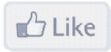


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## NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 2022**

### SITUATION IN SRI LANKA:

Unfortunately, the situation is still very worrying. It is getting harder by the day to get food. Gas, electricity and medicines are almost non-existent or unaffordable. People have already died because they have had to wait so long in queue, in the blazing sun, and then they succumb to the heat. At the beginning of July there was a large national protest demonstration, in which the sisters and the oldest girls also took part. Unfortunately, the atmosphere is also becoming increasingly grim.

The president has finally resigned and has fled abroad. The prime minister is now interim-president, but everyone wants to get rid of him quickly too. He is also partly to blame for this terrible, almost hopeless crisis. New elections have been planned.



### THE CHILDREN'S HOMES:

The sisters and girls are still busy planting beans, sweet potatoes, aubergines, lettuce and fruit in as many parts of the garden as possible. In order to ensure that they will always have something to eat.

They have already been able to harvest several crops. In the lake, near the home for the elderly, they have released young fish, so that in a while they will also be able to catch full-grown fish to eat. This home for the elderly is situated close to our home in Kelaniya.

The girls and sisters regularly go there to provide help or they just go there to sing or dance for the elderly. It's a good thing that they learn how to take care of others this way.

Sister Amatha informed us that she was fortunately able to buy a few bales of rice again.

The schools are closed. Everyone hopes that they will be reopened soon.

Despite all the misery and bad prospects, we are glad to see that the sisters and children remain positive and that you can see happy faces in the photos. They continue to dance, sing, play and celebrate birthdays.





WORK ASSIGNMENTS:

The girls in Ja Ela completed their sewing assignment on the 11th of July: sewing work suits for the staff at the airport. Unfortunately, they are now almost unable to carry out assignments as they have no electricity for the greater part of the day.

One of the girls has now become a schooled hairdresser and it was the intention to open a salon for her. But in these difficult times that is not even an option. She now cuts and curls the hair of the girls in the homes.



FANCY FAIR:

Just before Covid broke out, we had presented a PowerPoint show to the children of a primary school in Heinkenszand. They were planning to organize a Fancy Fair, of which the proceeds would be for us, but unfortunately it was cancelled, due to Covid. We are pleased to announce that this year it was possible to organize it and on May the 18th we received a cheque with a wonderful amount!

THANK YOU ALL, SO MUCH!

This allowed us to transfer an extra amount for additional food to Sri Lanka.



MARKETS:

This summer we will attend the tourist market in Oostkapelle, Zeeland, The Netherlands, every Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm, until the end of September. We will also attend the market in Colijnsplaat on Saturday the 13th of August.



PowerPoint Presentations:

Would you like to know more about our homes in Sri Lanka? We would be glad to offer you a PowerPoint show!

We are very grateful for the extra donations we have received in the last few months. Several churches also collect for our foundation. That is very nice!

And, of course, we are very content with our loyal donators who enable us to continue to take care of the children in these troubling times!



With kind regards. the board:

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