



'Ripples' Network Heaven News

Early this year Sister Alex our Local Partner in Galle Sri Lanka was honoured for her outstanding services to the inmates of the Galle Prison. She is pictured below with the Governor & Chief of the Prison.



'Tax Deductibility' for donations .. We now have this facility since we are in Partnership with SimAid in Australia.

Contact Anne on 9451 0906 after 7pm or via e-mail at : anne_salvador@yahoo.com

Or check the website for www.simaid.org.au—*make sure to quote Project 90202 Sri Lanka.*

Connecting Your resources with the needy!

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Student Sponsorships Update and news from Wasana & Shashikala

This year we have 2 students at University and a 3rd student undertaking a 1 year montessori pre-school training course.

There were 15 people who have contributed to providing the much needed assistance to both Wasana and Shashikala who have to live away from home to attend university. Both girls have worked hard over many years to gain entry into university. However, they need assistance to live away from home and come from low income families. They did not have the basics eg clothing and stationery or funds for travel. So, in January this year an appeal was sent out via e-mail asking if people would donate funds to cover their cost for 12 months. Thank You to every-

one who made this possible, The girls have appreciated your kindness and really value the opportunity you have given them this year.

Wasana is in her 1st year studying for an engineering degree at the University of Peradeniya which is in the hill country and approximately 180 miles from her hometown Galle in southern Sri Lanka. Shashikala is in 1st year studying Architectural Design at the University of Moratuwa and has rented a room close to the university which is about 60 miles from her home.

Both students have advised they have passed their first semester exams.

Our 3rd student Angeline who is studying for a Montessori teachers course hopes to complete the

course at the end of 2012.

There are another 40 students who are part of the Educational Scholarships scheme who range in ages from 6 to 19. All of them are from very poor families who struggle to put food on the table let alone attend school. Each child receives the sum of around A\$10 per month to assist with bus fares, shoes and school stationery and also attend coaching class where appropriate. Since the scholarships Scheme is not fully funded for a whole year the balance funds have to be found by Sister Alex Molligoda who runs the programme in Sri Lanka.

Please contact Anne (Ph 9451 0906) or Winsome (9452 6097) if you would like to assist with the Scholarships Scheme.

Refurbished Laptops from Com Connect Services —Brookvale to assist Uni Students

When Wasana & Shashikala commenced their degrees at University neither of them had a computer nor did they have easy access to one. More importantly they lacked very basic needs such as clothing and stationery etc, A laptop of their own was way beyond their wildest dreams yet a necessity in a very competitive world.

That's when Com Connect in Brookvale came to the rescue and organised 2 refurbished laptops. These were transported to Melbourne via a friend and on to Sri Lanka via another group of friends known to Sister Alex (Local Partner / Administrator)

Pictured are Wasana (L) and Shashikala ® at work on their laptops. They really appreciate all the help that's been given.

