

# Newsletter June 2010

At the end of June, we celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Milhous Jayakody Children Home. An important milestone that we did not want to ignore. As a foundation here in the Netherlands, we have worked in recent years for the welfare and care of orphans in Sri Lanka, who now have safe accommodations in our children's home. We did this by gaining publicity in the region and raising funds from private individuals, schools, churches and social organizations.

In Sri Lanka the orphans now receive proper care, education and warmth in a protected environment. This has made the children happy people, who go to school with pleasure and faithfully do their homework. It gives us great joy as we hear and see how the children play and enjoy themselves like all the other children in the world but with a harrowing exception that they have no parents. We also want to let you know that the children and the sisters are very grateful for the help they receive.

It is therefore very important to continue our work supporting the children. We will continue to need your financial assistance. Fortunately, we can do a lot because we have a network of loyal donors, but that does not detract from the fact that our work entails high costs. School fees in particular are a major expense item, which we believe cannot and should not be cut back. A good education is essential if a child has to stand "on its own feet" later and has no network to fall back on.

Our overhead costs are very low, but with your help this could possibly be further reduced. That is why we would like to ask you, if you have e-mail and now receive these letters by mail, to inform us of your e-mail address, so that we can send you the newsletters by e-mail and thereby saving costs.

Please send an e-mail to our treasurer, [schouwenaar6@zonnet.nl](mailto:schouwenaar6@zonnet.nl)

It still stands that without your help and gifts our activities would strand. Please keep supporting us financially because the children in Sri Lanka are really worth it.

**"whoever saves a child, saves the world".**

Kind regards,  
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