

Newsletter from the foundation "Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka"

December 2012

In January it will be a year ago that the children's home in Katupota was taken into use. This is the first full year that we have run two children's homes in Sri Lanka. Our foundation looks back with great satisfaction and gratitude to this year, in which all went well with the children.



"Whoever saves a child, saves the world"



In Sri Lanka the children have their exams in December. This is an exciting period for the children here, as it is for those in the Netherlands. Especially subjects like English require attention of the children because their own writing and language is so different. The results of the children are good and, of course, this pleases us.



Last November we received an email from Wathsala, a girl from our children's home in Katupotha, in which she wrote us that she was happy with the result of her English exam. With the help of the sisters she improved from 2.6 to 6.5. Her e-mail was also neatly in English. Now there is an exchange of e-mail in English with children from schools in the Netherlands. Drawings now also travel the world from schools in the Netherlands to our children's homes in Sri Lanka.



This year our treasurer has again sent extra money to buy Christmas presents for the children.



Just like in the Netherlands, Christmas is also celebrated here and gifts are really appreciated.

In our last newsletter we informed you that one of our children called Yasanthi had a heart condition. We are very happy to tell you that Yasanthi has meanwhile had surgery on her heart and that she is doing well. The operation lasted 7 hours and according to the information we received, she was then linked to a heart lung machine for quite some time. We are happy to report that she has recovered quickly and rather well. Such a hospitalization naturally brings extra costs and we have been able to pay this thanks to your donations. It really comforted her that the operation could take place in the children's hospital in Sri Lanka so she could be cared for by her own people, who speak her own language. Time will only tell whether she will be able to run and play freely with her friends and the other children again.



The foundation “Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka” would be happy to organize an information session or evening with a Power Point Presentation. A member of the board will tell you about Sri Lanka, the culture, the history, the population and, of course, all about our projects. Should you be interested, please contact us.

We can only do our work thanks to your contributions. Your donations to the foundation “Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka” are tax-deductible, because we are an ANBI-designated foundation. If you convert these donations into periodically committed donations, no threshold or ceiling applies. Our foundation has contact with a notary's office who will take care of this for us free of charge. This is attractive for gifts from 250 euros per year up. We, as board of the foundation, are very happy and grateful that you are willing to help us financially to provide for the livelihood of these children in Sri Lanka.



Our newsletter is published three times a year, aiming to inform you as a donor / sponsor about the activities of our foundation. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know.

On the website: www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl you can read about our work. You can also view photos of the children and the two homes.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

Kind regards,

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