

BETHEL CHILDREN'S HOMES

March 2021 Update



TAX DEDUCTIBLE PROJECT AND CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE

Tax Deductible Project Details

In 2018, in partnership with Global Development Group (GDG), we began a three year project (J982N Sri Lanka Displaced Children Development Project) to raise funds for Bethel Children's Homes in Sri Lanka. Within this project we receive tax deductible status for all donations that go through GDG.

The first three years of this project finished at the end of 2020. For the next three years (2021-2023) we have revised the project and have compiled an updated list of goals.

The major objective of this project is:

To support and empower displaced children and young people through quality education (primary, secondary and tertiary), improved healthcare, adequate subsistence (food, clothing, accommodation, water, sanitation and recreation), a safe family-like living environment, and ongoing developmental support (physical, emotional, mental and intellectual).

The three main goals of this project are:

Goal One

Have a functioning farm that contributes to the ongoing sustainability of the project.

The outcome of this goal will be to have a fully functioning farm with crops and animals that will provide funds to decrease the dependency of the project on outside funding.

Within this goal, in addition to maintaining existing animals and

facilities, we want to have one rice harvest per year, two acres of vegetable crops with a water system, a piggery with at least 10 pigs, a chicken coop with at least 50 chickens and perform maintenance on existing buildings and facilities.

Goal Two

Establish avenues to train and empower young people as they transition to independent life.

The outcome is that young people are provided with an opportunity to gain valuable skills that will increase their employability and livelihoods and decrease their overall dependency on the homes.

Within this goal we want to purchase a brick machine, train staff and young men who have left the homes in brick making and run at least one sewing workshop each year. Bricks created through this goal will be used for goals one and three.

Goal Three

Empower displaced and disadvantaged Sri Lankan children through education, developmental support and a safe living environment.

The outcome of this goal is that the children and staff thrive in a family-like environment, with sound care, support and education opportunities.

Within this goal, we want to update our computer suites, run English tutoring sessions, construct a study facility on girls' home property, have one acre of vegetable crops with a water system on boys' home property and construct a new fence on the boys' home property.

Christmas Celebration and Outreach Initiative

During the Christmas period our Bethel Children's Homes enjoyed a time of celebration, and outreach to children in the Kalkudah region in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.

The day involved refreshments and fun, as well as gift giving in the form of back-to-school packs. One of our very generous ongoing supporters of the children's home sponsored a large portion of this festivity and gift giving initiative.

The purpose of the gift giving initiative, in the words of Pr Somanathan (National Leader for CRC Churches International in Sri Lanka), was a "way our children can show their love and kindness towards other needy children". They were able to give school bags and supplies to 125 children in grades one and two from the Kalkudah region.

Following this initiative, the local school has reached out for further assistance opportunities and have shown a greater interest in supporting our work as they have seen our heart is to help those around us. We are very excited to see the future outreach opportunities that arise within the local community.

