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Realizing Education Assistance Partially

Towards the dream of higher education - helping one step at a time

Annual Report 2009

REAP (Realizing Education Assistance Partially) is a charitable project undertaken by ICON Charities Inc with the aim of providing educational assistance to financially poor students. Our mission is to facilitate caring and sharing for students from financially poor families to achieve the dream of higher education by providing financial assistance for higher education. The project is focused exclusively for the financially backward areas of Idukki. The project is designed as a joint collaboration of the ICON charities Inc, Idukki diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church, GRACE charity (a charitable organization of Idukki diocese), individuals and churches across the world.

For more details, visit us at <http://charity.icon.org.in/reap.php>

REAP 2009

REAP 2009 project is the fourth year of ICON Charities initiative to reach out to the students from financially poor families to achieve the dream of higher education. The experiences that we gained from previous years have been extremely valuable and helped us adapt and tune REAP 2009 project. We continued to focus on the financially backward students from Idukki during REAP 2009.

REAP 2009 Scholarships were distribution to 114 students on February 10, 2010 at Gathesemon Aramana, Idukki, Kerala, India in a very simple function. As part of REAP 2009, a total of INR 5,27,585 was distributed to students from financially backward families to realize their dream of higher education. The function was led by H. G. Mathews Mar Theodosius, Metropolitan of Idukki diocese. The key note speech was delivered by Dr. George Joseph (Association Secretary). The scholarships

were distributed by H. G. Mathews Mar Theodosius, Very Rev. Fr. Yohannan Sankarathil Cor-episcopa (NY), Rev. Fr. Sam Mathew (Austin, TX), Rev. Fr. Solomon OIC (Kunnamkulam).

The detailed list of the beneficiaries and the name of scholarship sponsors are listed under the section Selected Candidates.

We, the volunteers of ICON Charities Inc thank our Heavenly father for guiding us all along this project and pray for his continued blessing for the future. We thank our well wishers for their prayers and support during REAP 2009.

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Selected Candidates and Scholarships

One of the unique characteristics of REAP project is the ability for the donor to view the list of students and the profile of each applicant. Based on this information, the donor selects the student from the list of candidates that are posted on the ICON Charities web site. The donor decides the name of the scholarship. This provides the ability to track your donations from the time of your donation to the time when the students receive the scholarships. REAP only specifies the minimum amount for each category. The actual amount that is paid to the student is decided by the donor. The following are the students that were selected by the donors for the year 2009.

No.	1.Student Name	Student Location	Course	Scholarship Name	5.Sponsor	Donation : INR	Donation : USD	Actual Amount given to the student (INR)
1	Abey K Abraham	Nedumkandam	Marine Mech Diploma	Education Scholarship	Beena Poozhikunnel, IL		100.	4500
2	Abhilash Joseph	Kumaly	Plus 2	REAP	N Read, Canada		75.	3375
3	Abin Kuriakose	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	George Joseph Memorial	Joveena Marian Joseph & Shain Skaria, Cupertino, California		50.	2250
4	Able Thomas	Combayar	Plus 2	Babu & Mercy Parayil Scholarship	Babu K Parayil, Seattle, WA		100.	4500
5	Ajitta Elizabeth Jacob	Upputhara	B.Sc Nursing	Graduate Scholarship 2	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	6000		6000
6	Amalu Vijayan	Chackkupallam	Plus 2	Anonymous Scholarship	Anonymous		100.	4500
7	Aniemol Varghese	Idukki	Plus 2	Prof. P.M. Abraham Memorial Scholarship	Ani Abraham, Moline, IL		50.	2250
8	Anish Ninan	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	Reap Knowledge & Wisdom	John Jacob, Kuwait	5000		5000
9	Anisha Mathew	Nedumkandam	G. Nursing	Well Wisher ET-AA-MI Scholarship	Well Wisher ET-AA, MI		100.	4500
10	Anjalymol K. S.	Kattappana	G. Nursing	P.V. Alexander Scholarship	P.V. Alexander		75.	3375

