this year.

This year, St. Gregorios Austin joined the local school district to support students in need by donating school supplies. The Sunday school and MGOCSM students packed school supplies at





the church on 8/9/2015 after the Holy Qurbana as part of the volunteer activity for the month of August. Volunteers shopped the best deals and packed kits according to the Manor ISD school supplies list. The volunteers volunteered at the Manor ISD on 8/20/2015 to pack more school supplies.

More details at

<http://www.stgregoriosaustin.org/portal/projects/back-to-school%40St.GregoriosAustin>

<http://stgregoriosaustin.org/portal/projects/holding-hands-with-manor-isd>

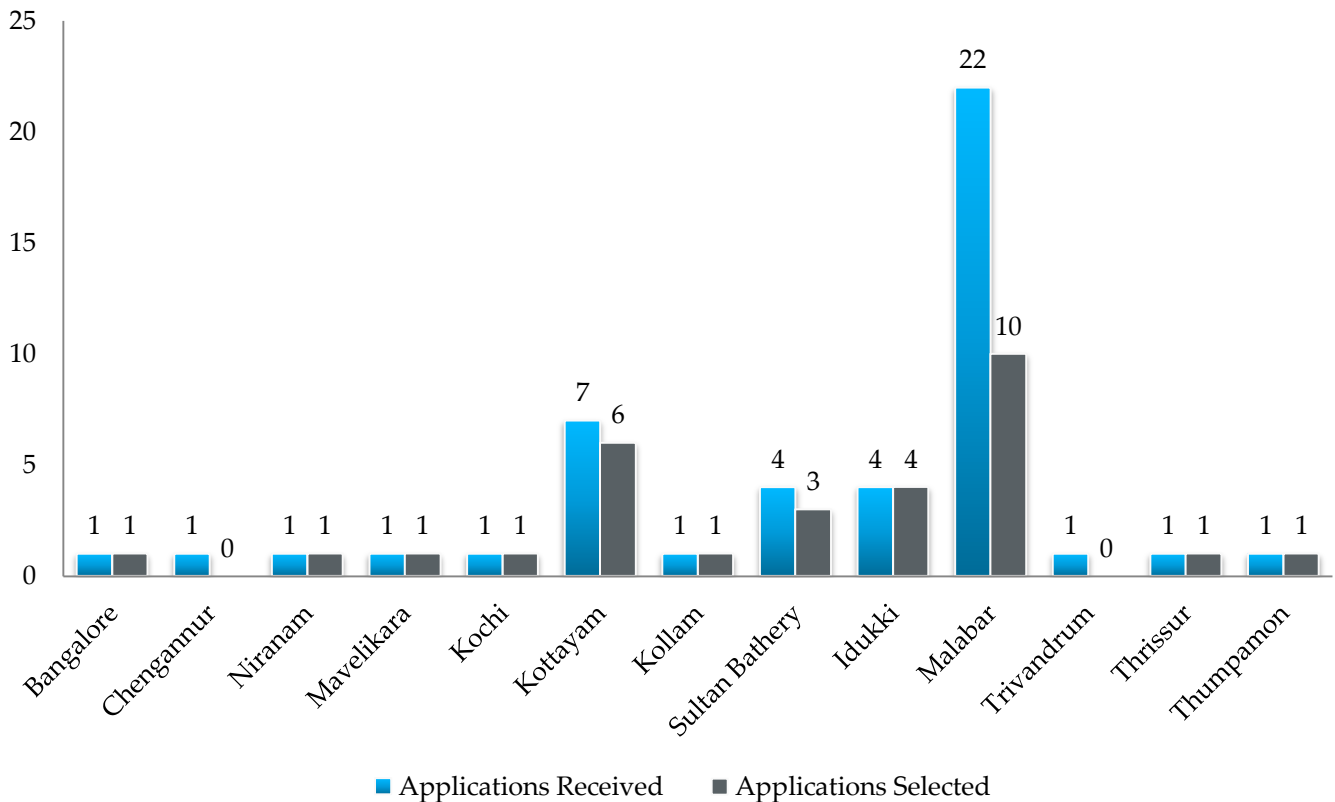
<http://www.manorisd.net/apps/news/article/487314>

Summary of Applications

In order to create better awareness and transparency, we present various breakdowns based on location, category and total amount distributed during this year.

Diocese Level breakdown

We received a total of 46 applications from 13 dioceses. After ranking the applications, we were able to provide help to 30 applicants. Listed below is the chart of number of applications received and the number of applications selected from each diocese.

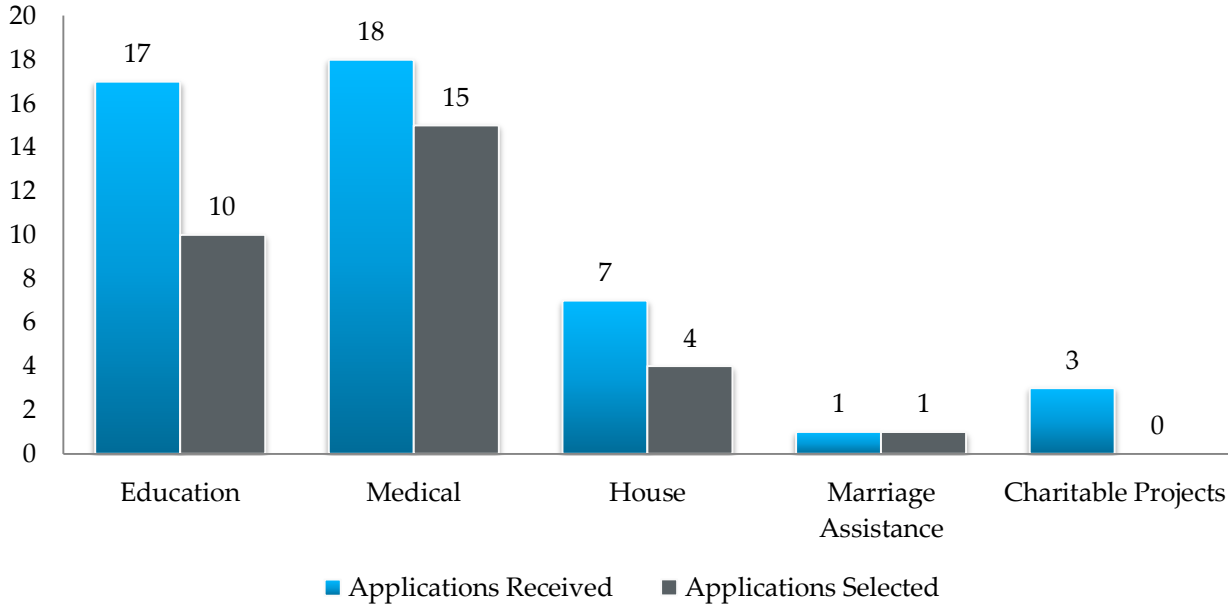


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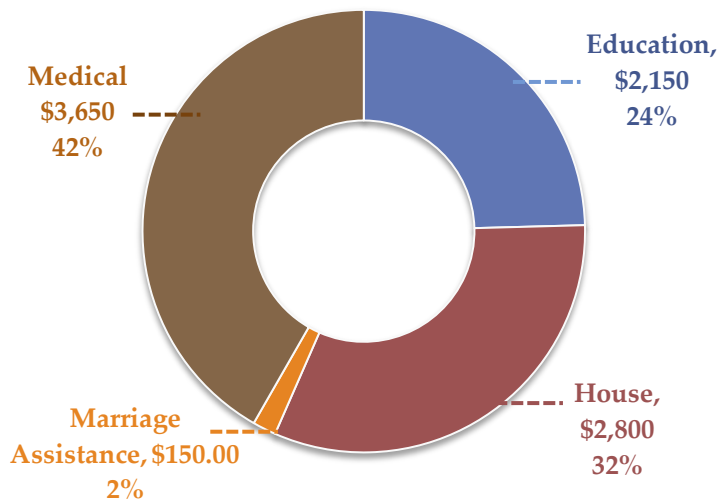
Category Based

We received applications in 5 categories. Listed below is the summary of number of applications received for each category and the number of applications selected from each category.



