

Dr. Sosamma Philip-Sihora Ashram (Sister of Alexander Mar Thoma)

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Dr. Sosamma is the daughter of Late Rev. M.C. George Kassessa of Maliyekkal, Kuriannoor. Late Most Rev. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan was her elder brother. Rev. M.C. George passed away in 1923.

Sosamma passed her final school examination in 1933, but as she was poor, she couldn't go to college. She joined the Under Graduate Teacher's Training Course in Tiruvalla and then became a teacher in Kuriannoor Middle School. They had to sell a portion of their ancestral property to pay for her dowry. In 1940, she married Dr. P.V. Philip (Palathinkkal, Kottayam), who was working with the Mission Hospital in Karappuram, Cherthala. But unfortunately, Dr. Philip died after nine months of their marriage. She also lost her mother, three months later.

Sosamma had an earnest desire to continue the Medical Work of her departed husband. She joined Alwaye U.C. College and passed her intermediate examinations and applied for a seat in Vellore Medical College. As she did not get admission, she joined the American college in Madurai and finished her B.A. and then joined the Nicholson School, Tiruvalla, as teacher.

But the desire for a medical education was burning in her heart, so she applied again and this time she got admission in Vellore. Immediately after getting her Medical degree, she joined the Karapuram, Cherthala Mission, where her husband worked. After her higher education in Chicago, she worked with the Kumbanad and Kattanam hospitals for many years. In 1967, she joined Sihora Ashram Hospital and remained there till her retirement, 30 years later in 1997. Now, she stays with her relatives in Kuriannoor. As recognition of her work and social service, the Church has awarded her the "**Manava Seva Award**".



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