11	Anju Susan Abraham	Thankamany	Plus 2	Prof. P.M. Abraham Memorial Scholarship	Ani Abraham, Moline, IL		50.	2250
12	Anns Aliya Issac	Ayyappancoil	G. Nursing	Baby Memorial	Peter Cherian, Abu Dhabi	-	155.	6975
13	Ansu Joseph	Ayyappancoil	BCA	Babu & Mercy Parayil Scholarship	Babu K Parayil, Seattle, WA		100.	4500
14	Anu George	Anakkara	M.Sc	K & M Education Scholarship	Mary and Kacey Roy, Austin, TX		50.	2250
15	Anu Kurian	Anakkara	B.Tech	Dr. Martin Scholarship	Dr. Martin Pereira, Davenport, IA		100.	4500
16	Arunkumar C Prabhakaran	Thoppippala	M.Sc	St Marys Rockland MGOCSM, SUFFERN, NewYork	Cristal Kuriakose, New Jersey		75.	3375
17	Ashwin Kuruvila	Kanjikuzhy	G. Nursing	Sunu Thomas Scholarship	Mathew Samuel & Sumam, Albany, NY		75.	3375
18	Basil Varghese	Kadassikadavu	MBA	Prof. P.M. Abraham Memorial Scholarship	Ani Abraham, Moline, IL		125.	5625
19	Bibin Abraham	Chakkuppallam	Plus 2	P.V. Alexander Scholarship	P.V. Alexander		50.	2250
20	Bincy Jose	Mattuthavalam	Plus 2	Well Wisher ET-AA-MI Scholarship	Well Wisher ET-AA, MI		50.	2250
21	Chinchu Roy	Anakkara	8th Std	Graduate Scholarship 3	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	3500		3500
22	Chinchumol Varghese	Idukki	Plus 2	Graduate Scholarship 4	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	3000		3000
23	Chinnathampy	Kumaly	Plus 2	Binu Scholarship	Binu Z Eapen, NJ		50.	2250
24	Chithra C Mathew	Nedumkandam	Plus 1	Baby Abia's Gift Scholarship	Well Wisher, Austin, TX		50.	2250
25	Christin Markose	Chellacovil	B.Tech	Sleebadasan Padath Paily Varki Memorial Scholarship	Sanjoy Paul, IA		75.	3375
26	Daiby K	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	Sam Abraham Scholarship	Sam Abraham, Cranbury, NJ		50.	2250
27	Daliya George	Nedumkandam	B.Sc Nursing	Merin S Thampy Scholarship	Merin S Thampy, Bangalore	6000		6000

28	Dona Kurian	Kanjikuzhy	B.Sc Nursing	Dr. Sunny Arikat Scholarship	Dr. Sunny O Arikat, Bettendorf, IA		140.	6300
29	Donamol P.B.	Elappara	TTC	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland- 10Th Anniversary Scholarship	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland, Suffern, NY		75.	3375
30	Elezabeth Mathew	Idukki	General Nursing	ICON Synergy Scholarship	Abraham Chirackal, Iowa		135.	6075
31	Elisabeth M Jacob	Idukki	G. Nursing	Binay Eapen Scholarship	Binay Eapen, Ohio		150.	6750
32	Geethumol K. C.	Elappara	G. Nursing	Jacob Scholarship	Well Wisher MV-DU, Dubai	5000		5000
33	Giby J Cherian	Chakkupallam	B.Tech	Joshua John Education Scholarship	Subash John & family, Sterling, VA		150.	6750
34	Himamol H Venkitachalam	Kumaly	B.Com	Sleebadasan Padath Paily Varki Memorial Scholarship	Sanjoy Paul, IA		60.	2700
35	Jaice C Mathew	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	Smitha Joseph & Mathew Chacko, Austin, TX	Smitha Joseph & Mathew Chacko, Austin, TX		50.	2250
36	Jaice Maria Alex	Ayyappankovil	Bsc Nursing	Binu Scholarship	Binu Z Eapen, NJ		100.	4500
37	Jebin Varghese	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	Emily John Education Scholarship	Subash John & family, Sterling, VA		50.	2250
38	Jerome Joseph	Kanchiyar	MCA	Mathew Mathai Scholarship	Mathew Mathai, Indiana		100.	4500
39	Jery Philip	Nariampara	G. Nursing	Agios Theos Scholarship	Bijoy Thomas, New Jersey		100.	4500
40	Jibin Mathew Thekedathu	Chakkupalam	Plus 2	Graduate Scholarship 5	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	3000		3000
41	Jibin Mathew Vadakkepprampil	Chakkupalam	Plus 2	Graduate Scholarship 6	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	4000		4000
42	Jijo Varghese	Nedumkandam	Electronics	Education Scholarship	Very Rev. K. Mathai Cor-Episcopa, America		125.	5625
43	Jincymol V. J.	Mattuthuvalam	B.Sc	STIOC Scholarship	St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Congregation of Quad Cities, IA		75.	3375

