

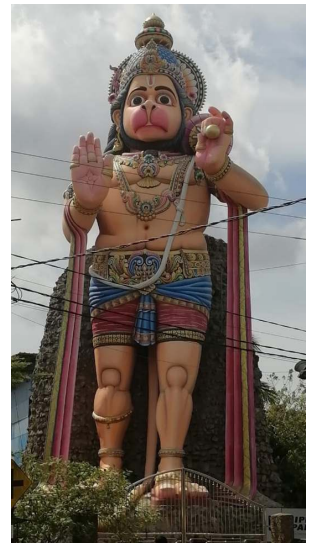


Distribution of Food Relief in Jaffna

At the end of September, Lily chose to celebrate her birthday with a special distribution of food packets to families on the Jaffna Peninsula in the extreme north of Sri Lanka. She, her family, and several members of the Ayappa Society in Kandy took a three-day trip from Kandy to Jaffna, 270 kilometers away. In Kandy, they loaded their truck with hundreds of kilos of rice and other staples which are very expensive in the north. Other necessities were purchased from local merchants.

Many people in this region are still suffering from the devastation wrought during the thirty-year civil war. As she accepted the food, one woman wept, saying she had lost her husband, had nowhere to turn, and had hardly eaten for the past two days. Lily and her party were given warm hospitality from local Ayappa Society members. All the recipients expressed their great gratitude and sent many blessings to BRM donors.

Food inflation in Sri Lanka in August hit 93.7 percent. The situation throughout the country, with growing hunger, hardship, and unemployment is severe. Conditions are particularly dire in the north, but this is rarely reported. One noteworthy exception is a recent article in Al Jazeera with touching photos.



<https://www.aljazeera.com/gallery/2022/9/19/photos-war-ravaged-sri-lankan-tamils-suffer-amid-economic-crisis>



Nevertheless, many in the government have reacted strongly to the UN report that some citizens are reduced to one meal a day. These officials insist that there is no malnutrition in Sri Lanka, and one has even declared that one meal a day is actually a healthy way to live.

BRM will continue distributing food as long as we receive donations from our supporters.

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