



Ripples Network Heaven News



Pictured above: children at the Bethlehem Creche with their gift packs. The Creche is located in a slum area of the capital Colombo. Sister Florella a Catholic nun goes out to the bazaar area to beg for food to feed the children. Nutrition is an important factor in the growth of these young ones. Most often the meal at the Creche is their only hot meal for the day. Their Mums work in labour intensive casual jobs earning around \$3 per day - not enough to feed the whole family. The gift pack is the only new items the child will receive due to their circumstances - they will only ever receive 'hand-me-downs'!



You can make a difference and bring some relief to a child like Jayanthi (not her real name). She is wearing her new dress and is holding her school and toiletry pack. She is from a rural village in the former war zone in the North of Sri Lanka. For the past 15 years Network Heaven has assisted underprivileged children like Jayanthi by sending a customized gift parcel at Christmas. The contents include a set of new clothes, underwear, school stationery, toiletry items, a small novelty item and a lolly bag. These items seem very basic to us, but for a poor child from Sri Lanka (a third world country) it's of huge benefit. Most of the children we assist have just one parent and live in the community. A small number are in orphanages. Many Fathers have been lost or disabled in the war or simply disappeared. This year we have around 2,500 children on our books and plan to distribute gifts amongst many children affected by the floods in May 2016. Each recipient 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' clothing needs to be purchased wholesale or donated by individuals. Needs are listed on reverse side. If you would like to help please [contact Anne Salvador-Dunlop via email at : anne_salvador@yahoo.com](mailto:anne_salvador@yahoo.com) or on 02 9451 0906 or txt 0409 329 096.

If you plan to visit Sri Lanka we can arrange for you to visit the Bethlehem Creche which is located in a suburb of Colombo. You also have the option of giving a lunch or party to the children and staff. Contact Anne for information.



'To Sri Lanka with Love 2016'
Help put smiles on their faces!





Additional items needed for individual children's gift packs:

*Malala Yousafzai said
"One Child, One Teacher,
One book and One Pen
can change the world"*

**Will you join us in helping
children in Sri Lanka?**

Obsolete Promotional items
eg: caps, bags of all types,
note books, drink bottles are
needed to fill gaps urgently

<p>Toothbrush, toothpaste, hand towel, talc powder, comb, bobby pins, hair ribbons (rolls), hair bands, pretty hair clips</p>	<p>Marbles, small hand held games, balls, Australiana novelty items eg: koala etc sticker sheets for children (no pictures of food please)</p>	<p>Lead pencils, ruler, textas, water colour box with lid, pencil case. Pre schools need help with white and coloured chalk, duplo (no books in English please)</p>
<p>We need at least 2,000 exercise books (must be minimum 128 pages) and 1,000 pencil cases</p>	<p>Items for sewing kits eg. small scissors, sewing needles, sewing cottons, mini manicure sets for girls, beads for craft items from Two Dollar shops</p>	<p>Folding umbrellas (used for both sun & rain), rain coats for children. Watches—suited for students for exams. NO food items please - not practical</p>
<p>Small dolls, teddy bears, small animal soft toys, light cotton fabric for dresses</p>	<p>Note: Clothing must be light cotton. No jungle / khaki Boys and girls clothing sets age 3 to 5 and boys age 10 is needed</p>	<p>Girl's underwear is high priority Sizes 6 to 16 required - must be 100% cotton. Ladies size 8 & 10 must be full brief (for older girls)</p>

Congratulations!
One of our students from a rural town in Sri Lanka graduated as an Engineer and is employed in Colombo

Community Service opportunities for students and Corporate Groups is available during packing week from Sat 24 Sept to Thursday 29 Sept 2016. Prior bookings for students essential. Location is Frenchs Forest Baptist Church in Forestville NSW 2087



Cash Donations can be made by cheque and posted 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 receiving purposes.
Note: Gifts are NOT tax deductible

Did you know ?? we recycle small transistor radios, unlocked mobile phones and old spectacles. We 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 and glasses bring a lot of joy to the senior citizens who are cut off from the outside world!



Network Heaven is now on Facebook ! Enjoy the news and photos. We hope you will like us



We need 2,000 cakes of soap, toothbrush and paste

All gifts need to be in by 15 September 2016
contact Anne on 9451 0906 or txt 0409 329 096 or Winsome on 9451 6097 (after 6pm week days) to arrange drop off for goods in kind donations