





# Project Kalapuwa Sri-Lanka.

September 2017

## News letter

From the 21st. September to the 2nd. October Paul Davenport and Theo Mosch were back in Sri Lanka to put some extra impetus behind the project.

This visit was to put special emphasis on the following projects:

- Orphanage for boys
- Micro credits
- Our students

## Orphanage for boys

Next year will see the start of a large project. The renovation of the orphanage for boys ( see photo). Not long ago this orphanage accommodated 50/60 boys from the age of 3 to 18 years but because of the dilapidation of the sleeping quarters this number was reduced to only 17 orphans. Paul and I conducted a thorough evaluation of the work needed to create suitable living accommodation and the necessary work will commence in the new year. In March 2018 we expect to have constructed a new roof and all the internal accommodation and we will be back in Sri Lanka in May to finalise the project.



The brother-in-law of Nilantha, our main contact there, is a structural engineer has provided technical assistance and will carry out the repairs, taking no salary for his involvement, together with Nilantha. The first step was to construct a new water well.

## Micro Credits

The photo shows one of the successes of this element of the project. This man was given, two years ago, a Micro Credit to start a dry fish business. From a modest start in a small accommodation he has been able to move his business to larger premises just outside the peninsular and has now two people working for him. He requested an extra credit to further expand his



product selection. The problem being that some types of fish are only available for a limited period in the year and he has to make his purchases for a 12-month period at that time. We have given him an extra credit of 300,000 rupees = € 1,750 to expand his business.

## Student support



We are extremely enthusiastic about this part of the project. It is truly gratifying to see how these students are making excellent academic progress with the financial aid we are able to give them. From junior school to advanced level and on to university, all 22 students are well on track and even surpass our expectations.



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