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## Newsletter December 2011

### “ Somebody who saves one child saves the world “

The year 2011 has been nearly finished, so it is good to remember what happened this year and specially with our projects. In February the board was in Sri Lanka and there we decided to participate in constructing a second children's home in Katupota. As you can see in the picture the construction makes progress and we hope that in the first months of 2012 the children can live in the new home. So 24 orphans can get a safe home and a better future.

Thanks to your donations we could pay the construction of the house and we are astonished what we can achieve together. It is heart-warming to see the spontaneous donations of private persons, organisations, churches, schools and societies. It is great how you supported us to make it possible to construct the house in such a short time.

With the money of our regular donors we can pay every month the meals, clothes, medical intervention, school and so on of the 24 children in Pamunugama.

Our ambition is that in the future the children's homes will be self-supporting. The house in Katupota is situated at 1 hectare land. We will plant there coconut trees, banana trees. We will also buy chickens and little animals like goats.

The fruit will be used by the children and the chickens and goats partly by the children and partly for sale. Also we will start a day nursery for the children in the village during the time their parents are working. They have to pay something for the day nursery. By these initiatives the children's home gets money and we in Holland money can diminish our financial help.

But that is music for the future and therefore we look for donors who will support us now we have to maintain 48 instead of 24 children

### **You can be donor for € 5,00 monthly!**

Because we have a foundation with ANBI status your donations are tax-deductible. The Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka is a little one, we have “short lines”, little overheads, our travelling and hotel expenses we pay ourselves. In this matter all your donations are for good for the children of our projects.

3 October, “Children's day”, is a public holiday in Sri Lanka. The children of the Milhous Jayakody Children Home and children from some other children's homes were invited by the President of Sri Lanka to be present at a party in Colombo. It was very impressive for the children. They got stand drinks, there were dances, music and games. At the picture you can see the children had much pleasure.

This year the children visited also a zoo and could see and admire the wild animals.

In December there will be several activities in the children home, for example the decoration of the house and Christmas, with presents. The board gives extra money so the children will be a little bit over-indulged.

We could see during our trip to Sri Lanka in February that more tourists come to Sri Lanka. Some of them ask us if it is possible to visit the children home. We appreciate that very much, but we ask them to arrange that with the staff of the house.

Every time when we are in Sri Lanka we are surprised that the children in “ our “ house play in good harmony without computer games and other expensive western toys. So when you have the plan to visit the house and to give some presents consult it with the staff. You can buy nearly every thing in Sri Lanka so it is not necessary to buy things in Holland. The prices in Sri Lanka are low and by buying things in Sri Lanka you can stimulate the economy.

*At our website [www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl](http://www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl) you can read our newsletters, see the pictures of the second house, the Children's day and other pictures, and you can see  
**how to become a donor***

The board of the Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka wish you:

***Happy Christmas and a successful and healthy 2012***

Kindly regards,

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