



NEWSLETTER

IN MEMORIAM

MAY 2020

Much to our sorrow, has passed away, our treasurer:

Theo Schouwenaar

We have enormous respect and admiration for the way in which he coped with his illness.

Theo worked for many years with love and dedication for the (orphan) children in Sri Lanka.
We will miss him very much.



★ Kruiningen 15-02-1949 † Goes 29-04-2020

*'And whoever gives to one of these little ones
even a cup of cold water to drink,
because he is my disciple, truly I say to you,
he will not lose his reward'
(Mt. 10 : 42)*

Dear Theo Schouwenaar

Your love, kindness, nearness to us
and our memories will last forever.

The Sisters of Mary Immaculate
with your children



Theo was, from the outset, involved in helping the orphans in Sri Lanka. Thanks to his efforts, the Netherlands Sri Lanka Foundation was able to build 4 children's homes in Sri Lanka, where children have safe shelter, are lovingly cared for, go to school and receive medical care where necessary.





Theo enjoyed the presence of the children very much, and gave them quite a lot of attention. Together, he admired the drawings they had made for him. And he also joined them in their tour of the playroom and the bedrooms with their personal stuff. He watched and enjoyed their dances and listening to the songs they sang. We were always received very warmly and "decorated" with flower chains.



He also visited the schools. He was very pleased when the children from the homes waved at us and shouted goodbye to "Theo Uncle". Theo always took the time to talk to the teacher or master too.



Theo gladly helped with the Kings Market and the Market Of Hope in Goes. He also enjoyed giving PowerPoint Presentations. He always spoke with great enthusiasm about our homes.

Theo: "When I talk about the children, my heart starts beating faster."



At the opening of our 2nd children's home in Katupotha, Theo planted a coconut palm tree.
A scale model was placed with the text:

*Planting a tree is a sign of confidence of the earth.
Planting a tree is an act of hope for the future.
Planting a tree is an act of compassion for future generations
Those who will enjoy its fruits when we are no longer there.*

During our working visits, purchases were often made for the homes. Theo would then go to the back of the store with the manager, where he informed him about our children's homes and the needs that existed.

Then he tried to negotiate a discount. Which always worked. He would come outside with a big smile on his face.



Theo liked to help the children with the computer.



During the working visits the finances were discussed with Sister Amatha. Theo was a fantastic treasurer!



Sister Amatha also wrote an in memoriam:
*"You were always a fatherly figure to our children
 and to us a brother,
 this is a great loss, and we will miss you forever."*

You can read the full text on our site:
www.stichtingnetherlandssrilanka.nl



Sister Amatha also made a very nice memorial video, which can be viewed on our site.

Even until the end, Theo remained closely involved with the ups and downs of the children and the sisters. He enjoyed the many photos and videos that Sister Amatha sent. Theo transferred his financial tasks to Jos Uitterhoeve and we are pleased that he was prepared to take on this task and that he will also devote himself with love to the children in Sri Lanka. In our last visit to Theo we promised him we would keep up with this beautiful work. We will continue to dedicate ourselves with heart and soul to the children who need help in Sri Lanka.
We hope you will continue to support us, for we cannot do it without your help!



Theo,
 Thank you for everything!

WHOEVER SAVES A CHILD, SAVES THE WORLD!

Met kind regards,

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Our four children's homes
 in Sri Lanka are in

 Pamunugama

 Katupotha

 Kelaniya

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