Total Amount distributed per category

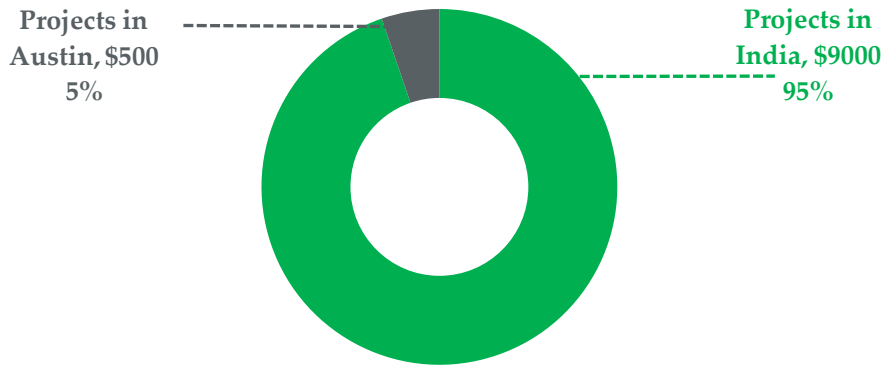
The chart below shows the total amount that was distributed to each category. The top 3 candidates that were ranked in medical and Education were awarded a higher distribution.





Project Location based Distribution

This year we started to allocate a small percentage of the funds for a project in Austin, that can be help not only people in the community we live, but also enables our youth to volunteer this time and talents in making a difference.



GFC 2015 Distribution List

Out of the 46 applications, 30 applications were selected to receive help. Listed below are the beneficiaries and amounts.

No.	Name	Place	Diocese	Category	Amount (USD)
1	Mallika Sugathan	Cochin	Kochi	Education	250
2	Tintumol Raju	Kalladikode	Malabar	Education	250
3	Amaya Thomas	Sulthan Bathery	Sulthan Bathery	Education	250
4	Stephy Thankachan	Udupi	Bangalore	Education	200
5	Mini Biju	Kottayam	Kottayam	Education	200
6	Joji K.G	Malappuram	Malabar	Education	200
7	Philson Philipose	Malapuram	Malabar	Education	200
8	Anu Joy	Palakkad	Malabar	Education	200
9	Mobin Varghese	Alappuzha	Niranam	Education	200

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10	Sobha George	Sulthan Bathery	Sulthan Bathery	Education	200
11	Asha Viswanathan	Kottayam	Kottayam	House	850
12	Ammini Cherian	Haripad	Mavelikkara	House	850
13	Thankamma VK	Kollam	Kollam	House	550
14	Lakshmi	Pathanamthitta	Thumpamon	House	550
15	Sindhu K. M	Idukki	Idukki	Marriage Asst	150
16	Rosamma Abraham	Idukki	Idukki	Medical	300
17	Chacko Kurian	Kottayam	Kottayam	Medical	300
18	Ravi VK	Kottayam	Kottayam	Medical	300
19	Benny Abraham	Idukki	Idukki	Medical	250
20	Pennamma	Idukki	Idukki	Medical	250
21	Chandrakumar Kumaran	Kottayam	Kottayam	Medical	250
22	MohanaganAG	Kottayam	Kottayam	Medical	250
23	Divya	Attappadi	Malabar	Medical	250
24	Eldho Eliyas	Malapuram	Malabar	Medical	250
25	Jose	Attappadi	Malabar	Medical	250
26	Kunjanamma K P	Payyanedam	Malabar	Medical	250
27	Philipose	Vadapuram	Malabar	Medical	250
28	Thankamma	Karapuram	Malabar	Medical	250
29	Jhony P.Y	Sulthan Bathery	Sulthan Bathery	Medical	250
30	Mathai P.M	Thrissur	Thrissur	Medical	250
First Round Distribution Total					9000

