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## Newsletter from the foundation "Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka"

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On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2012, our foundation presented itself on the free market in Goes. The goal is to gain more recognition within the local community and thereby to recruit more regular donors which will enable us to make and realize our plans for the future.



## *"Whoever saves a child, saves the world"*



To go to school the kids have a 20 minute walk. The youngest are picked up by some kind of school bus and also brought home again. The children really like school, achieve good results and have contact with the local children from the village.



It has occurred several times that people from the Netherlands, on vacation or during their honeymoon, visit our children's homes. This is greatly appreciated by us, by the sisters and the children.

Each visit has, in its own way, helped to fill the "pantry" with necessities.



On this picture we see Sister Amatha with a little boy, he is one of a twin. Their mother left the family and the father now brings his 2 children to the children's home in Katupotha every day, where they are lovingly looked after and cared for by the sisters. In the evening their father comes to pick them up again. This is a first step towards the nursery.



Our foundation regularly receives donations from churches, schools and other organisations. We also receive gifts from anniversaries, birthdays etc., but also donations given for a specific goal. For example, recently we received a donation from a service club that would like to see the money spent on education. Now that our children are getting bigger and older, we as a board will have to start thinking about how to manage the further education of the children. This gift is a fine starter for that project.



We had already reported about Yasanthi, a girl with a serious heart problem. Unfortunately, surgery is still not possible because the infection is still active. She is currently in the children's home in Pamunugama and she may not exert herself. She will be operated on as soon as possible in Colombo in Sri Lanka. It remains a worrying situation.

## You can already become a regular donor for € 5.00 per month!

We as a board are very grateful, on behalf of our children, to you as donors and benefactors that you make our work possible.

However, it is a constant concern to have to transfer the required sum of money needed every month, especially now that we have 2 homes with 48 children to manage.

Certainly you could ask: Why 2 homes then? But you must realize that the needs of the children and people in Sri Lanka are so high and we could and want to do a lot more. But we also seek continuity. Will you help us search for regular donors like, for instance, your neighbours, your friends or acquaintances? It is already possible from € 5 per month. One-off donations or a notarial donation are naturally also welcome.

Our foundation has been classified as an ANBI foundation, so your donations are fully deductible from the income tax.



The Foundation has a wonderful Power Point Presentation about the country Sri Lanka and our children's homes. We would like to show them at schools, associations, etc.

Maybe you know such an organization. Report this to one of the board members.

On the website: [www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl](http://www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl) you can read about our work. You can also view photos of the children and the two homes.

Kind regards,

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