

## NEWSLETTER

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### Latest news

After Christmas, the girls in our homes could still not go to school, because of the lockdown. They made the postponed transition exams in the past few months using mobile phones and computers. They used the mobile phones of the sisters. Fortunately, they all passed and are now allowed to go to the next level / class. That is great! Congrats!



In the home in Kelaniya they have set up a room with computers, so that the older girls could follow their lessons there in silence. The sisters had conjured all kinds of games that they could play with the children, because, of course, they were not allowed to go anywhere. Fortunately, our homes have beautiful gardens, so that they can also play outside. Luckily, they were able to do some gardening and small chores outside. Of course, several birthdays and holidays were celebrated together.



Since March the 25th, the children were allowed attend to school again and they are all very happy with that. Because, having to live "between 4 walls" so long is pretty intense. They do have to wear a facial mask at school for the time being. We are very happy and grateful that there have been no Covid contaminations in the homes.

### Ja Ela

Twelve older girls now live in our newest home in Ja Ela. Two of them are training to be a beautician and four others are training in sewing. Two of them are now schooled seamstresses and have been receiving sewing assignments, with which they can earn some money. That is very good for them, because it allows them to save for their future.



Two other girls are still studying. They've been working on their exams for the past few months. The results of which they will receive in May. They are now following a computer course together with three other girls.

All the girls, together with the sisters, prepare the meals, do the cleaning and maintain the gardens. It is nice to see and hear that they work so well together and that everything is done in perfect harmony. They also have lots of fun together!



## New children

Two new girls have admitted, Yenuli (6 years old) and Sanjana (7 years old). They have experienced quite some "troublesome" years and we hope that they will soon feel at home and safe in their new home. In any case, we know that the sisters and the children will do their very best for them.



## Lanka

Lanka was one of the first girls who came to live in our first home. She has been living on her own for a few years now and has a job. She has a sweet friend and they are now building a house near Anuradhapura. Fortunately, they receive quite a lot of help with the building activities. In the past few years, they have saved as much as possible in order to be able to make this possible. They also received a contribution from the government. We were also able to contribute a little and we are really very happy that we could. This is exactly what we have in mind: to offer all the children a future with perspective! Lanka still maintains close contact with Sister Amatha, the other sisters and the older girls. In fact, our home was and still is her "parental home". She wants to marry her boyfriend, but they would rather wait until Sister Amatha returns to Sri Lanka, so she can also attend the wedding.



## Sister Amatha

Sister Amatha still resides in Italy. Of course, she would really prefer to return to Sri Lanka. But until now that was not possible or very difficult and expensive. Fortunately, the Covid situation in Sri Lanka has slightly improved. But flying still has a lot of restrictions. The tickets are also very expensive. And if she returned, she would have to stay in quarantine in a hotel for two weeks, at her own expense. That is also very expensive. She hopes that you will soon be allowed to stay in quarantine at your own home. Then she will leave for Sri Lanka as soon as possible. We also hope this will happen very soon, because she misses the children and the sisters very much. Fortunately, they are constantly in contact by phone.



## Working visit

Unfortunately, we were again unable to visit the homes in Sri Lanka. That's really a pity, because we would have loved to see and talk to the children and sisters again. Fortunately, sister Amatha informs us regularly how the children are doing. She also sends us plenty of photos. We really like that! This way we feel that we are still keeping in touch with them all.

## Markets, PowerPoint Shows

None of this is allowed at the moment, but we hope that it will be possible again in the course of the year.

But the most important thing is to ..... Stay healthy!

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Our four children's homes  
are situated in

