



Ripples Network Heaven News

Some highlights of the 2013 Christmas shipment 'To Sri Lanka With Love':

- Fifty students volunteered their time. They came from North Sydney Girls, Brigidine College, Monte Sant Angelo, Wenona Girls, Queenwood, Oxford Falls Grammar, Davidson High and Mimosa Public School
- 1,300 custom made gift parcels & many extras were packed into 115 cartons
- 1,500 ++ man hours spent over 10 days sorting, packing and wrapping individual gift parcels
- 3 Corporate groups donated a days community service and helped wrap & pack gifts

Caring for a 'special needs' child is a tough call for a Mum in a developing country. Yet both Mum and daughter show their appreciation with a happy smile!



Wishing all our Supporters and friends a very Happy & Blessed Christmas Season and best wishes & good health in 2013!



Pictured above: Children at the 'Bethlehem Creche' in Sri Lanka perform the 'Nativity Story' to visitors who donate a meal in the month of December. The Carmelite nun in charge Sr Florella goes begging in the bazaar area regularly to collect dry rations and cash donations so the children can be pro-

vided with their only hot meal for the day. All of their Mum's are sole Care Givers and go out to work in labour intensive jobs or as domestics cooking at 2 or even 3 homes each day—just to make a living. This year christmas parcels were provided to children from the Batticaloa and Trincomalee district in the east and Vavuniya in the North. These areas experienced a 30 year civil war and poor families continue to struggle to survive each day. Gift were also provided to children in the southern province—in Galle and help bring some relief to them at Christmas.

Your gifts are very much appreciated by every Mum who cannot afford to feed the whole family

each day let alone provide other basic needs.

Donations can be made by cheque and payable to:

Network Heaven
Frenchs Forest Baptist Church
Box 198
Frenchs Forest NSW 1640



Please include your postal and e-mail address for receipting . Any questions contact Anne on 02 9451 0906 after 8pm week days or e-mail: anne_salvador@yahoo.com

100% of your donation goes to provide what's needed. Overheads if any is minimal. www.networkheaven.org



Gifts are labeled & individually wrapped so each child gets to keep all of the contents! It also makes them feel very special.



SPECIAL THANKS to a small group of 'senior ladies' who work hard **throughout the**

year to make dresses & skirts that is culturally suitable for girls age 6 to 18. This is a wonderful talent which they share with the poor who really appreciate their kindness. A sample dress below with trim is just one of 300 dresses made this year. If you can help with sewing please contact : Anne on



on 9451 0906 after 7.30pm. Pattern and fabric can be provided. Alternately we can also provide

you with a pre-cut dress and trim. *Volunteers are also needed to make library bags, scrunchies and hankies for girls and boys.*

Volunteers & Donor's make this happen ...

The saying goes ..'Volunteers are not worthless, they are Priceless!'



Our Volunteers are 'priceless' indeed! Some work throughout the year, others attend the packing days and bring their neighbours and friends. Others do one-off jobs such as pick up goods from a Donor Company, sort items through the year and recycle the packaging, others shop for boys shorts at sale time and donate them. We will gladly take obsolete Corporate gift items that can be put to good use. Some examples are: drink bottles, carry bags, pens and stationery items, mugs, watches, clocks, caps, shirts and t-shirts —**check out the video on www.networkheaven.org to see how these items are being put to good use.**



*Pictured above: Anne Salvador-Dunlop and Maureen Liyanagama presented some of the kids from Frenchs Forest Baptist church with **Community Service Certificates**' for helping sort, wrap & pack christmas gifts for the Sri Lanka shipment in the Sept/Oct school holidays. **If you need to complete community service hours we'd love to hear from you. We can give you lots of ideas on what you can do.***



News Just in via ... 

Sister Nichola Emmanuel one of our Local Partners in the North of Sri Lanka (nuns from the Sisters of Charity) has sent us some latest photos. The recipients are from 'Female Headed Households' who have received the much awaited gift parcels. They send greetings and heartfelt thanks to all who donated goods and made the gifts a reality! These children have suffered much having been through the civil war that's now ended.

wish list

- A new website in 2014
- Volunteers to organize and hold a fund raiser for 'special needs' eg: students school shoes, school bags, milk powder & nutrition
- Corporate Volunteers to help during the packing week (speak with & promote info)



You too can help make a difference to one of these children this Christmas!