



## Project Kalapuwa Sri-Lanka.

May 2017

Theo Mosch and Monique op de Weegh-Mosch were in Sri Lanka from the 4th to the 14th May 2017 to continue the work for the Foundation. The agenda for the ten days included the following projects:

- Orphanage
- Prison
- Micro-credits
- Students
- School children
- Help for the Buddhist Junior School

### Orphanage



Immediately following our arrival we went to check on the Orphanage. The First action was to distribute the Girls4Girls envelopes (initiative from Monique to have 35 envelopes, filled with 'Girl things' by women and girls in the Netherlands). The girls were surprised and delighted. The timing could not have been better as all their personal cupboards had just been renovated giving them a private space of their own.

Also, the roof has been repaired and painted and the toilets renovated.

Important for the girls is that 120 new dresses have been made and 35 children will receive new school shoes.

Before:



After:



The kitchen and dormitory have had a serious make-over and everyone is delighted with the result. Everywhere is now freshly painted and thanks to the new roof, the space where lessons and drama are given no longer lets the weather in.



### Prison

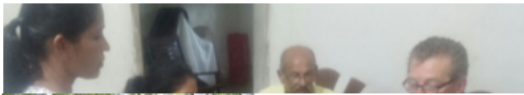
We made two visits to the prison this time. Firstly to bring essential items to the mothers and children living in the prison. With the help of the prison social worker a list had been made of what was needed. There are currently 4 children living in the prison but this number is often higher. The second visit, having now established the sizes required, was to take items of clothing for the children

and also to deliver new slippers for the 74 women prisoners and ...a new TV Aerial. Everyone was greatly appreciative.



and re-adjusted the agreement ( a period exemption) but on the basis that we are able to see a serious desire and commitment on their behalf. These situations will be re-evaluated in December when a decision will be made regarding the arrears.

### Students



We already support 10 students financially on a monthly basis and on this trip we have accepted 10 more into the project. This part of the project is



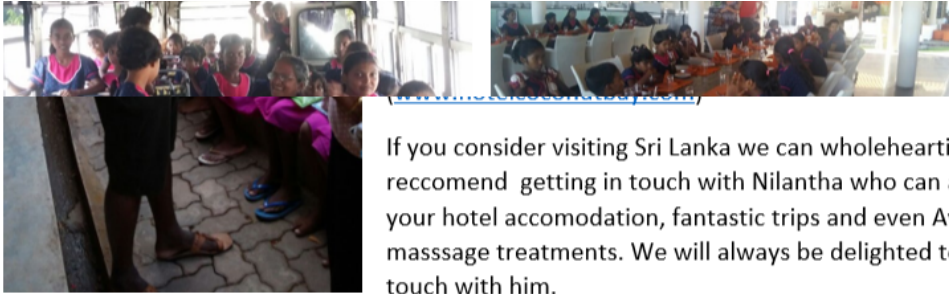
On this visit 140 school children have been given a new school bag, a school aid set according to their age group, a new school uniform and in some cases new shoes. As it is every time, it was again a logistical challenge to get

### Highlights of this trip

Every trip is extraordinary and especially as we are able to see the results of all the donations and investments. Children who are able to complete their studies, get a good job and support their families. Those receiving a micro-credit and are able to achieve an acceptable level of income to support themselves and their families.

The absolute high-point of this trip was the day trip for the orphanage. Nilantha (our eyes and ears and driving force for the Kalapuwa Foundation) once again proved his worth in organizing this trip. Obtaining a coach, permission from the local government (two officials went with the trip for the whole day), water and soft drinks, cake and cookies for everyone and on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> the girls assembled and left on the trip at 5.45 am. First a visit to the Zoo followed by lunch on the beach at Unawatuna, a trip to the Fort at Galle finishing off at a small festival. The month of May is the month of Buddha and there are festivals everywhere. This was an unique experience for nearly all the girls. They had never had a day out, never had lunch in a restaurant or been to the zoo. Fantastic to see how much they enjoyed themselves and they were singing loudly on the bus on the way home.





If you consider visiting Sri Lanka we can wholeheartedly recommend getting in touch with Nilantha who can arrange all your hotel accommodation, fantastic trips and even Ayurvedic massage treatments. We will always be delighted to put you in touch with him.

**Your donations make such a difference – Thank you.**

**Every Euro goes where it is most needed.**

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