44	Jincymol Varghese	Chakkupallam	BCA	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland- 10Th Anniversary Scholarship	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland, Suffern, NY		75.	3375
45	Jini V Joy	Nedumkandam	B.Sc Nursing	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland- 10Th Anniversary Scholarship	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland, Suffern, NY		100.	4500
46	Jinu Varghese	Kumaly	B.Tech	Mathai Chacko, NY	Mathai Chacko, NY		100.	4500
47	Jithin Samuel	Chakkupallam	Computer Science	Thiduthiduppil TV Abraham Pampady Memorial Scholarship	George Abraham, Abu Dhabi	5000		5000
48	Joice K John	Kumaly	Plus 2	Binay Eapen Scholarship	Binay Eapen, Ohio		150.	6750
49	Joicy Joseph	Ayyappancovil	G. Nursing	Well Wisher (WW-12) Scholarship	Well Wisher, Houston, TX		100.	4500
50	Jojimon P.V.	Kumaly	Plus 2	A. G. Jacob Memorial Scholarship	Sunny Jacob, Yonkers, NY		100.	4500
51	Jojo K.J.	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	M.A. Jacob Memorial	Sam Jacob, St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Yonkers		70.	3150
52	Jomol M Varghese	Anakkara	B.Sc Nursing	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland- 10Th Anniversary Scholarship	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland, Suffern, NY		100.	4500
53	Jomol P John	Puttady	M.A	STIOC Scholarship	St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Congregation of Quad Cities, IA		75.	3375
54	Jomon Joy	Ambalakavala	B.Com	Binu Scholarship	Binu Z Eapen, NJ		50.	2250
55	Jomon Varghese Kochupurackal	Nedumkandam	Nursing	Kandanadan John & Annamma Memorial Scholarship	Kandanadan John & Annamma Memorial Trust		174.	7830
56	Jomon Varghese Vadasseril	Nedumkandam	MBA	Education Support Scheme	Paulose P.G	10,000		10000
57	Joseph C Mathew	Udumbanchola	B.A	REAP	N Read, Canada		75.	3375
58	Josmy Varghese	Chakkupalam	Plus 2	Ommen Kappil Education Scholarship	Ommen Kappil, PA		50.	2250
59	Josnamol Jose	Chakkupalam	TTC	Graduate Scholarship 7	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	3000		3000