Successful Rice Harvest

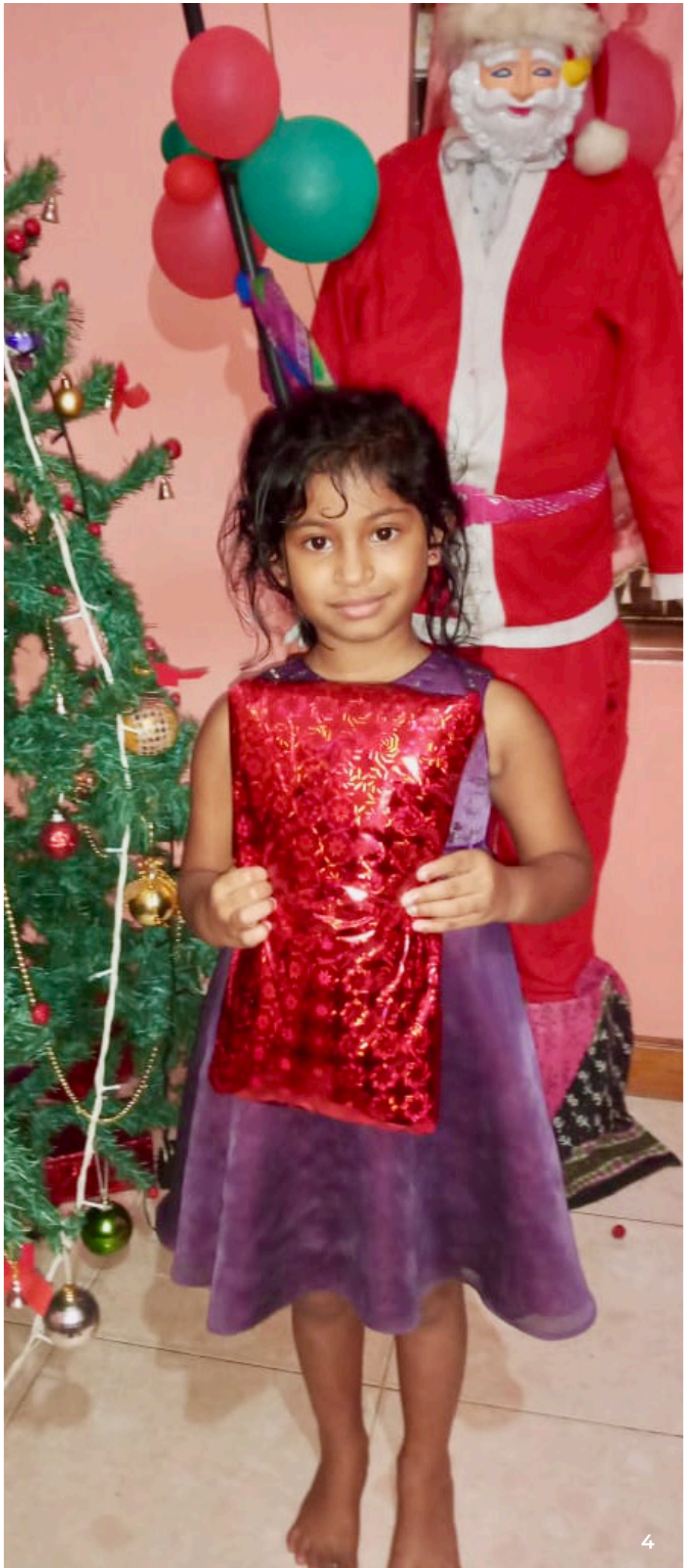
At the beginning of March our team on the farm had another successful rice harvest. They also managed to gather a lot of hay for the cattle on the farm.

The following pages feature pictures of the Christmas celebration, the outreach initiative and the rice harvest.





Children's Homes Update



















Child Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a child please email Pr Mike Groom (mike@adelaidechristiancentre.com.au).

By donating \$100 a month your financial support will contribute to the following.

Education: School fees, uniforms, shoes, stationary, books, school bags, tuition and excursions

Health: Education on hygiene, medication, immunisations and medical checkups

Subsistence: Clothing, shoes, food, accommodation, recreation, sanitary needs and transport

Development: Physical, mental, emotional and intellectual

Tax Deductible Donations

We have secured tax deductible benefits for this project thanks to our partnership with Global Development Group (GDG).

If you would like to donate towards this project with the benefit of receiving tax deductibility please follow the instructions below.

Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit

Direct Deposit tax deductible donations can be made using the following details.

Account Name: Global Development Group
BSB: 064118

Account Number: 10200094
Reference: e.g. J. Smith J982N

Please make sure you include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by **J982N** in the reference section so GDG can trace your deposit.

Step 2: Email GDG your donation details

Email info@globaldevelopment.org.au with the following details.

- Your name and address
- Amount and date of donation
- Project number - **J982N**

GDG will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

If you would like to contribute on a regular basis you will need to set this up with your bank and then let GDG know that it will be a recurring donation.

Partnership Information

Door of Hope International is a partner for project J982N Sri Lanka Displaced Children Development Project with Global Development Group (ABN 57 102 400 993), an Australian NGO approved by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tax deductible receipts for gifts over \$2 with a preference for this approved development project will be issued by Global Development Group for project J982N. If funds raised exceed the requirement for this project, funds may be directed to another approved activity.

For more information about the project or to donate online visit: www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ982N

