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NEWSLETTER

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SITUATION IN SRI LANKA:

Unfortunately there have been no changes for the better. Food and drinks are getting more expensive by the day. For fuel they use a distribution system using a QR-code. It allows them 10 litres per week. Which makes it very difficult for Sister Amatha to visit all the homes. Electricity is only available for a few hours a day. It gets dark early now, and there are no lights on then. This causes an increase of theft. Gas is hardly available and extremely expensive. Those who protest are arrested and imprisoned. A very, very sad situation. And unfortunately, there are no prospects of the situation improving any time soon.

LATEST NEWS:

The roof of the home in Ja Ela has been damaged by the heavy rainfall. There is also extensive damage to the garden walls in Kelaniya and Katupotha. We hope that they can be repaired as soon as possible so that the children will remain safe in the homes. Sister Amatha will request cost estimates for these repair works. Hopefully these costs will not be too high and we will be able to afford them. It is important to keep the homes well maintained, so that the children have a safe home. A new large water tank is also necessary in Katupotha. Sister Amatha will request a cost estimate for this too.



SCHOOL:

The government has closed the schools from December 23rd to January 1st. After that they will be closed again from January 15th to February 15th due to exams.

For the new school year, which starts in January, they will need new books and other school supplies. These necessities have also become very expensive. Fortunately, we can provide an extra contribution because a school in Ovezande (The Netherlands) is holding a "Santa Claus sponsor run" and a Christmas market. The proceeds of which will be for our foundation. Very kind and wonderful!

Again, some of the girls in our homes have graduated. Some are still waiting for the results of their exams in expectation to know if they will pass on to the next grade.



COCONUTS:

Last month the sisters harvested a large number of coconuts, risking their own lives while climbing so high. Enough for themselves to use and eat and still some to make coconut wine (without alcohol). They had received an order to supply a number of bottles of coconut wine. This enabled them to earn some money. It is also very nice that they are able to harvest so much fruit and vegetables from their own garden.



CHRISTMAS:

Preparations for Christmas are in full swing. The children are decorating the house and the Christmas trees together, and of course the nativity scene is being set up. We hope that they can celebrate Christmas together again with all the children. Sister Amatha is doing her best to get hold of enough fuel through the QR-code system that they use there. If she manages to collect enough, she will take the other children to Kelaniya to celebrate Christmas there all together.



THANKS!

To all donors and everyone who has provided us with a gift or enabled a sponsor campaign for us in the past year: THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Aided by your financial support we are able to continue to help the children in Sri Lanka. We are extremely grateful for that.

Also, on behalf of all the sisters and children: THANK YOU, SO MUCH!



*We wish you a merry christmas
and the best wishes for 2023!*

PowerPoint Presentations:

Would you like to know more about our children's homes in Sri Lanka? We would be pleased to come and show you our PowerPoint presentation!

Expenses:

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With kind regards. the board:

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Our four children's homes in
Sri Lanka are situated in:

 Pamunugama

 Katupotha

 Kelaniya

 Ja Ela