

EARLY History of CANE UK in Jaffna.

Mr Indrasenan, Coordinator for CANE UK in Jaffna, was instrumental in establishing a cancer care unit in Jaffna. His first attempt was to visit cancer patients with Mrs Ann Watson and nursing aides to help the patients. The team visited their places by three wheeler and later in Mr Indrasenan's own car.

In the meantime Mr Indrasenan was looking for a temporary place to set up a cancer clinic.

INUVIL McLeod HOSPITAL.

Mr Indrasenan and his assistant Mr Ganesarajah visited the Inuvil hospital to explore the availability of a suitable section of the hospital to set up a cancer unit. The management were happy to release a portion and then Mr Indrasenan discussed the availability with Mr. Rasanayagam, Jaffna College Principal, and an Administrator of the hospital at that time. This idea was then given up as the hospital management insisted that the proposed cancer unit must be operated in the name of McLeod hospital.

CANCER CARE HOME AT PALAM ROAD

Mr Indrasenan then arranged his sister's home at Palam Road Jaffna to establish a cancer care home. From there all cancer activities were computerized by Mr. Sabanayagam who came from the UK and held an interview among a group of girls and selected Miss Sukirtha as office assistant. This is the way CANE administration in Jaffna commenced. Periodical cancer wellness clinics were held from Palam Road home. Cancer mobile clinic also started with the help of Mr Indrasenan. He used his car to visit patients. His daughter Dr. Natheera Indrasenan came from the UK to guide and operate the cancer wellness clinics.

In the meantime, the need of a permanent building was realized while residing at Palam Road.

FINAL PLACE AT CHUNNAKAM

A land was arranged by Mr Aru Thirumurugan at Chunnakam. This was donated through a deed and Mr Indrasenan and Mr Ganesarajah were the recipients of the land on behalf of CANE UK. The hospice building was designed by Mr Sabanayagam and he supervised the construction to completion and start up as a CANCER hospice in Northern Sri Lanka.