

# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

## OUR LADY OF GOOD DEATH

Valiathope, Thiruvananthapuram-695 008



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## Our Vision and Mission

Our Lady of Good Death, Valiathope Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Christian lay voluntary organization dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender. The vision of SSVP is to be a global catholic charity organization providing aid, development and hope to the poor and the marginalized.

## Valiathope Vincent de Paul Society Members

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1	Sebastian Clement	President	9744691548
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Rev. Dr. Hyacinth M. Nayakam  
Spiritual Advisor cum Parish Priest

## Introduction

Valiathope Our Lady of Good Death Vincent de Paul Society which began on 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2017, has crossed 6 eventful years and is joyfully entering the 7<sup>th</sup> year. The relentless efforts of our previous Parish Priest, Fr. Cyrus Kalathil and Sr. Salomi are behind the inception of this Society in Thope.

We truly believe that it's only by the will and grace of God that we are able to provide help and service to hundreds of families, several old age homes and orphanages and many sick and needy. A much needed helping hand was rendered to those who lost their homes in the sea erosion and those affected by the Covid Pandemic. It's with much joy we can say that these services were done during the last 5 years to the needy irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

Even during the last year ie 2023 we could continue our assistance and help to several families and we surrender with gratitude to our Lord for His guidance. Including the 6.76 lakhs of the year of reporting, almost 45.56 lakhs was utilized for the welfare of the poor and needy. In addition to this we could also help many institutions and deserving persons.

### Sessions and Visits

We conducted 43 sessions during the report year and had 10 visits to old age homes and orphanages.

### New Members

We gladly welcomed 3 new members to our society and thus expanding it. Unfortunately 1 person left.

## Important Works

### Adopting Families

One of the significant missions of Vincent de Paul Society is to adopt few families and provide assistance on a regular basis and also help them to tide over any unforeseen crisis.

Requirement	No: of Families	Amount Given
Food	3	44000
Education	2	9400
Medicine and Treatment	2	59824
Total	7	1,97,824.00

### Assisting Old Age Homes and Orphanages

From the inception of this organization, it was decided by our conference to pay monthly visits to orphanages, old age homes, schools housing poor children, institutions having mentally and physically challenged persons and those institutions providing treatment for the same. This agenda was carried out diligently and 11 such visits were made during the report year.



The details are furnished below.

Sl No:	Institution	No: of visits	Amount Spent
1	Osana Karunya Bhavan, Aazhakulam, Vizhinjam	1	14800
2	Boy's Town, Monvila	3	33547
3	Sadhana, Monvila	1	9936
4	Mother Theresa,Sasthavattom	2	17962
5	Bakhita Girl's Center,Vettuthura	1	9994
6	Kargil Charitable Trust,Poonthura	1	10000
7	Sadhana,Puthenthope	1	10390
8	Sneha Theeram,Udhiramkuzhi	1	19100
	Total	11	1,25,729

## Education

7 students were assisted with their school/college fees and their hostel fees which came upto Rs 52,795.

## Education Scholarship

9 students upto class +2, belonging to families of Thope Parish who lost their homes and belongings in the sea erosion, were given a monthly scholarship of Rs 1500. We are very

grateful to the overseas Vincent de Paul members and Trivandrum Central Council leaders for their overwhelming support for this cause.

### **Medicines**

Very poor patients of Thope Parish, irrespective of caste, creed, or religion who cannot afford to meet their medical expences, were supplied with medicine and treatment. Rs 68,787 was spent for this cause. Besides this, medicines were made available for many cancer patients through the Trivandrum Corporation.



### **House Renovation**

2 houses worn down by time and tide, not fit to live in, were renovated and handed over to the families. Rs 21,000 was utilized for this purpose.

### **House Rent**

For few families who lost their homes and land due to sea erosion, monthly house rent was provided through the diocese.

2 families are getting their monthly house rent of Rs 3000 from Theeradesha Matsyathozhilali Forum.

### **Marriage**

2 girls belonging to very poor families were given Rs 10,000 to meet their wedding expenses.

### **C.C Old Age Home Building Fund**

Under the leadership of the Central Council, a home for abandoned and destitute women is being planned. For this purpose each conference member has contributed Rs 10,000. Collection is being carried out from parishners and other kind hearted souls. Rs 25,000 collected so far has been submitted to the C.C. We are glad to handover a sum of Rs 1.75 lakhs along with this report for this noble cause.

### **Funeral**

Rs 5000, was given to a family who was finding it difficult to meet the funeral and related expenses.