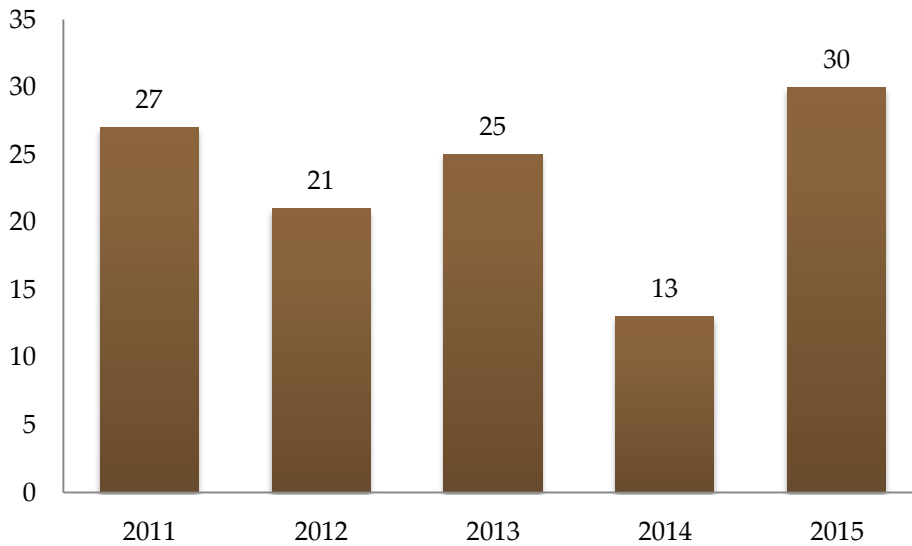


Year over Year Summary

To maintain continuity of the project from year after year, this section provides a context on how the project is evolving year over year.

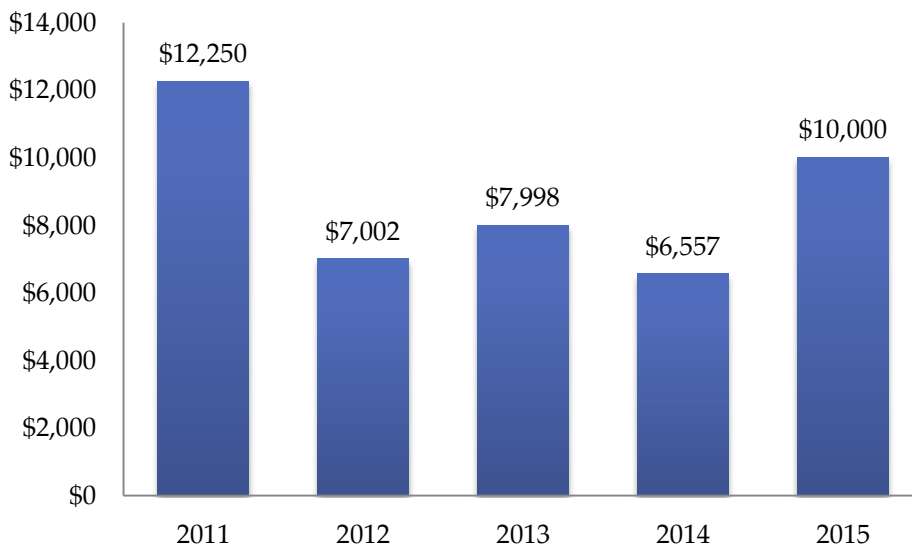
Applications Supported

The chart below indicates the application received and selected during the last five years.



Total Donations Received

The chart below indicates the donations received during the last five years.





Conclusion

The amazing grace that the Lord has showered on us during this year has opened the hearts and minds of our members to give back to people in need and the community. We are so encouraged to see the Good Friday charity project continue to grow and be a source of help for people in need. We pray that the Lord will answer the prayers of the people in need. We thank everyone who has donated, supported and help coordinate the project. My sincere appreciation goes to the Good Friday Charity committee for going above and beyond to ensure timely and prompt planning and execution of the project. May the loving Lord inspire us to continue making a difference!.