60	Karthika Ramamoorthy	Chellarcovil	TTC	Binu Scholarship	Binu Z Eapen, NJ		100.	4500
61	Laijmol Varghese	Chakkupallam	B.Tech	Kalappurackal N.P.Chacko Memorial Scholarship	Well Wisher, Ohio		125.	5625
62	Leenamol Varghese	Elappara	Plus 1	Little Angel Scholarship	Mathew Samuel & Sumam, Albany, NY		50.	2250
63	Libin Samuel	Kumaly	Plus 2	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland- 10Th Anniversary Scholarship	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland, Suffern, NY		50.	2250
64	Lincy Mol Abraham	Chakkupallam	B.Sc Nursing	Dr. Bose Scholarship	Dr. Bose & family, Muscat	45000		45000
65	Linu Ninan	Nedumkandam	Plus 1	K & M Education Scholarship	Mary and Kacey Roy, Austin, TX		50.	2250
66	Litha John	Kanjirappally	BSC Fashion Technology	Well Wisher (WW-13) Scholarship	Vinny Easo, Kuwait	5000		5000
67	Manjumol P Varghese	Elappara	Plus2	Well Wisher (WW-12) Scholarship	Well Wisher, Houston, TX		50.	2250
68	Manu Mathew	Chakkupallam	B.Sc Nursing	Dr. Martin Scholarship	Dr. Martin Pereira, Davenport, IA		100.	4500
69	Mayamol P Varghese	Elappara	Plus 2	STIOC Scholarship	St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Congregation of Quad Cities, IA		75.	3375
70	Midhun Kuriakose	Compayar	B.Sc Maths	Baby Memorial	Peter Cherian, Abu Dhabi	-	155.	6975
71	Minimol Jacob	Cumbummettu	B.Sc Nursing	Mathai Chacko, NY	Mathai Chacko, NY		125.	5625
72	Minu Mariam Thomas	Arakir	BCA	Emily John Education Scholarship	Subash John & family, Sterling, VA		100.	4500
73	Mobin K Babu	Chakkupalam	B.Com	Graduate Scholarship 1	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	4000		4000
74	Moncy Mariam	Idukki	Plus 2	St. Jude Scholarship	Ajith Thomas, NY		50.	2250
75	Neenumol Raju	Thankamany	Plus 2	Raji Johnson Scholarship	Raji Johnson, Austin, TX		50.	2250

76	Neethu Jacob	Sulthankada	G. Nursing	Education Support Scheme	Aleyamma Mathew, Kerala	25,000		25000
77	Neethu K Kunjumon	Nedumkandam	B.Tech	Vandanathuvayalil Alice Varghese Memorial Scholarship	Well Wisher, Ohio		125.	5625
78	Neethumary Varghese	Nedumkandam	B.Sc Nursing	Sleebadasan Padath Paily Varki Memorial Scholarship	Sanjoy Paul, IA		75.	3375
79	Neethumol Kurian	Chakkupalam	B.Com	Graduate Scholarship 8	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	6000		6000
80	Nimishamol Kurian	Elappara	Plus 1	Smitha Joseph & Mathew Chacko, Austin, TX	Smitha Joseph & Mathew Chacko, Austin, TX		50.	2250
81	Ninu Annie Thomas	Arakir	B.Com	Well Wisher ET-AA-MI Scholarship	Well Wisher ET-AA, MI		75.	3375
82	Nishamol Mathew	Vandenmedu	G. Nursing	Thiduthiduppil TV Abraham Pampady Memorial Scholarship	George Abraham, Abu Dhabi	5000		5000
83	Nithin Varghese	Nedumkandam	B.Sc Nursing	Kandanadan John & Annamma Memorial Scholarship	Kandanadan John & Annamma Memorial Trust		174.	7830
84	Noble Thomas	Compayar	Plus 2	ICON Synergy Scholarship	Abraham Chirackal, Iowa		90.	4050
85	Pinkymol Kuriakose	Nedumkandam	B.Sc Nursing	Jacob Scholarship	Well Wisher MV-DU, Dubai	5000		5000
86	Raiju Thomas	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	A. G. Jacob Memorial Scholarship	Bethsy Jacob, Yonkers, NY		70.	3150
87	Reny M Varghese	Kumaly	B.Com	Well Wisher (WW-13) Scholarship	Vinny Easo, Kuwait	5000		5000
88	Rincy John	Idukki	Plus 1	Well Wisher ET-AA-MI Scholarship	Well Wisher ET-AA, MI		75.	3375
89	Rinu Kuriakose	Idukki	Plus 2	Baby Abia's Gift Scholarship	Well Wisher, Austin, TX		50.	2250
90	Robina Kochumon	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	Mathai Chacko, NY	Mathai Chacko, NY		100.	4500
91	Sanimol Varghese	Nedumakandam	B.Sc Nursing	Biju Ninan Scholarship	Biju Ninan, IA		100.	4500
92	Sanumol Kurian	Kanchiyar	B.Tech	GV Education Scholarship	George Varghese, Fort McMurray, Canada		75.	3375

