



Srilankan Hope for Children

November 2020

Dear sponsor parents,

This year I got to write the newsletter again. My name is Ingrid Wester and I have been helping Natasja and Ramani in Sri Lanka since 2018. I can definitely say that I enjoy this a lot.

I was lucky enough to help Ramani in November last year. She has all the school supplies stored at her guesthouse. It is an enormous job to divide everything like, books, pens, shoes, socks etc. for every child. When everything is sorted out per child and per class, it goes into boxes and is delivered to the schools.



I came along to the schools to hand over all items to the children. What an incredible experience it was to see all those faces full of joy and happiness. But again, what an enormous task to make sure every child gets the right supplies. We take a picture of every child for their sponsor parent(s).

After we handed everything out, we were invited for tea and many sweets every time! I tasted different sweets at every school, definitely enjoyed that. I take my hat off to Ramani who pulls this off every year again.

Unfortunately I got to the realisation that we have been asking the same amount of money of our sponsor parents every year. This is no longer sufficient to get all the supplies for each child as I have seen first-hand. You can find information on our website as to what supplies have to be purchased yearly per child. Some of these things do not have to be purchased yearly, for instance a backpack or a lunchbox. We have brought the sponsor amounts more in line with the costs per school year. We know this time in particular is a very difficult time due to the corona virus, but we still hope we can count on your sponsoring and support.

Sri Lanka was voted the number one holiday destination. This would mean a thriving economy. Due to corona virus, there are no tourists. This is an incredibly upsetting situation for a land that thrives on tourists. No tourists means no income for almost the entire population. Sri Lanka has had to endure hit after hit, first with the bombings and now the corona virus.

But there is good news as well!!

We have already managed to fill and send 20 boxes with school supplies, games, puzzles and different kinds of toys this year!

As I am writing this, a shipment of boxes has just arrived for a second time in Sri Lanka! It is however going to be challenge to distribute everything between all the schools.



I had also introduced my two lovely sons to Sri Lanka last year. Together we visited two schools.

They have to see for themselves what happens with the money that my colleagues saved up.

Two playsets have been purchased for a school. A swing and a climbing device. An amazing experience for my boys.

Unfortunately, Natasja and I could not go to our beloved Sri Lanka this year due to the Corona virus. The schools have been closed from the beginning of March until September. That is why the children have not been able to draw a picture for their sponsor parents.

We hope everything will be normal next year and that the schools will be open again next year.

Love Natasja; Ramani and Ingrid

Latest news about Corona in Sri Lanka

Due to the corona crisis, schools in Sri Lanka are currently closed again. The schools are not expected to open this year again.

As soon as the schools re-open, Ramani will give the children their new school supplies for the coming year.

The school supplies from last year have not been used throughout the whole school year and therefore the children receive less stuff (shoes, notebooks).

Many villages are in lockdown due to the virus. Most parents already had little work; they generally work as day labourers.

Because of Covid-19, the parents now have no chance of work at all. As a result of no income and therefore no money to buy food for the children.

At the moment, the situation is so serious that many of our children have a food and a vitamin deficiency in food and vitamins and some children even end up in hospital. If necessary, we would like to donate a small portion of your sponsorship money for food for the children.

At the moment Ramani is doing everything she can to provide the children with some healthy food to keep them from becoming ill.


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With this newsletter you will receive, just like every year:

- A photo of your sponsor child.
- Letter with information about your child stating which grade your child will be in next year.
- ~~A drawing of your sponsor child (see text)~~

You can transfer your sponsor contribution to:

Name: N.A.M. Lammers
Bankaccount: NL46 ABNA 0566 570718
Bank: ABN-AMRO in Heemstede
(you can also transfer the money into my English account)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please do not forget to mention the name and / or number of your child with your payment!• Kindly request your sponsorship contribution for 11 December 2020 to be transferred.
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**Thank you very much for your sponsorship contribution with which we help the children of Sri Lanka.
They desperately need your support.**

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