



NEWSLETTER and REPORT **WORKING VISIT December 2012**

Foundation **Kansarmen Sri Lanka**

To all who contribute a financial warm heart to our Foundation or who show special interest in the work of our Foundation we would like to inform those people about activities and developments in the past half year.

The 100st project!

A milestone has been reached since the start in 2006 of our Foundation. Recently the 100st project was realized. Made possible by lots of actions, projects and support of private people, companies, clubs, schools, funds and not to be forgotten by the support of “**Wilde Ganzen**” who adds and contributes 55% of collected gifts.

On our website you can read a report of each action ever taken. Clean drinking water and sanitation have been installed in 85 schools (45.000 children!), orphanages, homes for the elderly and handicapped. Boards of our Foundation in the Netherlands and in Sri Lanka continue full speed with their clear and efficient work! Together with all our contributors we want to follow through to the next 100 projects!

Join us on Facebook!

Since almost one year our Foundation also has a facebook account. So for facebookers among us please go to www.facebook.com/stichtingkansarmensrilanka and *like* our page.

Royal Decoration



Hanny van Nuland is secretary of the foundation in the Netherlands. She got her decoration during our annual volunteer party in De Mijlpaal, meeting centre in Hernen. For more than 30 years she does a terrific job. Among other things she is a board member, member of the management team and she takes part in the work group publicity. She buys products, works behind the bar and whenever needed she does the cleaning. Furthermore there is no event in the village in which Mrs. van Nuland is not participating. Sjors Lubeek, chairman of De Mijlpaal calls her “A golden volunteer”, a volunteer who is available for 365 days in a year. CONGRATULATIONS HANNY!

Bookfair Vincentius club

We are thrilled! The Vincentius club from Den Bosch has chosen our Foundation as a main project for their collected money during the bookfair on 25, 26 en 27 January 2013 in the Brabanthallen in Den Bosch! This means much publicity for the Foundation and a nice amount of money as subsidy with which we can realize drinking water for 100 poor families in Sri Lanka. For the building and deconstruction of the bookfair we still need volunteers so that we can collect all of the money. So please register yourself by: [Jan van der Steen](#).

Jumbo Winterland in Oss: please take a look!



You can do some free skating on “de Heuvel in Oss” during Jumbo Winterland from 20 December including 6 January. The revenues are for good causes: the Verdihuis and for the Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka.

Adanech goes Sri Lanka!

In short time Adanech Winkler is going to help disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka for a period of six months to give them a better life. Among other things she is going to give health lessons for the Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka, she does this at several rural schools. By her facebookpage Adanech asks: 'It would be terrific if you would support me financially. All bits are helpful. To be perfectly clear: the money is not meant for me personally but for the Foundation. There are good contacts between Adanech and "Het Buitenschoolse Net" from Oss, this organization is going to support us and Adanech coordinates this also: helping children from Sri Lanka and helping children here in Holland by exchanging information.

Work visit November 2012 (you can see a photo impression on our website)

Accompanied by Ebelien Dijkema Jan van der Steen again has paid a work visit in November to inspect the projects. Below you can read his report.

"Also this time I have seen old and especially new projects. For some of the new projects we also visited schools in the surroundings of Kandy, for me a new and beautiful area. These poor schools lie in the mountains hidden between tea plantations. The parents pick tea or work in the tea factories. Also visited some projects which only have been completed recently. On arrival the people showed so much gratitude! As an example: There is a school with 1700 children who now have drinking water all year round! The headmaster of the school really appreciates the work of Chaminda. He was always there and he kept an eye on everything. A nice compliment for Chaminda, although he is very modest.

Often in Holland I get the question: do you experience special events? I can assure you: every day, every visit is a special event although apparently nothing special is happening.

One experience I would like to share with you: On 12 November we go to a school with 350 children in the N.W Province. The project is ready and we film and take pictures for our back donor. On 13 November Chaminda gets a phone call of this school that a boy of 12 has died in a tragic traffic accident. Very tragic of course. 16 November we again are in the neighborhood of the school and Chaminda points to a black and white picture on a pole next to the roadside. Chaminda explains that it is a habit to show the picture of the deceased person, in this case the 12 year old boy. It is a picture of a baby I remark. They always take the most recent picture and Chaminda replies that the parents only possess a picture taken is a baby. I realize at once that maybe one day earlier we have taken a picture with this particular boy on it. A few days later we go with our laptop and pictures to the school. The class teacher joins us and looks and looks but her group and this particular boy she cannot find. Everybody is really disappointed. We return for a long trip home and the trip was silent ...

On 27 November, my last day in Sri Lanka, I am looking at my film material and suddenly I see appear the class teacher. Also some of the boys are in the film. There is hope again We make several print screens and 7 December I hear from Chaminda that the deceased boy is recognized on one of the print screens! Chaminda is going to check this himself and hopefully we can give the parents a recent picture in remembrance of their son.

Jan van der Steen.

Presentations for your school, organization, acquaintances or club we take care of on a voluntary basis.

Do you have a good idea for an action than you can always contact a board member.



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