

# Tuberculosis Control Programme

## Kochi, Kottayam - KERALA

### Not just medicine



Sekharan is 72 years old. Neither does he have anyone to take care of him nor can he support himself because of his health problems. He barely survives with the help of people in his community. One day, HOPE *foundation's* staff met Sekharan while performing a survey in his locality and hearing about his health problems, took him to the TB centre. The tests confirmed that he had TB. The doctor advised him to take medicines for six months without fail. The staff at HOPE *foundation* took the responsibility to give him the medicines as he could not come to collect them himself. They also had to continuously encourage and counsel him to take the medicine as he was also very depressed and felt that he did not have a reason to live. However, with continuous encouragement, he completed the TB course. The checkups done proved that he was cured completely of TB. He is extremely happy to get back his health and very grateful to HOPE *foundation* and the donors for the care, encouragement, and help provided in his time of need.

### Santha cured



Santha lives in Fort Cochin with her husband and one son. Six months earlier, when she consulted the doctor for what she thought was a simple cough and fever, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB). The TB medicine course of 6 months was started immediately. However, it was very difficult for her to go 3 days every week to the hospital for the medicine because of financial problems. HOPE *foundation* took the responsibility of giving medicines to Santha. They gave medicines to her without fail and after two months, her sputum test showed a negative result. She completed her six-month TB course in February and the tests showed that she was completely cured of TB. Her weight also increased from 41 kg to 46 kg. She and her family are extremely happy and grateful to HOPE *foundation* and the donors for the invaluable help provided.

## Quarterly Report

January - March 2008

### Mission

Our mission, as a compassionate but non-sectarian international charity, is to change lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

### Statistics:

Beginning of January:	21
People surveyed:	840
People with symptoms:	14
Mobilized to hospitals:	13
Positive cases:	06
New patients:	07
Restored:	00
Deaths:	00
Dropouts:	01
Cured:	07
End of March:	20