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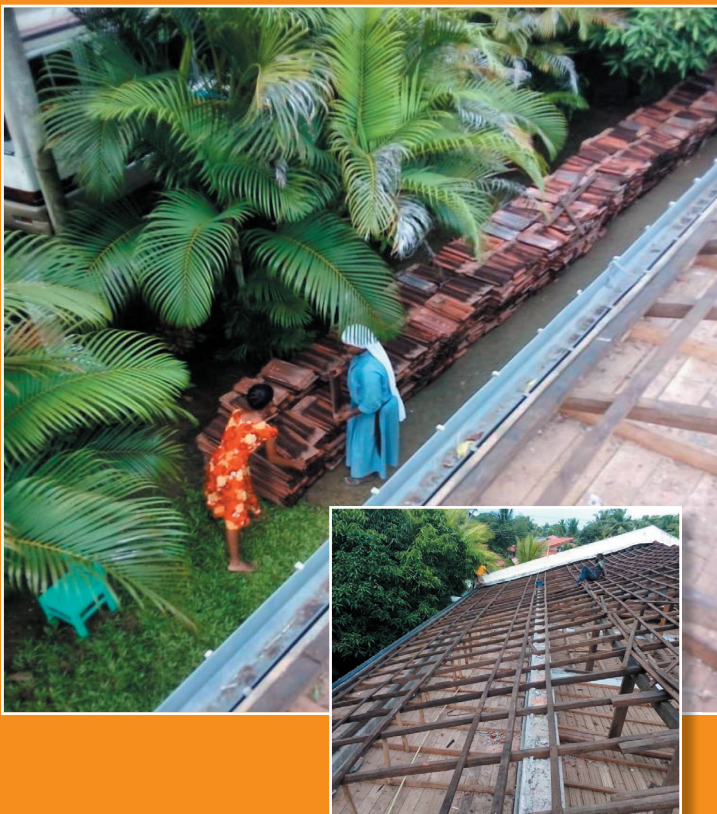
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CORONA (COVID-19):

As we are creating this newsletter all schools have been closed again, because contaminations with the Covid Delta mutation are spreading very fast. Unfortunately, Sister Amatha was unable to travel back to Sri Lanka, because the Covid measures were tightened again. She had an open ticket, but the flight was cancelled. Luckily, she can use this ticket at a later time.

KATUPOTHA:

Due to strong winds and heavy rain showers, a major leak in the roof of the home was discovered. Due to the corona situation, they could not start repairs until June. All the tiles were removed from the roof, so that they could clearly see where the leaks were situated and also which wooden parts needed to be replaced. This was a huge, expensive task. But it is important to have it fixed properly. Fortunately, we have a separate provision for the maintenance of the buildings. But this provision has now been largely reduced!



KELANIYA:

He we were also faced with heavy rain showers. There was so much rain that the water could not be drained and everything flooded. Fortunately, the building is slightly higher than the surroundings, so the water did not enter. And, luckily, the river itself did not overflow.



FISHING:

The sisters made fishing rods together with the children. They now go fishing in the river behind the home. The fish they catch ends up on the BBQ. Having caught some fish, they make a nice party of it. The sisters keep inventing new activities to do with the girls. During this corona period, where the children cannot go to school, this is especially important.



CELEBRATIONS:

In the past few months, the children have celebrated several occasions. They celebrated Buddha's birthday. Unfortunately, due to Covid, they were not allowed to go to the temple. They made beautiful decorations and celebrated the feast together.



The month of May is always dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. This month normally ends with a procession. Of course, that wasn't possible, because of Corona. They now held their own procession, in the garden of the home. The children celebrate all these feasts together. That way they learn from each other. Also, to respect each other's beliefs. Which is quite wonderful!



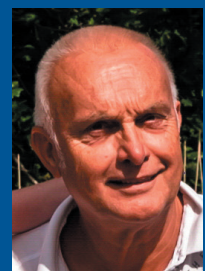
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MARKETS:

We were very happy that the tourist market in Oostkapelle (Zeeland, The Netherlands) has resumed and that we were able to get hold of a stall. We were sponsored by supermarket Jumbo and the Italian restaurant La Vita Bella.

Atelier Bernadien regularly sponsors us with balls of sock wool. In the past few months, she has been selling our self-knitted socks in her own shop.

Thank you all for your wonderful support!

With the proceeds we can replenish the provision for the maintenance of the buildings.

Do you have any plans of organizing a market in the province of Zeeland, The Netherlands? We would be happy to come and join in!



Our four children's homes
are situated in

 Pamunugama

 Katupotha

 Kelaniya

 Ja Ela