



A dream comes true !!

About five or six years ago, when we were passing Kollam on one of our annual vacations, Leegia, Neelima, Vimal and myself visited our dear Zia, Deena, Nishad and Sherin. Zia, in his usual style said, "Edai, it is going to be 25 years soon, since we left Thirivananthapuram and we have to meet to mark this!" I said, "Sariada, it will be interesting to see all of us again together." Though, I liked the idea, mine was a very casual remark.

It was this dream which materialized on the 13th and 14th of July 2002 in the beautiful sandy beaches of Kovalam. "Valare Valare Nanni Priya Koottukara!"

Then the hard work has started, if I remember well, at least an year ago, with the formation of the coordination committee in Thiruvananthapuram and the CETEC77 web page from Rao to link us all together again. The forefront of all these were Vijayachandran with his project precision, as I know him from the final year project teamwork. The courtesy extended to all of us visitors by Prasannan, to pick us up on arrival, the travels in between and departure transport is commendable. Latha has done a wonderful and entertaining job to keep us in the joyous mood all the evenings. The day at the college was really heartfelt and touchy. And the lunch definitely had a "Suriyani Christiani" touch thanks to Anthoney (?) and Biju. It was a pity that Josekutty could not spent much time with

us despite all his efforts in preparing for the evenings. Our prayers are with you for a quick recovery.

On arrival at about 9 O'clock on 13th morning, I was greeted by Raghu and Nishad. Raghu, exactly your age 29 years ago when we first walked up the slopes of CET, was showing the spirit of the day.

I would like to note few of the amazement I had!

- By around 11 O'clock, the conference room was getting more and more filled up. The sheer presence of 25 of us after 25 years together again is simply amazing!
- Mohandas walking towards the hotel lobby, with few of us looking each other with wide eyes!
- "Skinny Binny" Ramdas walking in with three beautiful girls.
- Aliyan Mohanan not losing his old sense though lost almost all his hairs.

Thank you very much Thiruvananthapuram Vasikalee! See you all soon !!

Mathai George
20th July 2002

