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NEWSLETTER

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HOW ARE OUR CHILDREN GETTING ALONG?

In Sri Lanka, the school year runs parallel with the calendar year, so the children have completed all their course work and examinations, and can now look forward to enjoying the Christmas holiday. In the New Year, they will all be moving on to a new class. It is gratifying to see all the useful things that have been purchased for the children thanks to your donations, and also how they have been put to very good use.

In the accompanying photos you can see a girl behind a computer, others in the library and also how they do their homework back at the house.



SRI LANKA... 10 YEARS ON FROM THE TSUNAMI

As you will no doubt recall, on Sunday 26th December 2004 a great earthquake occurred under the sea in the Indian Ocean. It caused an enormous Tsunami (a tidal wave) which exacted a heavy toll with over 230,000 losing their lives in the countries around the Ocean.

Sri Lanka was also severely hit by this natural disaster of an unbelievable scale. Houses, hotels and boats were destroyed. There were also more than 35,000 bodies recovered and 4,000 people injured. Children lost their parents and families, so there was no one to care for them and they became orphans on the streets.

Directly following this disaster, many initiatives were started to bring aid to the victims of this terrible tragedy.

One of these initiatives was (and still is) our Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka which has to date, built three orphanages in Sri Lanka in which 100 children enjoy a safe place to live. Where there is love and kindness. Where they go to school. And where they receive proper medical care.

We are deeply grateful for the support that you have given us over the last 10 years which has made the work we are engaged in for the children, possible. We are also pleased that we can count on the support that you and many other donors provide for us by way of gifts and bequests. We are also delighted with the many initiatives undertaken by schools, church communities and associations who raise money for our Stichting. It means that the aims of our Stichting, helping the children who need help most, are still being met – even after 10 years.

On behalf of the committee, and also the children and sisters in our orphanages, we are deeply appreciative of all your support and hope that it will continue for many more years.



'Whoever saves a child saves the world'

ACTIVITIES

Over recent months we have been busy with a number of activities aimed at generating money for our Stichting. We were present for example at the 'Hope' and 'Christmas' markets in the town of Goes. The special mugs, painted by Jikke van Loo and featuring decorations chosen by their purchasers, were a big success. Elsbeth Sanderse's home knitted socks were also popular. You can buy examples of these 'unique creations' for yourself by phoning a committee member, or on-line via secretaris@stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl.



POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

For interested parties we are pleased to offer a Powerpoint Presentation which details aspects of the beautiful island of Sri Lanka and of course, our orphans. Should you wish to organize a presentation at your school, association, church, service club etc. do not hesitate to get in touch.

GUEST BOOK

On our website www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl you are very welcome to leave a message in our Guest Book. It is very encouraging to read many of the spontaneous reactions and comments from our many donors and friends.



GIFTS, DONATIONS ETC.

Over the recent period we have been very pleased to receive monthly contributions from our regular donors.

Other people have also organized initiatives on our behalf such as a cycling club who donated the income from their 'couples time trial'. The PKN church in Goes set up a Christmas post activity for us. And a football club is planning to organize an MTB/Walking Tour from which we are promised half of the entrance fees from the participants. To help support all these activities, we have created an eye-catching banner!

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year



With warm regards



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