

May 2009

Pictured below — some of the children who are part of the 'Scholarship Program' in 2009

'Ripples' Network Heaven News

Northern Beaches Group 'Loosley Woven' is putting on a Charity Concert. Come and enjoy a musical afternoon

'Loosley Woven' is putting on a concert for the 2nd year running to help fund the scholarship program' for disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka. Currently there are 40 children needing help. Amongst them a teenage cancer patient, a juvenile diabetic and two children who are mentally challenged. At the other end of the spectrum there's a budding artist who has won several prizes, and a mathematician who would like to pursue a degree in engineering! There are 2 sets of identical twins! Many children have lost at least

one parent in the boxing day tsunami and struggle to survive each day. There is no social security system in Sri Lanka.

Each adult ticket will fund a child for 1 month and enable a child to attend school and or special coaching classes, provide for some daily needs eg. travel, shoes, books and help put some food on the table. Often its just ONE meal a day (something we cannot imagine or understand). In some cases it provides for medications, nutrition and travel to specialist medical appointments in Colombo—the capital which is 90 miles away.

Tickets to the concert are **Adult \$15 Students \$7 Children under 12 free!** (afternoon tea included) Contact Winsome on 9451 6097 or Anne on 9451 0906 after 7pm weekdays.

**Benefit concert for tsunami children
Sunday 28 June 2009 at 2pm
Frenchs Forest Baptist Church
617 Warringah Rd, Forestville**

The 'Scholarship Fund' is administered by Our Partner in Sri Lanka Sister Alex Molligoda from the Sisters of Charity. **100% of donations is directed to the child - there are no administration fees. Cost \$15 per month per child or \$180 annually.**

Cheques should be made payable to:
'Network Heaven Scholarship Fund'
C/- Frenchs Forest Baptist Church
P O Box 198, Frenchs Forest **NSW 1640**



**They deserve a 'fair go'
and you can help fill a gap!**



We need You!



We are looking for volunteers to help with sewing needs:

- Make simple dresses or skirts for girls 8 to 18 yrs
- Make Half slips & Library bags
- Fabric and pattern is provided

Contact Anne if you can help

Storage space needed

Storage space is needed in the Warringah area to store goods purchased and donated through the year. A small store room or 1/2 garrage would be fantastic.

Enquiries about Network Heaven can be made by contacting: Anne
0409329096 (M) or **Winsome**
on 9451 6097 after 7pm week days

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'They experienced a gift for the very first time ... in December 2008

Amongst the children who received a gift at Christmas for the first time were a group of 20 girls from Nazareth Convent in Sri Lanka. Many of them have experienced severe trauma and poverty for their young age. These girls were simply 'over the moon' with their gifts—they'd simply never seen anything like it before.

Each gift parcel contained a new set of clothes ie. Dress or skirt and top, 3 cotton undies, school stationery such as textas or coloured pencils, soap, hanky and hair ribbon, lolly bag and small toy eg: purse or small soft toy and a cloth carry bag to hold their goodies.

Each girl wrote a thank you letter—



words could not express their sheer JOY! Some of the girls



are modeling their new clothes are pictured here. For the past 8 years Network Heaven has sent Christmas gifts to children in Orphanages, Plantations, tsunami camps, Creche and many more. In 2009 we plan to send gifts to many victims who have suffered with the war just ended after almost 30 years, If you'd like to help then we'd love to hear from you.



To Sri Lanka with Love Help put a smile on their faces ...



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— anything practical to include as gifts for poor families. A new item is very much 'cherished'.

Companies often dispose off items where there has 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 of don't hesitate to contact Winsome or Anne to check out if we can put them to good use!

Fair Trade cards are now available on order



'Cross stitch Christmas cards are a 'specialty' card for 'special people'. The embroidery is by disadvantaged girls at St Josephs Orphanage. The quality of workmanship is of a very high standard and the cards are assembled in Australia. They sell for \$15 for a pack of 2 cards. All profits go to the education fund at St Josephs Orphanage. There are over 130 girls at this Orphanage and they are dependent on donors to feed and school the children. **Contact Anne** to make an enquiry or place an order.

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