93	Seeja Benny	Kumaly	TTC	Graduate Scholarship 9	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	6000		6000
94	Seenamma Abraham	Nedumkandam	General Nursing	P.V. Alexander Scholarship	P.V. Alexander		75.	3375
95	Shaise P Sunny	Kattappana	B.Sc Nursing	Ommen Kappil Education Scholarship	Ommen Kappil, PA		100.	4500
96	Sharon Maria Mathew	Kattappana	B.Sc Nursing	Yohannan Education Fund	Well Wisher, UK		125.	5625
97	Shemily Cherian	Kattapana	G. Nursing	Thomas Alexander Scholarship	Thomas Alexander, IL		100.	4500
98	Shijo Chacko	Nedumkandam	Plus 2	St. Jude Scholarship	Ajith Thomas, NY		50.	2250
99	Shinto Chacko	Nedumkandam	Engineering	Well Wisher (WW-12) Scholarship	Well Wisher, Houston, TX		100.	4500
100	Shiny P.J.	Elappara	Plus 2	George Joseph Memorial Thiduthiduppil TV Abraham Pampady Memorial Scholarship	Joveena Marian Joseph & Shain Skaria, Cupertino, California		50.	2250
101	Sibin Philip	Vandanmettu	G. Nursing		George Abraham, Abu Dhabi	5000		5000
102	Siddharth George	Compayar	Plus 1	Yohannan Education Fund	Well Wisher, UK		50.	2250
103	Simi E George	Kattappana	High School	GV Education Scholarship	George Varghese, Fort McMurray, Canada		75.	3375
104	Smithamol K Varkey	Kochara	G. Nursing	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland- 10Th Anniversary Scholarship	St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church of Rockland, Suffern, NY		100.	4500
105	Sony Varghese	Vandanmedu	TTC	Binu Scholarship	Binu Z Eapen, NJ		100.	4500
106	Soumya R Vasudevan	Idukki	B.Sc Nursing	Joshua John Education Scholarship	Subash John & family, Sterling, VA		100.	4500
107	Soumya Thomas	Thookkupalam	B.A	Yohannan Education Fund	Well Wisher, UK		100.	4500
108	Stephymol Abraham	Kumaly	Plus 2	STIOC Scholarship	St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Congregation of Quad Cities, IA		75.	3375

109	Subin K Babu	Chakkupalam	Plus 2	Graduate Scholarship 10	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	2500		2500
110	Sumi Daniel	Nedumkandam	Plus 1	Graduate Scholarship 11	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	3000		3000
111	Tinso Kuruvilla	Vandenmedu	B.Tech	Sleebadasan Padath Paily Varki Memorial Scholarship	Sanjoy Paul, IA		100.	4500
112	Tintumol Joseph	Kulathummedu	G. Nursing	Graduate Scholarship 12	Well Wisher-10, Dubai	6000		6000
113	Vanitha M Periyaswami	Kumaly	Plus 1	Allen's Gift Scholarship	Well Wisher, Austin, TX		50.	2250
114	Varghese T.K.	Kumaly	Plus 2	ICON Synergy Scholarship	Abraham Chirackal, Iowa		90.	4050
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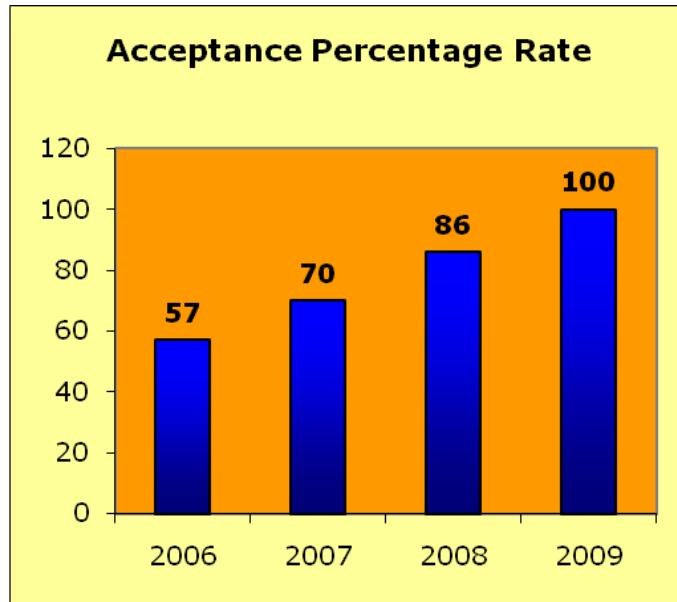
REAP 2009 Metrics

