

Helping Children, Cancer Patients, Young Men in Rehab, and More



Tikiri Sevana, an Orphanage

In the hills between Kandy and Peradeniya is a lovely government-run orphanage with about 20 children under five years old. We have visited the orphanage several times and made donations to the children. In October, we were happy to make arrangements again to deliver food, including rice, bananas, beans, pulses, coconuts, milk powder, tea, yoghurt, spices, and nutritional supplement, as well as diapers, soap, and laundry detergent. We also bought more than 20 stuffed animals, which we will donate this month, along with 12 bottles of vitamin syrup.

On the fifteenth of every month, Buddhist Relief Mission offers high tea to the patients at this facility, operated by Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Kandy Branch. The home serves as a hostel for out-of town patients to stay during their extended treatment, often lasting three months or more. For our offering, Lily prepares soup and vegetable cutlets. Usually, several friends join us in making egg-salad sandwiches around our dining table.

Kandy Cancer Home



We also serve bananas, yoghurt, juice, and tea. Last month there were 85 residents, but the number has been as high as 100. Along with the High Tea, we also donate a supply of dry rations, cleaning supplies, and whatever medicine the matron requests. The atmosphere in the home is always extremely caring, congenial, and positive, and the facility is entirely dependent on private donations.

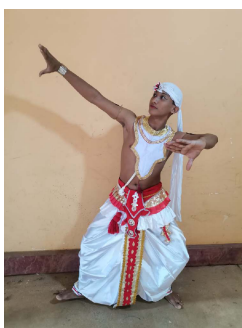


Haji Rafi, a three-wheeler driver, occasionally informs us of families he knows who are in need of food, and we are happy to arrange the requisite number of parcels for him to deliver.

The Buddha said: "If beings knew, as I know, the results of sharing gifts, they would not enjoy their use without sharing them with others, nor would the taint of stinginess obsess the heart and stay there. Even if it were their last morsel of food, they would not enjoy it, without sharing it, if there were anyone to receive it." –Itivuttaka 26

Methasevana Drug Rehabilitation Center

Buddhist Relief Mission and Godwin Memorial Fund provided assistance for the Children's Day Program at this center for young men. Every full-moon day, the residents meditate and take precepts. Last month, so many temples were holding Kathina ceremonies that the counselor could not find a monk to facilitate the puja. He called us and asked whether we could help. With only one day to spare and with the help of one of our Burmese students, we were able to find a Sinhalese monk who was available and willing to help. It was a very auspicious day!



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