

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

### YASANTHI:

You may well be familiar with 'Yasanthi's story'. A few years ago she underwent heart surgery, but because this operation was not enough to return her to full health, she still had to regularly spend time back in hospital. This summer, she spent a number of weeks in the Colombo Childrens' Hospital and during this stay was treated with medication. A couple of weeks ago, she was operated on once more. The operation was considered very risky, but to do nothing was not an option.



The photo shows a proud Yasanthi in a new dress made for her by one of the sisters.



In the period before her operation, she enjoyed a big birthday celebration and was really spoiled by the sisters! Happily, we can now report that, within limitations, things are going well with Yasanthi. And the vital intensive



care that she needed was made affordable thanks to all your generous donations.

### KATUPOTHA.

In the spring of 2014, a number of pineapple plants were put into the ground in the garden of the Katupotha orphanage. At first, they looked pretty sorry for themselves! But now there are some beautiful pineapples all ready for harvesting and for enjoying in the houses! From the fruit, the sisters make juice and jam which can also be sold.



It's a similar story with the banana cuttings which after three years have resulted in a big crop that is now ready for picking. The coconut palms which were planted during the 2012 opening of the orphanage are also growing well, although it is still too soon to expect any coconuts for harvesting. While we do not yet have our own supply, our 'coconut requirements' are being met by the local parish. They represent an important ingredient in the preparation of curry sauce!



...**'WHOEVER SAVES A CHILD SAVES THE WORLD'**...



## ACTIVITIES:

During recent times we have been delighted to receive a number of gifts. A kind couple even said 'no presents for our birthdays – but instead please make a donation to the Stichting'. That resulted in a very impressive sum of money!

Thanks to your donations and gifts our work on behalf of the Sri Lankan orphans can continue.



Our own 'market stall' which offered a host of homemade articles, was located this summer at the Tourist Market in Oostkapelle. It generated not only very welcome money but also enjoyable, funny, worthwhile and often moving conversations.



## POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS:

For interested parties we are pleased to offer Powerpoint Presentations with detail aspects of the history, religions and the economy of the beautiful island of Sri Lanka... 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. We will be happy to come and arrange things.

## WORKING VISIT:

In November it is planned that two of our committee members will go on a working visit to the three orphanages. In the next Newsletter you will be able to read their report.

## 'SPECIAL NEWS' FROM THE ORPHANAGES:

In January 2015 the 'Apostle of Sri Lanka' St. Joseph Vaz was declared a saint by Pope Franciscus.

To celebrate this event, the sisters and the children visited his memorial and then went swimming, and enjoyed a memorable time together.



In October the children are organising an exhibition of handicrafts, modelling, drawings and paintings, all of which they have made themselves. They are all really looking forward to this occasion, and we hope to bring you more news in the next Newsletter.



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With warm regards,



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