In spite of operating REAP 2009 as an extended pilot project; we saw considerable growth during the year. It is with great happiness that we note that people visited the ICON website and picked up students without having to approach people. The following is a snapshot of the REAP 2009 project.

Number of applications received	114
Number of students selected to receive financial assistance	114
Acceptance rate	100%
Amount received from donors	\$ 11725
Amount provided from ICON admin fund to Grace for roundup and overhead expenses	\$ 125
Total amount handed over to GRACE Charities	\$ 11850

Scholarship Acceptance rate

For the first time, we were able to provide assistance to every student that applied, thanks to the generosity of our well wishers for the 100% acceptance rate.



The REAP 2009 Scholarship Distribution Ceremony

REAP 2009 Scholarships were distributed to 114 students on February 10, 2010 at Gathesemon Aramana, Idukki, Kerala, India in a very simple function. This year, a total of INR 5,27,585 (US \$11725) was distributed to students from financially backward families to realize their dream of higher education. The function was led by H. G. Mathews Mar Theodosius, Metropolitan of Idukki diocese. The key note speech was delivered by Dr. George Joseph (Association Secretary). The scholarships were distributed by H. G. Mathews Mar Theodosius, Rev. Fr. Yohannan

Sankarathil Corepiscopa (NY), Rev. Fr. Sam Mathew (Austin, TX), Rev. Fr. Solomon OIC (Kunnamkulam).

The meeting started and ended with prayer. Rev. Fr. K.T.Jacob, secretary of GRACE Charities, Idukki welcomed the gathering and spoke about the REAP project and ICON's partnership with Grace to help the people of Idukki. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose presented the vote of thanks.



For more details, visit us at

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REAP: Maintaining the core values

At ICON Charities Inc, we count the success of a project not based on the dollars that we raise, but based on how close we get to our documented goals of openness, transparency, efficiency, follow-up and the streamlined process.

We were glad that REAP 2009 could be operated with these core values that we strived during the past years. We also continue to build a very strong relationship with the people of Idukki diocese which in turn helps us maintain the accounting and process transparency of the project. With multiple visits by the ICON moderators to Idukki, we have a first hand assessment of the needs and genuineness of the people of Idukki.

100% IN-OUT and more: One of the core values of the REAP project is to ensure that 100% of the donations made by the donor reach the students. During REAP 2009, we not only were able to accomplish it, but was also able to do more. ICON Charities added small roundup amounts to ensure that the students received a rounded up figure.

Lowest Overhead Cost: Another objective of the project was is to keep the operating cost of the project to the lowest. In line with this objective, the function used one of the churches as the venue and did not have any stage decorations or political leaders as invitees. The students, who are studying in far away places where represented by their parents. In addition, all tasks of the project were undertaken with the help of volunteers and thereby keeping the costs to the lowest.

Follow-up with our Donors: ICON Charities Inc strongly believes in the need for follow up of its projects with its donors and well wishers. One of the main aims of this report is to help our donors find the information related to the project. We believe in end to end transparent accounting and open access to all information related to our transactions.

We have mailed the receipts for your donations as soon as we received your donations. In case you haven't received it, please contact us and we will be glad to send you a duplicate of your receipt.

