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NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES:

Thanks to the generous number of gifts we have received, this year we were once again able to make the children happy with some Christmas presents. The photos also show that during their 'festive visit' to Kentucky Fried Chicken they also really enjoyed themselves!



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:

The children are getting along very well. At the end of March they are 'looking forward' to the first school exams of the New Year. They have also recently taken part in an 'art competition' organized by the sisters.

DICK KEIZER:

Sadly, on 12th January 2015 we attended a moving memorial service to say farewell to our outstanding secretary Dick Keizer. Following his passing, we have received a great number of warm and supportive reactions. These have been placed in our Guest Book on the website. They give us the strength to continue our on-going and committed work helping the orphans of Sri Lanka, which we also do at Dick's own request.



TANJA

May I introduce myself?.

My name is Tanja Uitterhoeve-Geene and since January I have taken over the role from the recently passed away Dick Keizer, as secretary of the Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka. Dick was happy that I should take on these responsibilities and showed the greatest trust in me, which I am very pleased about. The school at which I work, the Princess Beatrix School in Goes is in fact a donor, and that is how I originally came into contact with the Stichting. In December 2014 we made a trip to Sri Lanka and there, on behalf of my school's children who had organised a sponsored run, I was honoured to be able to hand over a sizeable cheque. We visited two of the orphanages and were very impressed. I saw attractive, clean accommodation, with friendly young sisters who took good care of the children. But now... it's time for me to start making my own contribution!

'WHOEVER SAVES A CHILD SAVES THE WORLD'

"GOD BLESS YOU".

With these words two ladies from Goes, Nel and Willy, who visited the orphanage in Katupotha during their holiday were welcomed by the sisters. "What a beautiful, clean house and what a friendly atmosphere... it's obvious that the children here are well looked after" said the two visitors. They were most impressed that this work on behalf of the orphans was all thanks to the initiative of four people from Goes. They ended their visit, leaving the children very happy with plenty of presents and candies!



THE TUK TUK HAS CRASHED!

In February we received a message from sister Amatha that the Tuk Tuk which we acquired last year had been involved in a crash. Happily, none of the sisters or children were hurt... but the Tuk Tuk was declared a total loss! Luckily we had made sure that it was properly insured and the insurance company paid out for our losses. With the money received, plus a new donation, we are now going to buy a small car (which will also be safer than the Tuk Tuk!).

POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS:

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

A CRECHE HAS BEEN STARTED!

Sister Amatha has started up a crèche in the Katupotha orphanage! While our children are all at school, small children whose parents must work can be accommodated. The sisters take care of ensuring good care and early education which will help ensure a better future for them. In addition, it also provides a valuable additional source of income.

ACTIVITIES:

Over recent months a number of activities aimed at generating money for our Stichting have been organised. During the 40-day period between Lent and

Easter, income from the regular activities of two churches was provided to the Stichting. In addition, a couple who were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary requested friends and family to make donations to us, instead of giving presents. In fact, it is only thanks to the gifts and donations that you make that we are able to continue our work on behalf of the Stichting.



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With warm regards,



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