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NEWSLETTER

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CORONA (COVID-19 VIRUS) IN SRI LANKA.

Sri Lanka has also been struck by the Corona-virus. They are experiencing very difficult times over there. Especially the many people who are dependent on tourism. Building is momentarily not allowed; therefore, many construction activities have been discontinued. Already there is so much poverty and because of this it will only get worse. Several parts of the country were in a complete lockdown up till the 28th of April. After that easing measures were implemented. Up till now none of the children or the sisters have been contaminated with the Covid-19 virus. Of that we are very happy.



Latest news

Schools have been closed since halfway March. The children were not allowed to venture outside the homes. Luckily there are large gardens on the grounds of the homes where the children can play to their hearts content.



The sisters were at least allowed to do the necessary shopping for groceries. They were, and still are, obligated to wear face masks. They made the face masks themselves.



The sisters help the children as much as possible with their homework. In the last couple of months, the children received homework and all sorts of tasks from their school. In the villages in Sri Lanka it is not possible to offer digital lessons, as was done elsewhere.

Since the 10th of August the younger children are allowed to go to school for 3 days a week. The elder children go for 5 days a week. Because they have missed so many classes, they will have to



attend school to half past three instead of the normal half past one. These are rather long tiring days for the children. You must realize that school starts at seven o'clock in the morning!

The exams have been postponed from August to October.



The sisters had made a daily schedule for the children. First, they made their homework and then they had cooking classes, dancing lessons and music and singing lessons.



They also created vegetable gardens. The children were taught how to plant and take care of the plants. Once in a while they can now cook and eat vegetables from their own garden. And, of course, that is lots of fun as well as being educational!

Not only vegetables were grown, but beautiful flowers and plants were also planted. In Sri Lanka they love colourful flowers. Everywhere you see pots with plants and flowers. In the wild there are also beautiful flowers and plants in Sri Lanka.



The sewing machines have absolutely not stood idle. The girls in Ja Ela made dresses, skirts and blouses with them. So nice! They enjoy this very much. They would also like to sew clothing for other people. It would be quite nice if they could get some assignments for this. That way they could even earn some money.



Since January 4 children have been admitted in Kelaniya and 3 in Katupotha. We hope and trust that they will feel at home quite soon! No children left the homes.

We, from the foundation, have also felt the consequences of the corona outburst. Unfortunately, we cannot present our PowerPoint shows and therefore we will have no income from the donations that usually follow. And all the Fancy Fairs and tourist markets where we stood with our stall have been cancelled. So, we have generated no income from them either.

We sincerely hoop that you, the regular donators and the people who frequently offer a donation, will keep on supporting us so that we will be able to keep on helping the children in Sri Lanka!

We try to thank everyone personally, but we are not always able to retrieve the correct address or e-mail account.

But we would like to take advantage of this moment to thank everyone who supports us and who has donated funds in the last few months!!

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!!**



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With kind regards,



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