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May – June – July – August 2012



May

Game Changer

The Foundation of Goodness continues to broaden its project spectrum in the North, and the latest venture has been to provide micro financing opportunities to residents in the Nithipuram and Katkuveri villages in Mankulam.

The project, which is carried out with the assistance of two women's organisations based in Mankulam selected 10 beneficiaries after an interview process.

The businesses and projects which will receive financing are all cottage industries focusing on the self sustainability of the individuals and families involves.

MONTH IN PICTURES



Interviews were conducted by the FoG staff, and of the 12 shortlisted beneficiaries 10 were selected to receive financing.



Sector of the Month

The bicycle distribution project in Sri Lanka's North had its humble beginning in February 2011 when 125 bikes were delivered to the North.



The project was given a boost when Kumar Sangakkara joined in, initiating the 'Sanga's Bikes For Life' project which helped raise a large number of bicycles.

With May's distribution, the FoG have delivered an excess of 2000 bikes, in just over one year. Bikes have been distributed in the Mankulam, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu areas and their surroundings.



~ The Gift of Giving ~

The generosity of long time donor Pradeep Karunagaran helped the FoG donate a number of educational resources to the Mankulam Maha Vidiyalayam in order to help improve the quality of education experienced by the school children.



1. Photocopy machine, scanner, fax & printer
2. 03 steel office cupboards
3. 02 White boards
4. 01 Flip chart
5. 01 set of flip chart sheets
6. 02 computer tables
7. 02 computer chairs
8. 02 computers



THE MOST INSPIRING STORY OF THE MONTH

After the Boxing Day Tsunami had swept through the village of Seenigama in 2004 the process of rebuilding the devastated town had to extend beyond buildings and venues and extend even to its very environment.

Due to saline levels in the soil rising because of the tsunami wave, the trees that had not be overturned by the wave withered and died in the following months and in an effort to bring back the luscious green backdrop of the village the FoG distributed saplings among the families of Seenigama.



Today, these have grown in to resplendent trees, and the mango trees which were distributed can be seen heavy with fruit, wafting their sweet aroma across town, bringing joy to all who pass by.

Special Activities

CGC Vesak Celebrations

The Children's Goodness Club celebrated 'Vesak' commemorating the day of Lord Buddha's birth, death and enlightenment with a morning of meditation.





June

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- ✓ 300 bicycles were distributed in Mankulam, Kilinochchi and Oddusuddan areas.
- ✓ A sports camp for 106 students was carried out in Oddusuddan, while cricket and volleyball clinics continued as usual in Mankulam.
- ✓ 500 solar powered bulbs were distributed among O/Level and A/Level students who did not have access to electricity



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A Goodwill Poster Exhibition titled "Be Good & Do Good" was held in Oddusuddan as an opportunity for fun and self expression.





Sector of the month

Graduations:

Photography
Diving
and

Computer Programming

COURSE	NUMBER OF GRADUATES JUNE, 2012	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES TO DATE
Diving & Training Centre	22	212
Computer Programming	07	27
Photography	05	163



~ The Gift of Giving ~

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2000 Bikes Delivered



In under 18 months the FoG have delivered 2075 bicycles to an equal number of students/ families.

The distribution covered the regions of Mankulam, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya

Legendary cricket icon Kumar Sangakkara teamed up with the Foundation of Goodness to take the campaign beyond our target of 1000 and double it with his systematically planned approach.





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The Rice project

The 'Rice Project' is an initiative to feed the hungry. The idea is to put aside a fistful of rice at every meal and the rice that is collected will be distributed every month to different recipients facing financial difficulties. At this end of our first month, , the Colombo Office had collected 25 kilograms of rice and the Seenigama Centre had amassed 32 kilos. The rice was distributed to families who needed help within proximity to the two locations.





July

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As yet another graduation rolls around the Foundation of Goodness celebrates a total of 5000 students to have graduated from its various courses.

Making this an even more noteworthy occasion, four ladies have graduated from the FoG Electrical and Home Wiring course. Breaking gender stereotypes they have pioneered the way in a career that is often viewed as the domain of men .

	Course	Graduating 21 June '12	Number of Villages	Total Graduate s	Number of Villages
Computer	MS Office	48			
	Web Design	18			
	Graphic design	14			
			80	61	808
English		23	20	86	62
Electrical		18	17	79	58
TOTAL		121			

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Women's Enterprise Graduation

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Saturday the 7th of July marked the Women's Enterprise student's Graduation at the Refresh Hotel in Hikkaduwa.

Not just a graduation ceremony, it also acts as an opportunity to display the skills they have acquired.

Graduating Class	Number of Graduating Students
Sewing	60
Beauty Care	48
Bakery	35
General Cookery	16
Patch Work	33
Beeralu Lace	07
Curtain Making	42
TOTAL	241



~ Developing the North ~



- ✓ A total of 105 bikes were distributed during this month's visit, to Good Shepard's Girls Home in Mankulam, Bharathi Children's Home in Mullaitivu, Thachchadampam Village in the Mullaitivu and Thabbowa Maha Vidyalaya.
- ✓ Coaching programs in Volleyball and Cricket were carried out once again this month at the Mankulam Maha Vidiyalayam
- ✓ Sporting equipment including volleyballs, cricket balls and bats etc. were donated to Mankulam MV.
- ✓ 10 women beneficiaries from Mankulam and Neethipuram received financial support of Rs. 10,000/- towards livelihood development.
- ✓ Research was conducted in Neethipuram where 58 families have been newly resettled and the need to fulfill their priorities such as water, sanitation and pre-school facilities etc.



THE MOST INSPIRING STORY OF THE MONTH

SEDA Sports Camp

Sports Education Development Australia, or SEDA who are affiliated with Cricket Australia, recently conducted a cricket coaching programme in Seenigama during the first week of July.

The group was made up of 15 coaches and 3 SEDA officials who were joined by 14 local coaches. The event took place at the Seenigama Surrey Oval between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and was attended by 198 students from 15 schools in the area





August



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The generosity of volunteers and donors has helped upgrade the facilities at the Aviva Computer Center through monetary donations and the gifting of new equipment.

In the spirit of continued improvement the Aviva library was also gifted with a collection of new books ranging from fiction to educational reference material.



Maternity Clinics

Sector of
the month



The Rebuilding Lives Program organized a Maternity Clinics which were conducted by the Damrivi Foundation.

The clinic in the North took place at the Mankulam Base Hospital. Targeting the mental health of pregnant mothers the clinic addressed positive thoughts and its impact on the fetus during pregnancy.



They encouraged the mothers to concentrate on meditation, good diet habits and the importance of the involvement of the father in the pregnancy.

The participants were gifted with a baby bath tub and a set of baby shirts and nappies. A special Tamil psychologist to present to mediate the language barrier.



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~ The Gift of Giving ~

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

~Mother Teresa

The Rice Project, initiated in June 2012 is rapidly taking off. With the help of FoG staff and well wishers we have been able to expand the rice distributions to more families in need.



Neethipuram Development Project

The sanitation and irrigation infrastructure in Neethipuram are in dire need of development. 8 wells and 13 toilets are currently shared among the 181 inhabitants of this newly resettled village. The FoG are currently in the process of building new toilets and wells in this village.

To find out how you too can help, please visit <http://neethipuram.posterous.com/> or contact us at neethipuramfog@gmail.com. The most urgent priorities at hand are the construction of wells and toilets. Presently the costs for building (inclusive of labour and material costs) are:

- A toilet at 61,815.00/- (LKR)
- A new well at 369,960.00/- (LKR)



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