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Time is going fast! Last 27th of June it was two years ago the children home in Pamunugama started. Thanks to your gifts we can already take care for our children for these two years and we are happy and all is well with them.

Last February during our staying in Sri Lanka we took the decision to start the second project. In the meantime there happened many things. The new project is growing and ask much attention of us and the sisters. We made clear agreements about the construction and the responsibility of the payments. We found a good constructor. The foundation has been realised and the construction of the house goes fast. At the ground of the building there was made a well. The construction of the well has been paid by a friendly builder and contractor.

We are very glad about this because the water of the well is drinkable and we diminish the costs of water. It is a good thing we can realise this second project. The need of children in Sri Lanka is still enormous, specially in the area of the new children home. In this area there is poverty and many orphans. The credit facilities of this project are of extra donations. We are very grateful for. For example we got donations of a married couple of their 50th wedding party, also an action of persons of a cycling club which got new dresses. Several churches and schools supported us to contribute for the new building and the cost of maintenance of the children.

At the website [www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl](http://www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl) you can see more pictures of the second project, the national holiday of Sri Lanka and the return of our children from a day at school.

Also we have good news about the children of the children home. They are going to school and get good results. One girl, Ganga is very clever at school and she told us she will become a doctor. Together with the sisters we investigate if this is possible. When the children come home from school they tell their experiences to the sister. We have shared these moments.

In the time the children are not at school the sisters organise many activities. Every time when we were in Sri Lanka we were surprised about the dancing of the children. At Saturday morning some girls with sisters go to Colombo for dancing lesson in a school of dancing. The result is very good. Not so long ago the children were invited for a party the embassy of the United States in Sri Lanka. They made paintings, could play and got sweets and enjoyed meals. In Sri Lanka the 14th of April is a national holiday. Also in our children home it was a great happening. The children were active with plays like sack-races, musical chairs and so on. It is nice to see the similarity between our "Queensday" and their national holiday.

In February we were present that a young girl of between 8 years old were adopted in our children home. Her mother died a few years ago and her father recently. The family of the girl was too poor and had no house to take care for the girl. She entered very sad the Milhous Jayakody children home and stared in front of her. The other children of the house invited her to come to the bascule in the garden and very careful she did it. Two days she was less sad and at the day of our departure she raised her hand as a sign it is going good. At such a moment you realise how nice it is to do this work!

The computers we bought for the children in February are used frequently. There is a regular contact between the children of our house and children in Holland.

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During the summer holidays our children are staying for one or two weeks in other children homes in Sri Lanka. This is a good system, it costs nothing, the children are in an other neighbourhood and after the holidays they can tell at school their histories and experiences. The sisters try to do things like in “normal” family life. We appreciate their creativities!

In March 2011 the Inland Revenue controlled our ANBI status (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling). The tax officer was very content about our way of working and we keep our ANBI status. Many thanks for our treasurer. It means that your donations are duty-free!

The construction of our second project we can pay with the money of our regular donors, but for the maintains of the children we look for an enlargement of our donors.

Please help us to find such persons. Perhaps you know in your family, colleagues, neighbours who would be a donor of the Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka. You *can* do it from € 5,00 pro month.

In the meantime we made power point presentations and a movie about our projects. We can show it during meetings of churches, schools, societies etc. You can contact us about it.

Our starting point is still: “**Somebody who saves one child saves the world**”

Thanks to your cooperation and financial help we can do this work and together with the children we say:

Thank you very much!

Kind regards,

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