



We have been informed that...

HOSPICE SAINT JEAN DE DIEU. PAMPLEMOUSSES, MAURITIUS



Hospice Saint Jean De Dieu at Pamplemousses on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean is a retirement home for people above 60 years of age. It was started by *St. John of God Brothers of the French Province* in 1976.

HISTORY

In 1856, following a series of epidemics in the capital Port Louis, the religious of the Bon et Perpetuel Secours, a new Mauritian congregation, opened a hospital for the poor Pam-

plemousses. At that time it consisted of a wooden house with a capacity of approximately 12 beds and another house for the nuns.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH BROTHERS

By 1974 the Religious Sisters could no longer manage the hospital for lack of adequate staff. At the request of Bishop Jean Margéot, three Brothers of Saint John of God from France took possession of these places in September 1976 and the hospital was converted into a hospice for aged men.



France, Vietnam, India, but always HOSPITALITY

NEW BUILDINGS

In 1977 extensive construction and development works began on the site, which included the following:

- ♦ A building consisting of kitchen, laundry, workshop and 20 single rooms on the second floor.
- ♦ Another building for accommodating 55 boarders, in rooms with 2 or 3 beds and a lift to facilitate the inmates in wheelchair.



TRANSFER TO INDIAN PROVINCE

At the end of the 1990s, the French Province began to look for another Province to take over its work at Pamplémousses to free its Brothers to concentrate on taking the Order to Madagascar—another (very large) island nation in the Indian Ocean. In this matter the French Province has had the co-operation of the Indian and Vietnamese Provinces.



In 2004 one Indian Brother and two Vietnamese Brothers arrived to reinforce the Order's presence at Pamplémousses. The Indian Brother, Albert Thekkumkaduthadathil, took on responsibility for

the management of the Home. Later, one of the Vietnamese Brothers, Dominic Pham Van Hoai, was appointed Prior of the Community. Brothers from Viet Nam returned back in 2010.

BROTHERS FROM INDIA

As part of the transition of the Centre from the French Province to the Indian Province two Indian Brothers arrived in August 2010. And on 25th March 2011 the French Province handed over the hospice to the Indian Province.





CO-WORKERS

Today apart from three St. John of God Brothers from India there are 30 staff and 8 volunteers to assure service to the residents.

RESIDENTS

There are 75 beds and all the beds are occupied. Residents are men over 60 years (with a few exceptions).

Among the 75 residents 62 are social security (having as a unique resource the old-age pension of Rs. 3,048 per month) and 13 are private.

In the year 2010 there were 21 new admissions, 16 residents died and 4 residents returned back to their families.

Main diseases of Mauritius are diabetes and hypertension and our residents wear traces: hemiplegic, etc.

The sources of revenue for the running of the Hospice are the social security contributions, a few private residents and donations from benefactors.



GOVERNMENT HELP

The Social Security Department of the Mauritius Government provides the services of a doctor once in a week for three hours, one Nurse for two days in a week for 16 hours, one Occupational Therapist for 6 hours a week and the service of a Physiotherapist for 3 hours a week.

