

## Sri Ramakrishna Prayer Hall Inauguration



Sri Vivekananda Ashramam, Vellimalai, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu is doing yeomen service for promotion of religious education. They have opened "Sri Ramakrishna Prayer Hall" at Malumichampatti, Coimbatore on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2012.

Swami Dayananda Saraswathi inaugurated the new building.

Swami Vedanishtananda was the master of ceremony. In the function more than 600 students participated. Sri R. Krishnan welcomed the gathering.

Swami Chaitanyananda, Ekadharmakarta of Sri Vivekananda Ashramam, Vellimalai gave a brief report on the activities of the Ashramam. Swami Madhurananda had formulated a five level programme for imparting religious education in Tamil language to School children. Presently 2500 volunteers impart this religious education to 40000 children in 750 locations. Weekly classes are conducted for a duration of two hours each. Examinations are conducted and certificates are awarded to successful students. Those who successfully complete all the five levels of examination are awarded the title "Vidya Jothi". The other



activities are vilakku puja, prayer for auspicious functions, atma shanthi prayer for the departed, teacher training for religious education, yogasana training and temple priest training.

Swami Tatprabananda, Head of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Perianaicken Palayam gave special address. He explained the religious and social welfare activities undertaken by the Mission.

The students undergoing religious education participated in the elocution and music contests. It was a testimony of the appropriate cultural education imparted. The students displayed great talent in elocution and music.

Swami Dayananda Saraswathi gave his benedictory address. He said that whatever we use like dress, vessels, house, vehicles and human body accumulate dirt. We clean them daily. We cannot do any activity without using our mind. For

cleaning our mind, we should pray daily. We pray for having a pure mind and for removing obstacles in achieving our dharmic desires.

We can make efforts. It will take time to achieve results. But the most important ingredient for success is Iswara's grace. To be at the right place and at the right time, we require Iswara's grace. We can earn the grace by prayer.

Swami Madhurananda was known to him in Rishikesh. His method and organisation of religious education are commendable. Pujya Swamiji blessed the students.

Swami Kesavanda, Head of Sri Ramakrishna Ashramam, Pallapalayam distributed prizes and certificates to successful students.

The function concluded with lunch.

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