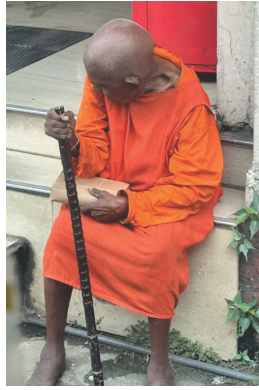


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Homeless in Kandy

Responding to the continuing economic crisis, every Friday, Miracle House Church prepares about two hundred box lunches and distributes them to poor and hungry people on the streets of downtown Kandy. Buddhist Relief Mission is happy to cooperate with this project.



Rehabilitation Center

A few days ago, we received a call from Methasevana Drug Rehabilitation Center in Kandy. The counselor explained that the regular food supplier for the center had been seriously affected by the recent torrential rain and floods and was unable to deliver any supplies. The counselor asked whether Buddhist Relief Mission could provide vegetarian box lunches the following day for the thirty-two young men in residence.



We are grateful to our donors that we are able to respond immediately to emergency requests such as this.



Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

There are about one million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar in Bangladesh. They rely entirely on humanitarian assistance for protection, food, water, shelter, and health. They live in temporary shelters in a highly congested camp setting in Cox's Bazar, and on the island of Bhasan Char. With Bangladesh ranking third in the world among the countries most hit by natural disasters, these refugees are extremely vulnerable to weather-related hazards, such as cyclones, flooding, and landslides. BRM recently sent donations to provide food for orphans and solar panels for one of the schools.



Refugees in Sri Lanka

Two years ago the Sri Lanka Navy rescued more than one hundred Rohingya refugees and brought them to Colombo, where they are still languishing, with little



Rohingya refugees protesting the closure of the UNHCR Office in Colombo, Photo credit: AP

hope for resettlement. In January of this year, they staged a protest against the closure of the UNHCR Office in Colombo, but in vain. Since Sri Lanka has not ratified the 1951 Refugee Convention, these refugees, along with hundreds of others from various countries have been left with no legal status and face imminent statelessness. They have great difficulty finding housing and receiving basic health care. Furthermore, the children are not eligible to attend public schools. Assistance is being coordinated by the National Fisheries Association. BRM is happy to offer some help and is researching the possibility of a physicians' association providing medical care.



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