PEOPLE OF THE WAY

The people's church where each one is Special....



It was a joy to attend the People of The Way (PoTW) church service on our recent visit. The welcome was warm, and we were included in several aspects of the service including prayers, a welcome on behalf of Auntie Rachel and the AIC supporters and a talk about the faithfulness of God from Jude. David Shrimpton preached during the service about the sufficiency of Christ and the children were presented with prizes for bible verse tests. It was good to see how the whole church share and serve one another. There is a small group of young musicians and others showed great translation and IT skills to present the service to both Tamil and English speakers.

The church sends their greetings to the Anglo-Indian Concern supporters in the UK and are thankful for the financial support shown recently by Godmanchester Baptist Church.

It was encouraging to see David and Grace Shrimpton's enthusiasm about the church building, on how it is being used and the potential it has. We met for lunch with the church trustees and heard about the church's vision for the local community and how the building project meets the needs of their ministries.

The ground floor has space for 4-5 cars, and 15 motorbikes can be parked there too. Additionally, the church van parks in this area. Here there are two small units which provide accommodation for two families including the caretaker's family. The units share a bathroom and kitchen and there is space for an office as well as the beginnings of another toilet facility for use by the church.

The first floor comprises a large open hall area with plenty of ventilation and ceiling fans for services. It's equipped with excellent PA equipment, lighting, and enough seating for 170 people comfortably, with room to squeeze an additional 30. Currently, the PA system is malfunctioning, so they are hiring a replacement.

The roof area is the same size again and overlooks the surrounding houses. The church has used tents to create shade on the roof. There is a temporary structure over the lift area and stairwell which protects it from flooding where the brick work

has been completed. The stairwell has been rendered to the first floor but not to the roof.

PoTW has paid the full amount to the builder, but unfortunately, he declared bankruptcy.

PoTW has been requested to complete the unfinished items, with the assurance of reimbursement from the builder later. He is a good builder and has been generous donating to the church project and adding in finishes, décor, tiling etc that is above the original specification.

The delays are causing some frustration so prayer for David and the PoTW trustees in handling this would be appreciated.

If you wish to gift money for PoTW church and their building project, it can be done via the Stewardship website now.

Here is the link for those receiving by email [People of the Way Fellowship's page | Stewardship]









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