

BRIEF HISTORY OF MANALLOOR FAMILY

Our forefathers settled on the banks of Pampa, the river that brings prosperity to the central Kerala, a place blessed by the Grace of God. The river Pampa, starting from Sahya hills becomes wide and flows to West and deviates to South by hitting a huge boulder called "Pramaadathu paara" near Kuriannur. Due to this deviation of Pampa river, a big land mass was formed called "Keezhukara". The alluvial soil brought by the turbulent waters formed the river banks and the land becomes fertile. We should feel proud that our wise and sharp forefathers selected this area to settle down and reap riches.

Our root family was an ancient Christian family called "CHENGANNUR KADUVETTOOR" in Kerala. A land lord who ruled the eastern side of "Aaranmula" brought a person and his family from Chengannur Kaaduvettoor and settled them in Vanchithra and was known as "VANCHITHRA THEVARTHUNDIYIL" then on. Now there are 6 main branches in this family. Among them was a main family branch called "KEEZHUKARA MANALLOOR" whose members were very prominent in population, education, thinking power, culture and hard work. One of the Vanchithra Thevartundiyl family member lived in Attappallil had five children. It is said that the eldest among them Mr. Tharyan came to Keezhukara and settled in Manalloor land and thus got the family name as Manalloor. The blessing Abraham got from God was also given to Tharyan Manalloor. "Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is the reward"-Psalms 127:3. Now Manalloor family members has grown and spread all over the world with job and business opportunities.

Family members of Keezhukara Manalloor become members of Kozhenchery St. Thomas Mar Thoma church. Family members, especially Mathai upadesi actively participated in the construction of old and new churches, now stood as historical monument, was felicitated by the parishners. Rev. Thomas George is serving as the patron of Manalloor family and other achenas as vice-patrons.

Branches of Manalloor family: 1) Tholummootil 2) Vadasseril 3) Puthenpurayil 4) Vettolil 5) Samudaayathil 6) Chalukunnel 7) Vembazhatharayil 8) Kizhakkemuri Thundiyl.

Our forefathers very much desired to write the history of Vanchithra Thevarthundiyl family and was succeeded in 1971. Oripamannil Thazhathel Rev. T.K. George and Pullad Manalloor Sri. E.J.Mathew, who was a school teacher, together worked and released the first volume of our family history. Koikkaletu Sri. K.M. Mathew, Chelikkuzhiyl Sri. C.T. Abraham and others help towards this effort will be remembered. Now the work for the second volume of Vanchithra Thevarthundiyl family history is going on and relevant informations are being collected from the family members. The forms are distributed among the members and should be returned with family details.

We specially remember Very Rev. P.M. George, who served as president and patron of Vanchithra Thevarthundiyl family till death and Rev. Fr. Abraham Pulivelil who served as vice-president.

As it is written in Psalms 133, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity"; law for worldly prosperity to the family and society and the condition for spiritual blessing is one; **UNITY AMONG BROTHERS.**