



Ripples Network Heaven News

These three little girls (pictured below) attend the Bethlehem Creche—a day centre in a slum area of the capital Colombo. Sr Florella, a Catholic nun, goes out



to the Bazaar area to collect food and donations so the kids can have a hot meal each day. They are all from single parent families. Their Mums work as domestics or in labouring jobs. Their daily income is less than \$3 per day. These girls are delighted with their new clothes and toys together with a small bag of other goodies. Their Mums really appreciate your kindness and help in bringing some Christmas cheer. A 'little' for us means so much more if you are poor and there is no social security or other assistance!

You can make a difference ... and bring some relief to a child like Nishan (the young lad in the photo). He is so happy to have his very own tennis ball and can play in the street with the other children from his small village. For the past 14 years Network Heaven has assisted underprivileged children like Nishan by sending a customized gift parcel at Christmas. The contents include a set of new clothes, toiletry items, school stationery, a small novelty item and a lolly bag. These items seem very basic to us, but for a poor child from Sri Lanka (a 3rd world country) it's of huge benefit. Most of the children we assist only have one parent and live in the community. A small number are in orphanages. Many have lost their Fathers because of the war and others have simply disappeared or are disabled. Their Mums struggle to feed the children so, the gift parcel has a huge impact. This year we have around 1,300 children on our books. Each recipient of a parcel can start the new school year knowing they have some of the basic items that are needed. Gifts are distributed by local partners to children of all races and religions without discrimination. Clothing for girls age 8 and above is made by volunteers in Sydney to suit cultural norms. Boys clothes needs to be purchased wholesale or donated by individuals. See the list of other items needed on reverse side. If you would like to help one or more of these children **contact Anne via email at : anne_salvador@yahoo.com or on 9451 0906 after 8pm on week days.**



To Sri Lanka with Love'
Help put a smile on their face!



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'We can do no great things. Only small things with great love' ~ Mother Teresa ~

Additional items needed for individual children's gift packs:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, hand towel, talc powder, comb, bobby pins, hair ribbons (rolls), hair bands, head bands	Marbles (for boys), small hand held games, balls, mind teaser games, Australiana novelty items eg: Koala etc, mini maze puzzles (no food pics please)	Lead pencil, ruler, rubber, biro (ball point), coloured pencils, textas, water colour box with lid, pencil case, template shapes, duplo, crayons
Cotton hankies, bangles, chains, party favours, craft items such as glue sticks, sheets of stickers etc	Items for sewing kits eg. Small scissors, sewing needles, sewing cottons, mini manicure sets for girls, beads for craft and card making	Folding umbrellas (these are used for sun & rain), rain coats for children and adults. Watches—suited for high school students for exams.
Small dolls, teddy bears, small animal soft toys, light cotton fabric suitable to make dresses including rick rack & trims	Please Note: Clothing must be light cotton. No jungle / khaki , boys shorts must be modest	Underwear for boys and girls age 10 to 18. Girls underwear is high priority AND MUST be 100% cotton and full brief if



Community Service opportunities for high school students and Corporates is available during the packing week from Sat 26 Sept to Thurs 1st October 2015. Prior bookings for students and groups is essential. Location is Frenchs Forest Baptist Other, Forestville NSW 2087

Cash Donations can be made by cheque and mailed to:
 Network Heaven
 C/- Frenchs Forest Baptist church
 P O Box 198
 Frenchs Forest NSW 1640
OR
 By Direct Credit to Westpac Bank
 BSB 704 922 A/c : 100009947
 A/c : FFBC Network Heaven

Please notify Anne of your gift for receipting purposes.

Gifts are NOT tax deductible

Did you know ?? We recycle 'small' transistor radios, unlocked mobile phones and give them to people who put them to good use!

Note: they must be in working order. Battery charger should also be included. The phones are very useful for people trying to run a small business and the radios bring a lot of joy to the senior citizens who are cut off from the outside world!



RECYCLE 'OBSOLETE' PROMOTIONAL GIFTS

Caps, tote bags, backpacks, satchels, polo shirts, clocks, lanyards, pens, drink bottles, umbrellas, usb's, torches, rulers, notebooks, calculators, compendiums etc



Network Heaven is now on Facebook !
 watch out for regular updates



All gifts must be in by 4 Sept 2015 - Earlier is best
Contact Anne via email or
phone Winsome on 9451 6097 after 6pm week
days for collection / delivery points