The following information is available to you to assure you that your donations have reached the right hands (that you have selected) under the 'REAP 2009 Project Follow-up' section on the REAP 2009 page. [<http://charity.icon.org.in/reap-2009.php>]

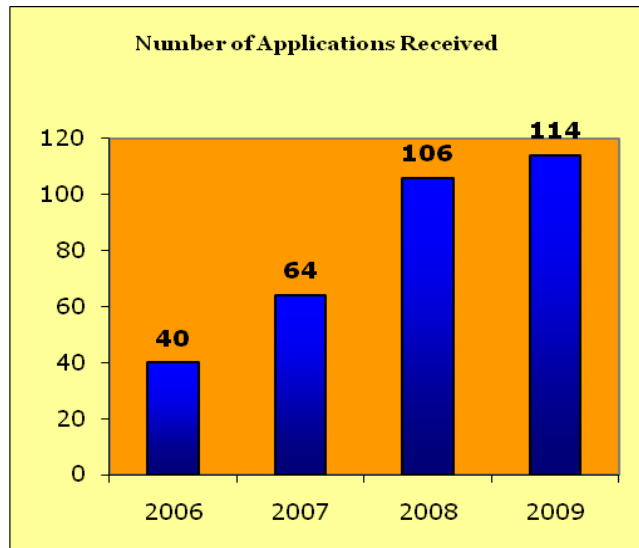
1. Annual Report of REAP 2009: Provides a summary of the project for the year 2009.
 2. Trail of your donations: Provides the ability to track your donations from the moment you donated to the time the student received the scholarship. To access the trail of your donations please visit the 'Trail of your donations' section under follow-up.
 3. Glimpses of the scholarship Distribution Ceremony held at Gathesemon Aramana, Idukki.
 4. Transaction and guidelines documents provided to GRACE Charities by ICON Charities: Provides the expectations and protocol of operation between ICON Charities Inc and GRACE Charities for the distribution and the follow-up for the project for the year 2009. The documents mention the details of financial transaction including the total amount transferred to GRACE charities from ICON, the amount that must paid to each student (in INR) and the amount to be used for operating expenses of GRACE Charities.
 5. Acknowledgement letter and receipt from GRACE Charities: Provides the acknowledgement that GRACE Charities has received the donations from ICON Charities Inc. It also indicates the USD conversion rate that was obtained and proof of the donation being accounted in the GRACE Charities account.
 6. Vouchers signed by the recipients: Provides the acknowledgement that the students have received your donations. (Available on request)
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REAP Project: Moving forward...

It is very encouraging to note that the REAP project has grown considerably. Not only were we able to provide assistance to more students, we also saw increases in the amount provided to the students, increase in the number of donors joining the project as compared to the previous year. The applications that we received also show that we have covered more students in more locations of Idukki during this year. The following are few stats indicating the growth of the project with comparison to previous years.

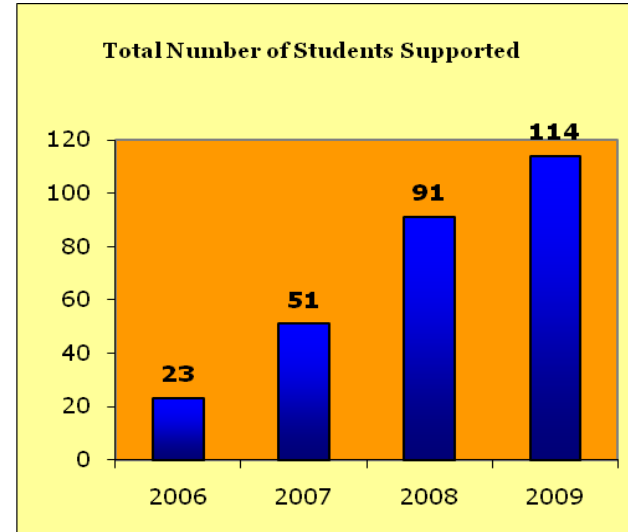
Total number of applications received

Compared to the previous year, we saw on 60% increase in the applications received. While Nursing remains the main course that the applicants attend, we also saw many other disciplines that the students we attending.



