

# Amma Madison Satsang Newsletter: December 2008

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Aum Amriteshwaryai Namah

## Welcome to the monthly newsletter of Amma's Madison Satsang

Dedicated to Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, also called "Ammachi", "Amma", "Holy Mother" and "Amma".

Her mission in life is to awaken the Infinite Divine Power within everyone and lead humanity along the right path of selfless service and love for others.

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*Every pore of my body  
opened wide with longing.  
Every atom vibrated the holy mantra.  
My whole being rushed forth like a river  
toward the Divine Mother. . .  
smiling and radiant She merged into me.  
All of creation I saw as one-  
a tiny bubble in the vastness of Self.  
And no longer did I imagine happiness  
outside my own Self.*

*-Amma-*

## Amma's 2008 Midwest Program Dates

Sunday, Nov. 30, Evening Public Program  
Monday, Dec. 1, Morning & Evening Public Program  
Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Thursday, Dec. 4, Retreat  
Thursday, Dec. 4, Evening Devi Bhava Public Program

**Venue: Hyatt Regency Dearborn**

**Airport:** Detroit Metro (DTW).

**Shuttle to and from airport:** Sam's A Plus Limousine Call 313-515-3086 or  
313-505-7715

Please call and make reservations as soon as your travel plans are made.

Approximately \$22.00 round trip More than 5 passengers in a group - discounts available based on the number of people. Please inform Sam the number of people in your group.

**Public Program Only Hotel Reservations :** Hyatt Regency Dearborn 313-593-1234  
Please ask for AMMA rate

**Public Program AND Retreat:** Register at [www.amma.org](http://www.amma.org) (Go to Amma's 2008 US Tour and follow instructions.)

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**[Clicking their way to a brighter future](#)**

(24 Nov '08)



Kalpetta, Wayanad, 7 Nov 2008

Young Manikanden stares intently at his computer and then clicks the mouse. This twenty-year-old tribal boy is clicking his way to a brighter future. He is taking a Business Office computer course offered by the Village Resource Center in Kalpetta. He has been working as a day laborer, but with this course under his belt, he is confident that he can bag an office job.

There is a keen interest in this low-cost course, located on the premises of the Amrita Kripa Charitable Hospital-Kalpetta. The first batch of 22 students is now getting ready to complete the approximately fifty-hour course and there is a long waiting list for the next batch. The dedicated teachers, Mr. Sujith and Mr. Mukundan say that the students are highly motivated and attend class punctually and consistently. They particularly enjoy their work, as they know the course will uplift segments of the tribal community that are struggling financially. Eighteen-year-old Rajani is also confident she will have the skills to manage a computer in an office or shop. Like most of the other students, she had only had computer theory in school and no experience using an actual computer. She is grateful to be gaining valuable skills that would have been impossible without this course. At the end of the course, the students will have an exam certificate in hand.



The VRC is a collaborative project between the M.A.M and ISRO. [{news}](#) The Kalpetta center is one among many centers in the Amrita-ISRO VRC network. In addition to the computer classes, the center offers a popular series of teleconferencing classes. The topics center on agriculture and health issues. Agricultural topics include biodiversity, organic farming and water management. Health education sessions have included HIV-AIDS prevention, TB prevention and detection, hypertension and diabetes prevention and treatment, as well as information on the dangers of waterborne diseases. When the students bent over their keyboards, the attentive instructors keep an eye out for any difficulty. Such a simple, small program seems likely to make a difference in the futures of many young people in the area.

- Tulasi

## Upcoming Local Amma Events

*(All events are at Madhu and Sajan's home unless otherwise specified.  
Directions are at the end of this calendar.)*

**December 7, 11:00 am (Sunday) - Bhajan Practice @ Madhu and Sajan's house**

**December 9, 5:00 pm (Tuesday) - Service at Community Meals Program (lasagnas needed).**

**December 21, 1:00 pm (Sunday) - Chanting of Lalitha Sahasranama (1000 Names of the Goddess). You are welcome to join this practice whether or not you stay for the meeting that follows. You are also welcome to attend even if you are not familiar with the practice. It provides a wonderful atmosphere in which to meditate. We have a few spare chanting books in various languages (English, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Kannada) if you want to join.**

*"This worship will bring prosperity to the home and peace to the world. It will be an atonement for sins committed. One will gain strength, longevity and good health. Every nerve in our body will be vitalized by the Thousand Names of Sri Lalitha. The atmosphere will be purified. Mother is making a resolve that the effects of undesirable planetary conjunctions, evil forces and other negative energies will be counteracted by the worship." —Amma*

**December 21, 2:00 pm (Sunday) - Monthly satsang meeting. Includes Amma's teachings, Amma's bhajans (devotional songs), arati (waving light before Amma's picture) and a vegetarian potluck. First timers are welcome to come and enjoy the meal without feeling obligated to bring anything.**

***Custom note: Our more traditional Hindu members prefer the offerings to be egg free.***

For events in Milwaukee, contact [AmmaMilwaukee@gmail.com](mailto:AmmaMilwaukee@gmail.com)

For events in Oakbrook , IL , contact [bcnair3021@gmail.com](mailto:bcnair3021@gmail.com)

For events in Fairfield , Iowa , contact [info@amma-fairfield.org](mailto:info@amma-fairfield.org)

For events in downtown Chicago , contact [rebeccaanderman@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccaanderman@hotmail.com)

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Directions to Madhu and Sajan's home  
2 Willowbrook Ct. (608 848-5033)  
Verona Road to Hwy PD ( McKee Road )  
Right onto Hwy PD  
Left at first light onto Nesbitt Road  
Continue straight through the 4-way stop at Maple Grove Road , onto Cross Country  
Road  
First right — a very short block — onto Ambleside  
Corner of Willowbrook Court

Please park on Ambleside or in our hosts' driveway,  
so as to avoid over-parking the Willowbrook cul de sac.

*Please share these announcements with anyone not on our list who might be interested.*

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