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NEWSLETTER

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SITUATION IN SRI LANKA:

Unfortunately, the situation in Sri Lanka is still very worrying. Many new taxes have been added, so that everything has become even more expensive. The electricity is no longer cut off every few hours, but it has become four times as expensive. Water has also become much more expensive. The government promised to help the poorest people with an extra monetary contribution, but that has still not happened. Poor people, in the cities in particular, are having a hard time. The people who live in the countryside often have their own vegetable garden.

TRIPS:

The sisters had come up with some fun trips. The eldest girls went to Nuwara Eliya, where they saw beautiful waterfalls. A group of girls went to the beach in Pamunugama for a day. They had quite a lot of fun there. The girls in Katupotha visited the ancient Buddhist temple after celebrating the Buddhist New Year.



CHILDRENS HOMES:

There is a lot of dancing and singing in the homes. The sisters also invent all kinds of games. Of course, they also work a lot in their vegetable garden. We are very happy that the sisters always come up with fun things to do with the children. In this way they still have a somewhat carefree childhood, despite all the difficulties.



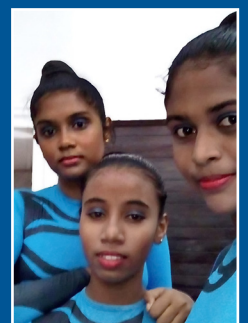
SCHOOL:

The children can go to school every day now. That is good for them. Some girls took their exams in June. It can take up to 3 months before they get the results. After the exams they have their holidays.



SPORTS:

Some girls are members of a sports club. In June there were national gymnastics competitions, in which 3 of the girls participated. One even came second in her category! What an achievement! Everyone is very proud of her.



COOKING:

The sisters held a cooking activity with the little ones. First, they harvested everything in the garden and then the sisters taught them how to clean, cut and cook the vegetables. They built a fire outside, where they cooked everything. They were allowed to take turns stirring and adding spices and then of course eating everything. What a great party!



FESTIVITIES:

The girls in Kelaniya celebrated Maria's party on May 31st, together with the people from the retirement home. The old people enjoy it very much when the girls come to sing and dance. Of course, birthdays were also celebrated with a delicious cake and homemade gifts.



NEW GIRLS:

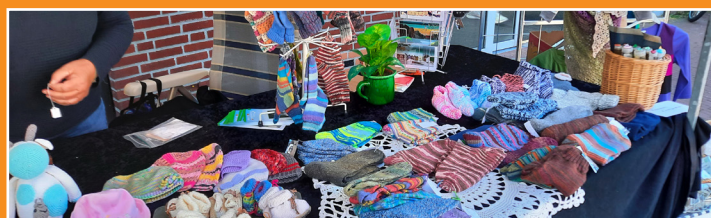
A new girl has arrived in Katupotha and Kelaniya. They already feel at home and are well taken care of by the sisters and the other children. Fine!



MARKETS & FAIRS:

This year we attended the Mother's Day fair in Kloetinge and the Pentecost market in Ouwkerk. In July and August, we will be at the tourist market in Oostkapelle. We are very happy that our stand is sponsored by Jumbo and by Ristorante Pizzeria La Vita Bella. Thank you very much!

On August 12st we will be at the market in Colijnsplaat, during the summer fair. The self-knitted socks and the crocheted things appear to be very popular!



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!

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

 Pamunugama

 Katupotha

 Kelaniya

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