

# CHENNAI MAROONED

Chennai -the capital of Tamil Nadu in South India was wrapped by the South monsoons. The coastline of Tamil Nadu received heavy rains for almost a month. Consistent and heavy down pour resulted in floods which wiped out many areas, towns and villages, particularly damaging Chennai, Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur and Cuddalore districts.

Rains known to be a boon turned to be a bane for those residing in these areas. It has not spared anyone, the rich or poor, the old or young, the strong or weak – All seem to be engulfed in the water. It is termed as a national disaster and is considered to be a record breaking downpour in the last 100 years in this area. Some of the main reasons that are held responsible for the floods apart from the bad drainage system and the metro work are that many of the canals and some minor rivers which had turned dry, are having buildings constructed over them. There is overflowing water from the lakes, ponds, rivers and dams. Bridges are broken because of the heavy flow and gushing water. The reservoirs are opened as they cannot hold more water, and all this water is getting into the city, the homes of people are ruined, cattle, animals, and not to mention the number of humans who are lost, drowned, electrocuted or dead. The communication network and electricity is cut off making it even more difficult for help to reach to those who need it.

It is very heart breaking to see and hear such incidents, where people from affluent families are humiliated to ask for help or sometimes refuse to take food packets and other relief items given to them. There have been so many posts on Facebook and whatsapp from known family members and friends stuck in these situations ,who feel helpless and are at the verge of giving up their lives, they have been waiting for days on their rooftops for help, and for rescue teams to reach them. It is the worst for those who had very little, now they stand without their homes, the few clothing they had, and their few belongings are all taken away by the floods. They are the ones who are affected to the maximum as getting back to normal life would be a very big battle for them.

Educational institutes have played a very important role in providing shelter for all those who have been rescued. They have also made arrangements for food, water, clothing, blankets etc. Our campus in Good Shepherd Convent, Chennai is also filled with 2 to 3 feet water. The otherwise beautiful campus looks dirty and slippery. However the residents are safe. Despite all these difficulties, our Lay mission partners along with many student volunteers, teachers, parents and friends with the guidance of sisters are working towards relief and rescue in Chennai and Cuddalore districts.

So far we distributed food, mats, bed sheets, cooking vessels, rice and drinking water as a relief measure. There are people who need our rehabilitation services. It would be a blessing if we could get more helping hands to join us in our mission of relief and rehabilitation of our brothers and Sisters in distress. Your contribution however big or small will be gratefully received and channelled to the neediest of the people by us personally.

We appreciate your enquiry about us. Thank you for your prayers and support.  
Thanking you in advance for your kind generosity in time of need.

Yours gratefully  
**Sr. Maria Rose and Good Shepherd Mission Partners**  
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### LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:

Only the Indian Citizens can send the amount to the following account

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Name of the bank and address : Corporation Bank,  
GEE GEE ENERALD , 1ST FLOOR,  
151, VILLAGE ROAD,  
NUNGAMKAKKAM, CHENNAI.

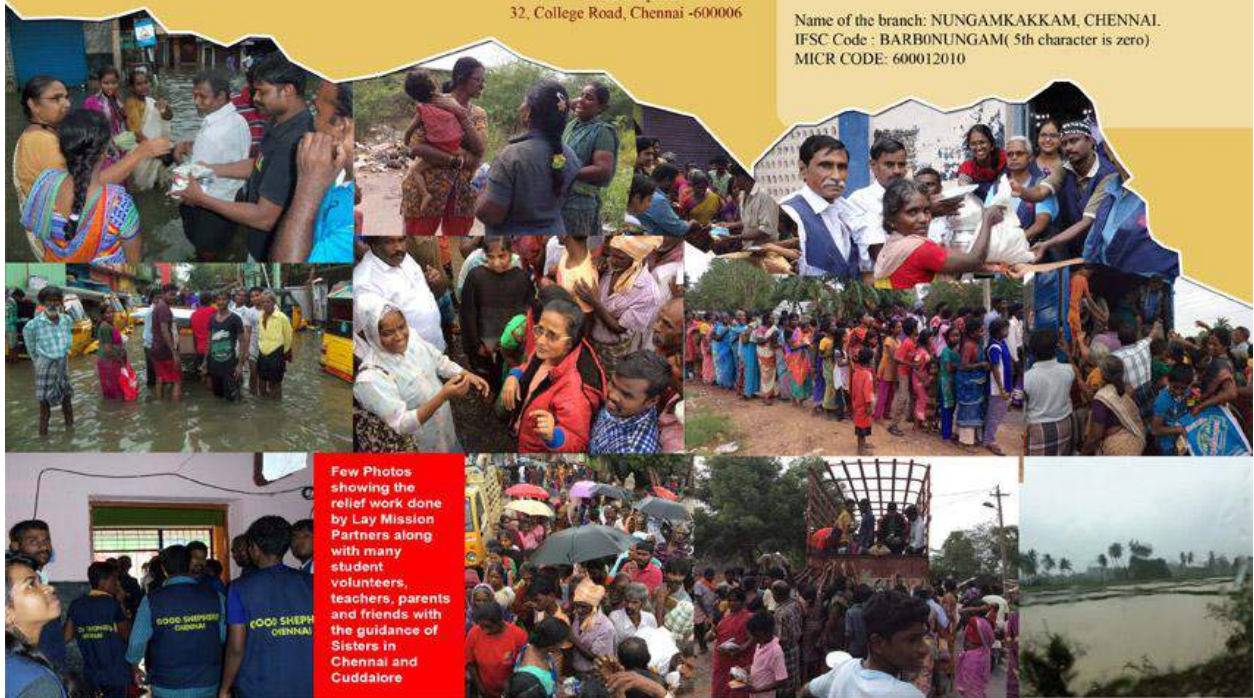
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Address: 32, College Road , Chennai - 600006  
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Few Photos showing the relief work done by Lay Mission Partners along with many student volunteers, teachers, parents and friends with the guidance of Sisters in Chennai and Cuddalore