

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

Most of our projects are on-going and some are simply 'one-off' schemes. The continuous projects need constant nurturing to make the most of your donations for the benefit of those we are helping.

The following are some of our latest projects.

### Information and Computer Technology project

The computer 4 Schools project designed to send PCs and laptops to the north & east of Sri Lanka (originated by one of our supporters Johannes Shangunam), has been a success and we are now planning to take it to the next level. The project plan will introduce evening ICT classes for children in grades 6,7,8 and 9, for two days a week, each session lasting two hours. We have pre-selected 25 schools across the Wanni area that are already equipped with the ICT resources required for the project. We will help by providing extra funding to these schools, which will go towards covering the salary for the teachers giving up an extra few hours a week to teach the pupils.

#### Weekend classes

Many students are finding it difficult in keeping up to the national standard, because of the disturbance to their education during and after the war. To help them we are now to fund weekend classes. The



initial scheme is for underprivileged students (O/L and A/L) in the Wanni area (Mankulam, Kilinochchi, Oddisuddan, Puthukudiyiruppu, Yogapuram and Mallavi). We desperately need to extend these classes to other areas with your help! If you can please urgently contact us at trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.

#### **Pre-school construction**

We were asked to rebuild/repair some of the damaged preschools in the areas of Mullaithivu, Mankulam



and Oddisuddan. There is a desperate need. For example, in one area, children were actually using a cow shed as their pre-school which caused all kinds of problems but now they have a place to study thanks to the financial support of Tamils based in Heilbronn, Germany. The next three pre-



schools that need rebuilding are in Vidyapuram in Oddisuddan, Sujatha in Selvapuram and Pandaravannian in Kachchilaimadu. There are many more that need repairing. If anyone is interested in helping us help the children please contact trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.

## Another batch of nurses to be trained!

This is an existing project which started last September with 25 young girls from the Wanni undertaking a three year diploma course. This project is being funded by a Tamil Malaysian organisation. Since it is viewed as a very effective and successful project, we have decided to support another batch of trainee nurses in April. It will continue to be funded by the same organisation.

# Vocational training courses in Mankulam

We are about to start a new batch of 105 students



in a vocational training course covering the Mankulam and Oddisuddan areas. The students will be trained in computer hardware, web

designing, motor mechanism, welding and civil draftsmanship. From the last batch of trained students, 10 were instantly given jobs by a local



company. If anyone is interested in helping rebuild the Tamil economy and the workforce by financially supporting this training please contact trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.

### Helping vulnerable children



We help other vulnerable children too. For example, we have funded the purchase of equipment for blind children, helped amputees to be fitted with artificial limbs, funded days out & treats for mentally challenged children and children in hospital cancer wards.

### YOU CAN HELP TOO!

Apart from giving the charity individual donations some supports organise personal challenges e.g. charity walks etc whilst others actual charity events

#### **Raising the roof!**

A Serendip supporter, Shobithait, organised an evening of Tamil culture: classical Bharathanatyam, folk, modern dance and Carnatic music from a local performing arts schools, in Chingford, Essex. Apart from entertaining attendees she raised over £5,000 (on the night and by promoting a Justgiving page) towards the building of a pre-school in one of the villages of the Wanni. If you want to help this project you can give a donation at http://www.justgiving.com/raisetheroof-forourlittlegems. If you want to to run a similar event please get in touch with us at trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.

#### HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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If you can help us on a regular basis, please complete the standing order form below. Your £10 per month will be used to support a child within our scholarship project but whatever you can spare will be most appreciate.

Thank you.

To the Manager	
Bank Name	
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Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	NatWest PLC
Payee Account Name	Serendip Children's Home
Payee Sort Code	60-04-36
Payee Account Number	11637749
Payment Amount	£10 per month Other amount £_ per month
Starting from (Date & Month) and thereafter monthly (If you would prefer an annual donation please specify)	
Charity Name	Serendip Children's Home
Address	34, Brightling Road, Brockley, London SE4 1SQ
Signature:	
Print Name:	

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