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Newsletter from the foundation "Stichting Netherlands Sri Lanka"

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The children are doing very well, they are healthy and go to school. This year a holiday exchange of children's homes took place again. This way, the children enjoy the holidays in an efficient and inexpensive way. During the exchange the children went to the beach and this year there was also a real talent show with singing and dancing. Our children also participated well in sports. Ganga was the best in athletics for girls under the age of 17 and Yadeesha became champion high jumping.



If the children are ill, they can go to a doctor and, if necessary, a hospital. And now it has been arranged that they can also go to the dentist. Anjana and Ishani, had to have tooth plates placed on their teeth.



COVER GRATE FOR THE WATER WELL

At the start of the construction of our children's home in Katupotha we had already had a well dug. With the help of an engine, the water is pumped up to water tanks on the roof. This way we have our own water supply for free. During our working visit we saw that the deep well was not shielded. We then instructed a local contractor to place a grid on the well, so that the safety of the children is guaranteed.

PINEAPPLE PLANTS

Because there is sufficient land available at our children's home in Katupotha, we have decided to plant pineapple trees. For this the ground had to be levelled first and then 500 pineapple trees were planted. This is very healthy for the children, furthermore they make delicious jams and in case of surplus they can even sell it. So we will now have coconuts, bananas, papayas and pineapples from our own yard.



NEW CONCRETE ENTRANCE

Because of the enormous tropical rain showers, the grounds at the entrance of children's home in Katupotha were often flooded. During our working visit we instructed a local contractor to make a paved access road. Thanks to donations, this plan has now been implemented and the children can go to school again with dry feet.



"Whoever saves a child, saves the world"

In the latest period we were once again delighted with donations and gifts. For example, we received money collected at a wedding party, from a 90th birthday celebration, from market sales, from church collections and our Powerpoint presentations. From a national travel organization, we received the gratifying message that they have chosen us as charity foundation. This means that they will promote our projects to their clients during the holiday trips. Many holidaymakers have already given us a financial contribution.

We are all very grateful to you, because without your support we would not be able to do our work in Sri Lanka. Therefore a friendly request, please continue to support us. All your donations are tax-deductible as we are a ANBI-designated foundation.



THE 3RD CHILDREN'S HOME

Things are going quite well with the construction of our 3rd children's home in Kelaniya, the exterior is finished and we are now working hard on the further finishing of the interior. They also have construction holidays in Sri Lanka, so the site has been shut down for 3 weeks. At the end of 2013 we hope that the building will be ready.



On our website: www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl you can read all about our work and view photos of our children's homes and the children themselves.

You can also place messages in the guestbook here.

Kind regards,

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