



MOTHER WINGS

AMMACHIRAK VISION TO REALITY



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Introduction:

Ammachirak (Mother Wings) is an elder women's care home established in Elippakulam near Kattanam as an initiative during the Ruby Jubilee of Adoor Diocese, of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church. This care home aims to provide shelter to mothers who have been isolated from their families and society. The care home believes that God, who is kind towards the poor and needy, builds such 'Shelters of Mercy' and moves us to become the hearts and hands for these mothers.

Truly, the church is a group of people anointed by God to pursue the glory and building of the Kingdom of God. In every era, the Church has been toiling towards broad social visions like this to uplift the poor and destitute in society. Such homes, which highlight the social commitment and mission of the church, have always been a refuge for the poor. This care home, too, assures that there is a loving place of fellowship when one has no other place to go.

Journey:

The primary intervention that led to the birth of Ammachirak was the donation of 52 cents of land in the interest of the late Mr. Santhosh P. Varghese, son of the late Mr. Baby Varghese and Mrs. K. I. Thankamma, Meenatheril, a member of St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Elippakulam, for the charitable activities of the church. As a tribute to the Meenatheril family, the name of the late Mr. Baby Varghese, father of the late Mr. Santosh P. Varghese, was added to the Mother Wings. Thus, today, the care home is known as Mother Wings - Baby Varghese Memorial Care Home for Women, Elippakulam. By the Grace of God, the building





construction started off well and was promptly completed despite the Covid-19 crisis.

The leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, the former Diocesan Episcopa of Adoor Diocese, was the key factor that led to the completion of the building. Along with the other activities of the Diocese, Respected Thirumeni gave special space and preference towards the planning of the building. The 'Nalukettu' concept, which evokes the glory of the past, was put forward by Thirumeni. The building structure of Ammachirak that one sees today shares the tale of Thirumeni's leadership and enthusiasm. His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, the head of

the Malankara Mar Thoma Church, blessed the Ammachirak building and dedicated it to the people on 27th April 2022.

The Name - Ammachirak:

Being part of this world, one of the primary aims of the church is to serve the world. Thus, God's intention towards the church is to work as a caring community. The name Ammachirak points towards the Caring Community. It stands as a home for mothers who need care and protection. Therefore, Ammachirak signifies the presence of comfort, the abode of refuge, the expression of tenderness, and the shelter of protection.

The sole purpose of Ammachirak is to provide comfortable shelter to women who have no home. Ammachirak was dedicated to the people on the 27th of April, on the birthday of the late lamented His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan. This Care Home was dedicated on this special day to carry forward Thirumeni's message of unity and humanity. This Care Home has its doors open for all deserving individuals, irrespective of their caste, cultural background, religion, or names.

Summing Up:

Ammachirak is a home of dignity, rights, and justice. A loving home that pledges to provide God's justice to those who have been denied it. It is not provided out of generosity, but this care home believes that it's their right. Let's hope that love, dignity, and rights are never denied to anyone. Let no one be left alone. If any woman comes into such a situation, Ammachirak will always remain open for them.