### **Others**

A family where the parents are separated and have 2 children pursuing higher studies after +2, are being assisted with a sewing machine and motor so as to have their own income. Rs 8900 was spent on this.

Rs 5700 collected from our members was sent for our Manipur brethren , the sad victims of ethnic violence.

### Formation of Youth Conference

The involvement of our youth in social and community service has declined these days. To bring the youth under one umbrella and to cultivate a sense of service to society and thereby experiencing and sharing God's message of love through charity, a Youth Conference was formed in Thope Parish. This year the Youth Conference of Vincent de Paul Society is celebrating their first anniversary. We are supporting and guiding these God send youngsters in their work so that they can be an inspiration and example for the youth in and around our parish.



### Christmas Kit Distribution

Christmas and New Year is a season of hope, peace, joy and love. Vincent de Paul Society selects the families who are not able to celebrate these occasions because of poverty or other issues. Christmas kits are delivered to these families on Christmas Eve, so that they too can have a dignified celebration along with us. This year kits were delivered to 72 families irrespective of their religion and creed. Most of the families were from the neighbouring villages. Rs 82,040 was spent for this. Apart from this, Rs 4820 was given by Valiyathura Forane Matsya Sushrusha Committee for provision and groceries.



### Masses

Masses were celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> of September,Feast of Frederick Osanam, on 27<sup>th</sup> of September, Feast of Vincent de Paul and on 8<sup>th</sup> of December, Feast of Solemnity of Immaculate Conception.

## Area Council Meeting

Meetings conducted by Valiyathura Area Council are regularly attended and we pursue the advice and directions suggested by them.

## Well Wishers

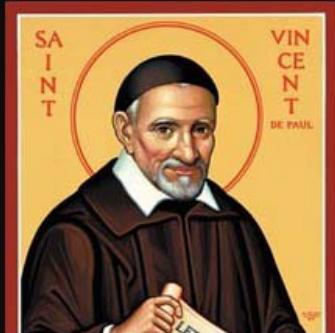
It's only with the help of so many kind hearted well wishers of our parish and generous souls of other parishes belonging to various regions and religions, that we are able to render these services. We take great effort in making sure that the donations received reaches the deserving and eligible persons. We are also aware that sometimes we are just bridges for a lot of people to reach out to the needy. We take this opportunity to thank sincerely all our generous donors of the past 6 years for their continued support in cash and kind. Also our prayers and wishes go out to all the recipients of the services of Vincent de Paul Society.

## Conclusion

We are deeply grateful for all the support and guidance of our dear Parish Priest Rev. Fr Hyacinth Nayakam. Heartfelt thanks to the Central Council Area Council members for their advice and suggestions. Words cannot describe the sincere effort put up by all the conference members to bring unity and strength to this society to carry out the work genuinely. Special mention for the guidance by the Society President, Br Sebastian, Vice President Br. Ignatius Vincent, Treasurer Br. Cletus Martin, Internal Auditors Br Kejiton Miranda and Br Jerald John Cruz.

We thank our Lord Almighty for leading us in this path of service, thereby helping us to glorify His Name.

For the benefit of your knowledge and acceptance, we hereby submit this annual report for the year 2023.



Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another...

~ Vincent de Paul

**Financial Statement of Society of Vincent de Paul**  
**Our Lady of Good Death, Valia Thope**

SI No:	Income	Amount	Expense	Amount
1	Donations	321993	Kits of provisions for poor families	4820
2	Collection in secrecy	46255	Anniversary Session	11600
3	Monthly income	5300	Designing and printing of Annual Report	4600
4	Bank Interest	5075	To Adopted Families	197824
5	C.C Home for the destitute women	25000	Education	52795
6	Lap top	2000	Mass	3075
7	Loan returns	14132	House Rent	36000
8	Family reunion contribution	1450	Old Age Homes	125729
9	Repayment of Medical and Wedding loans	15000	Renovation of Houses	21000
			Medicines and Treatment	68787
			Area Council share	3885
			Weddings	10000
			Sewing Machine	8900
			Printing Stationary	1350
			Bank Charges	398
			Manipur	5700
			C.C home for the destitutes	25000
			Christmas cakes for sponsors	600
			Others	780
			Youth Conference	6500
			Christmas Kits	82040
			Funeral	5000
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>436205</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>676383</b>
	Previous Balance	314545	Balance	74367
	<b>Total</b>	<b>750750</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>750750</b>
			Cash in Bank	68107
			Cash in Hand	6260
			<b>Total</b>	<b>74367</b>

**Sebastian Clement**  
President

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