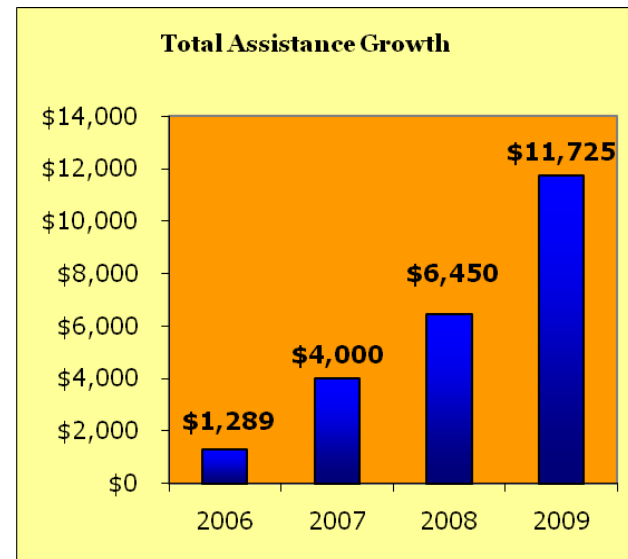
Total Number of Students supported

Compared to the previous year, we were able to support 56% more number of students during this year. We supported 91 students in 2009 compared to the 51 students that we supported in 2007.



Total amount provided as Assistance

As part of REAP 2009, we were able to provide a higher total amount compared to REAP 2007.



Towards Self Sustenance

It was very encouraging to note that students who have received REAP support during previous years and have completed their courses and who

have obtained jobs have contributed small amounts to support more students. Based on the support received, more student loans were provided to additional students by Grace charities. This was a strong indication towards the self sustenance of the project in the future.

Acknowledgements

We, the volunteers of ICON Charities Inc would like to thank heavenly father for all the blessings he has showered on us.

We express our gratitude and remember H.G. Augen Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan of Idduki diocese and thank HG for all the guidance and support he has provided us in the past.

We also express our gratitude to H.G. Mathews Mar Theodosius, the metropolitan of Idduki diocese for his guidance and support. We also would like to thank the selfless work of Rev. Fr. K.T. Jacob, the office bearers and volunteers of GRACE Charities, all the priests of the Idduki diocese, our donors and well wishers, all the students and their parents, the ICON web team and everyone who has prayed and worked for the success of this project. Thank you!

Questions/Comments/Suggestions?

Total transparency in accounting, process and availability of information for everyone across the globe has been few of our documented emphasis for the REAP project. To accomplish this, we have made all the details of the project available online at the ICON Charities Inc website.

[<http://charity.icon.org.in/reap-2009.php>]

If you would like to know more about the project or if you would like to get involved, please visit our 'frequently asked questions' on the REAP page [<http://charity.icon.org.in/reap.php>]

If you have further questions/comments/suggestions, or if you would like to partner with ICON Charities Inc in this project, please feel free to send us an email. Our email is iconcharities@gmail.com

What next?

Continuing the momentum and encouragement that we received as part of REAP projects in the past years, we plan to launch the REAP 2009 during the month of Nov 2010. We plan to reach out to the masses through the ICON forum to help the financially backward well deserved students of Idduki realize the dream of higher education. Stay tuned!

About ICON Charities Inc

The ICON Charities Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered in US to undertake charitable activities based on the teachings of Christ: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (St. Matthew 25:40).

The goal of the ICON Charities is to act as a medium for people to reach out to needy. Our emphasis is to provide economic assistance for the education of children from economically and socially disadvantaged families, economic assistance for medical emergencies and economic assistance for construction of shelters for the homeless. We work to create awareness among people about the various charitable initiatives of the Indian Orthodox Church through the use of the internet.

ICON Charities has a *federal tax exempt status (DLN: **17053003024028**) in the US.*

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