



# 'Ripples' Network Heaven News

## 'Thank You'

To our Friends in Australia . We love You! Little girl with Gifts (2009).



Sister Alex works amongst the poorest people in the southern town of Galle.



She coordinates the distribution of gifts amongst many children in many distant places in Sri Lanka.



These children live in a tea plantation & simply cannot afford new clothes or stationery for school that is part of the Christmas pack they received.

## Here's your opportunity to bring some Christmas cheer to a poor child in Sri Lanka .....

This project commenced in 2001 sending Christmas gifts to children at the 'Bethlehem Creche' run by Sister Florella—a Carmelite nun. All of the children come from disadvantaged backgrounds where the family income is less than \$3 per day.

With the hike in cost of food many struggle to survive on a daily basis. Their Mum's work on building sites, sweep streets or work as domestics. There is **no** income when Mum gets sick or has to care for a sick child.

Sister Alex from the Sisters of Charity works with the tsunami victims and other disadvantaged groups in Galle— 90 miles from the capital— Colombo. There is no social security system in Sri Lanka. So, life is grim if you happen to be born into a poor family.

Over the years many disadvantaged children in Orphan-

ages, Plantations, tsunami victims. Children of prisoners and more recently war victims have been included to receive a one-off Christmas gift in December 2010.

This year an Orphanage run by the Sisters of Charity in the war ravaged North with 50 girls has been selected to receive a gift. This cannot happen without your help.

In total 500 individual gift packs are needed this year. Gifts are distributed to children of **ALL** nationalities without discrimination.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour Jesus—please spare a thought to bring some joy into the lives of one of these children.

The gift put together is very practical. It includes a new set of summer cotton clothes, undies, school items, toiletries together with a small toy and lolly bag.

Please help bring some relief to these little ones this Christmas ? There are many children from Plantations, Orphanages, Creche, war victims and tsunami affected children



These girls who are all victims of the war in the North received a gift for the first time!

You can select a child from the our list. Contact Anne to obtain a name. Alternately you may want to purchase misc items

(please see 'whats needed' on reverse side of the page)



## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for

packing Christmas gifts Certificates can be arranged for your school community service' Project.

Dates: Sat Oct 2nd, 10am -5pm  
Mon Oct 4 to 8th 10am—5pm

See contact info on reverse side

**'To Sri Lanka with Love'**  
**Help them smile this Christmas**  
**.... You can make a difference!**

# To Sri Lanka with Love 2010

**Gift wrap is appreciated - we will wrap gifts collectively once all items are collated.**

**Donations for freight and bulk stationery items can be made by cheque payable to: 'Network Heaven'**  
C/- Frenchs Forest Baptist Church P O Box 198, Frenchs Forest NSW 1640



These gifts were received by children in the war ravaged North of Sri Lanka. The war has ended but the children at this Junior School have no desks or chairs to sit on.



**Need ,more information?**

Contact **Winsome** on 02 9451 6097 or **Anne** on 9451 0906, M 0409 329 096 after 7pm or by e-mail at [anne\\_salvador@yahoo.com](mailto:anne_salvador@yahoo.com)

## What is needed:

**Summer Clothes** 1 set of new clothes and 3 pairs of cotton undies per child. Must be light cottons to suit hot climate, **Dress or skirt and top for girls (no shorts, minis or straps), Drill shorts and shirt for boys. (no jungle patterns please).** Underwear needs to be 100% cotton and modest (**g strings are not appropriate**).

**Stationery** Textas, coloured pencils, pens, crayons, water colour box with lid, highlighters, rulers, sharpeners, maths sets, stickers, pencil cases, template shapes—alphabets etc

**Toiletries** Fragrant soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, talcum powder, face washers, hand towels, safety pins and nappy pins

### Hair Accessories & Trinkets

Hair Clips, brush and comb sets, rolls of ribbon, handkerchiefs, bangles, chains and earrings, hair bands

**Novelty items & Toys** match box cars, balls, marbles, soft toys, skipping ropes, small dolls, small games, hats, tennis balls, hand held mini puzzles, packets of farm animals (mist be small)

**Craft Items** beads, craft scissors, glitter glue, duplo, craft paper punches, stamps, stencils etc

**Sweets & Chocolates**—A luxury item but loved by all. Packets of individually wrapped sweets are preferred to make up lolly bags. Please check use by dates

**Other** Back packs, kids raincoats, folding umbrellas, light summer fabrics, sewing kits, band aids and first aid items, white singlets for girls size 12-14, Underwear is needed for ladies size 10 and girls age 8 to 14 and boys Age 8 to 18.

Note: All goods are cleared and distributed direct by Our Partners in Sri Lanka. **There are no 3rd parties.**

## Do you have any of these used items in good condition?

- Light electric typewriters
- Transistor radios
- Digital cameras & mobile phones
- Small scanners
- Guillotines for craft
- Indian Sarees of any type

**These items are most welcome by Individuals to setup a business, Orphanages, schools and other educational institutions.**



The Davies family making up 'lolly bags' for the children. Pictured are Ben, Amelia, Johno, Liz and Madeline. **Individually wrapped sweets are more hygienic and travel well in the heat.**



## All gifts need to be handed in by 15 September

### Do you have access to obsolete 'Corporate gifts'?

We are looking for **shirts, pens, caps, stationery, mugs, bags** of all sorts including calico, non-woven, **satchels, back packs, umbrellas, clocks, calculators, thermos flasks and cups**— anything practical to include as gifts for poor families. There are many groups who will benefit from these—Elders Homes, Orphanages. AA, families of Prisoners, Refugees etc.

Companies often dispose off items where there's been print errors or branding changes or are simply obsolete.

These items are welcomed by those in the 3rd world. If you have any items you are unsure about contact Anne or Winsome.

### Lollies & chocolates are a luxury!

here are some cheaper alternatives that kids still love.

Fantales, Red skins, Sherbies, M & M's, Chuppa chups, Min-ties, Starbust Lifesavers etc,



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