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SITUATION IN SRI LANKA:

Unfortunately, nothing has really changed for the poor people. There are presidential elections in September and all their hopes are pinned on a president from another party. Then changes for the better may finally come.

CELEBRATION:

On April 14th Sinhala and Tamil New Year was celebrated. All the children enjoyed this together. They wore beautiful saris, made by the eldest girls.

In celebration of the New Year, a family offered the children a party. With face painting, candy floss and a bouncy castle. It's wonderful that people are really concerned with the welfare of our children. They all had a great day!



NEW GIRLS:

There have been 3 new girls (6, 10, 12 years old) admitted in Kelaniya and 2 girls (7 and 9 years old) in Katupotha. They were warmly welcomed by the sisters and the children. They already feel completely at home. Isn't that wonderful? A girl with a mental disability was also admitted in Kelaniya. Sister Amatha and Sister Rafaela have been trained to guide and coach children with a mental disability.



SEWING STUDIO IN JA ELA:

The girls in Ja Ela are busy carrying out the sewing assignments they receive. The quality of their work is praised by the clients. They also ensure that the assignments are completed on time. They also make beautiful rugs. Recently they bought a fabric cutting machine, which is very useful. We are absolutely very proud of the girls!



EXCURSIONS:

During the holidays the sisters organised excursions. One of the groups went to the elephant orphanage in Pinnawala and another group to Galle, which was once a Dutch settlement. There is still a fortress and a church that remain from that time.
The girls enjoyed seeing Dutch buildings.



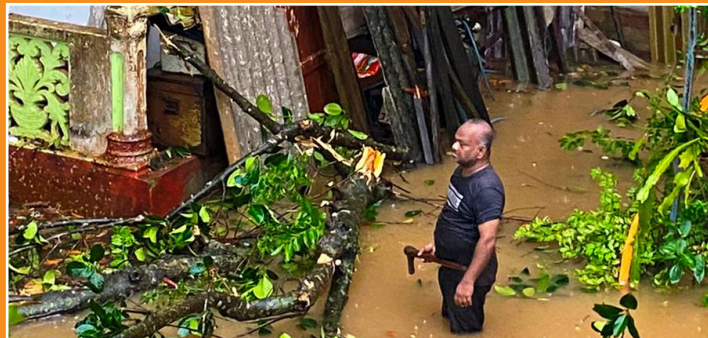
SCHOOL:

A few girls who took their exams received a badge for their dedication, helpfulness and their high marks. They really did their very best this past year. We are so very proud of them!



HEAVY RAINFALL:

Kelaniya has had to deal with heavy rainfall in June again. The river burst its banks, so that the people living on the river had to leave their homes. Sister Amatha temporarily took in several children who could no longer live at home.
They helped the poorest people and provided them with packed lunches. Fortunately, our home did not suffer any damage. However, there was a short circuit in the security camera, which will have to be replaced.
The schools were also closed for a while.



POWER POINT PRESENTATION:

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 Pamunugama

 Katupotha

 Kelaniya

 Ja Ela