

Annual report of the foundation Netherlands Sri Lanka 2021

The board of the foundation held four meetings in 2021. Three newsletters were sent out to the donators and other interested parties.

The newsletters can be found and read on our website.

Due to the covid-19 epidemic we were again unable to conduct a working visit to Sri Lanka in 2021.

Sister Amatha was finally able to return to Sri Lanka at the end of September 2021. After having been held up in Italy for a year and eight months.

During her stay in Italy, she was in contact with the sisters in Sri Lanka every day.

The children and the sisters are all doing well. Fortunately, none of the sisters or children were contaminated with the covid-19 virus.

After the Christmas holidays the children could not go back to school, due to a lockdown. At the end of March, the schools reopened. But early August they were again partially closed until the end of the year.

The sisters have been quite busy with home schooling. Using the few computers and laptops they have and the telephones of the sisters. In addition, they work the gardens and enjoy cooking and dancing lessons conducted by the sisters. The sisters are doing their utmost to keep the children busy in a pleasant and meaningful way.

Four new children have been admitted to our homes.

We are pleased to announce that we were able to provide an extra Christmas contribution, this year, so that presents could be bought for the children. Luckily it was possible to celebrate Christmas together in the Kelaniya home.

After a heavy storm and abundant rainfall, the roof of the home in Katupotha was seriously damaged. Sister Amatha sent an estimate of the repair costs and the funds were sent and the repair work was carried out.

Unfortunately, it was, again, not possible to give PowerPoint presentations, hold Fancy Fairs or attend selling markets in 2021.

The only market that was held and that we attended was the summer tourist market in Oostkapelle, Zeeland, The Netherlands.

As in previous years we will continue our fundraising activities. We will do this, among other activities, by presenting PowerPoint shows, after which we are often presented with a donation, and attending markets where we sell merchandise and hand out flyers.

The number of donors has decreased slightly in 2021.

As of 31-12-2021 the board of the foundation consists of:

Chairman:

E. Sanderse-van den Berg

Treasurer:

J.B. Uitterhoeve

Secretary:

T. Uitterhoeve-Geene

Adopted and signed in Kloetinge on 17-01-2022.

Chairman:

Secretary: