

Br. Marcus CMSF berichtet vom Waisenhaus „Bon Bosco Boy's Home“ in Sri Lanka, das er betreut. Für die Hilfe, die er über das Kindermissionswerk aus der Schweiz erhalten hat, bedankt er sich besonders bei den jungen Katholikinnen und Katholiken, die er in sein Gebet einschliesst.

DON BOSCO BOYS' HOME

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Dear Rev.Fr.

Greetings of Peace and Joy from Don Bosco Boys' Home, Maggona, SRI LANKA.

I am pleased to inform you that we have received US\$ 5,000/= (SRI LANKA Rs.559,500) through the Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood for the maintenance of Don Bosco Boys' Home, Maggona, Sri Lanka. Thank you very much for your generosity to help the poor children under our care.

I herewith send you a brief report about our project for your information.

Name of the Project. : Maintenance and support for the orphans at Don Bosco Boys' Home, St. Vincent's Road, Diyalagoda, Maggona, SRI LANKA

Don Bosco Boys' Home:- The Don Bosco Boys' Home is situated in the coastal belt of the southern part of Sri Lanka in a village called Maggona, 60 km. away from the commercial city of Colombo in the Archdiocese of Colombo. Don Bosco Boys Home is an institution which was begun in 1913 for boys who are orphans, abandoned, poor and helpless with the objective of making them good citizens of our country. This institute is managed by The Franciscan Missionary Brothers. Boys between 5 to 18 years belonging to different races and religions reside here.

This project is to enabling us to provide the basic needs of the orphans in our Home by the way of food, clothing, shelter, Medicine, and school requisites and other items. The institution today caters to 113 boys aged from 05 to 18 years. Among them some are orphans sent by the Department of Probation & Childcare Services, Juvenile courts for reformation and the rest from broken families where parents have abandoned the children, sold them or died or malnourished children where the family is large and income of the father is insufficient to feed cloth and educate them.

Almost all the boys in our institution are orphans for a few who have either father or mother. The majority of boys is Catholics and is from Archdiocese of Colombo, while few boys are from different parts of the country.

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" AS YOU DID THIS TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE YOU DID IT TO ME"

(Mt.25-40)



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Essere assieme Chiesa nel mondo**

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The Main Objectives of our institution are as follows.

1. The emancipation of the poor, downtrodden and economically challenged people in order to build better communities based on justice, fellowship, brotherhood and equality in accordance with the values of the kingdom of God.
2. Spread Good News of Christ to the people who have not heard about Jesus.
3. To make the orphans feel loved and cared
4. To provide adequate education by sending them to school.
5. To supplement their education through tuition and technical education.
6. To provide catechism instructions.

About the Country:- Sri Lanka was a very poor country in the third world. The Per Capita income was very low. It grew worse with the 30 year old ethnic war which orphaned a multitude of children and made hundreds of woman, widows. Even the Government was helpless in making the country return to normalcy as a major share of State funds was (and still is) allocated to Defence.

Sri Lanka is an island at the southern tip of the India and is separated from India by Palk Strait. It covers an area of 65,610 sq. Km. The Sinhalese making up 83.9 of the population of almost 14 million, are mainly Buddhists while the Tamils constituting 9% of the population, are mainly Hindus, Muslims 6.4% are seen as third group with a special identity. Christians 7-8% are found among both Sinhalese and Tamils. Sri Lanka has been one of the prosperous countries in the South Asia. But not any more. For the last 30 or more years the country has experienced the ravage of war and said to be most dangerous place on earth to live. The nation is witnessing one of its worst crises and day by day living conditions of the people are a big question mark. The rising unemployment, lack of basic educational facilities has become a scar of the nation. There is a greatest pressure for housing, health and welfare facilities. The Government is not even able to meet the basic needs of the people.

Loaf of bread (Grams 450) Rs.50/=(\$ 0.50/=), Pair of shoes Rs. 2,500/=(\$ 25/=), School books \$ 5/=per month, Bawl of rice Rs.70/=(\$ 0.7/=), Shirt 1,800/=(\$ 18/=), Pencil \$5/= per month, Cup of milk Rs.60/=(\$ 0.6/=), Eye Glasses Rs.6,000/=(\$ 60/=)

About the children:- The Boys' Home today caters to 113 boys age 5 to 118 years. Almost all the children in the institution are orphans except for few who have either the father or the mother. The majority of the boys are Catholics. A few boys are nun Catholic families. The boys have a routing of daily duties from dawn to dusk. All the children attend nearby Government schools. They participate in the Catechism and Biblical education classes conducted by the Diyalagoda St.Sebastian Parish church. Once a week the children attend two Holy Masses and Sunday Mass in the Oblate's Church. All the children are members of the Holy Childhood Association.



The boys commonly have meals:-

Breakfast : - Bread and curry, Milk rice and curry, Green gram or gram, milk tea or any other item
Lunch : - Rice, two vegetables and meat or fish or egg or soya meat or dry fish, leaves or any other item.
Dinner : - Rice or bread or noodles and tin fish or dhal curry or dry fish or vegetable or any other item.

Responsibility : - Brother Robert Anthony Marcus CMSF
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I take this opportunity to thank you and all the benefactors for approving a subsidy for the maintenance of our Boys' Home for the year 2010. We gratefully remember also the young Catholics in Switzerland, who have made this donation and expressed their concern for these children in need.

Enclosed please find the photos. If you need more particulars please do not hesitate to contact me. The children and we the Brothers always pray for all the generous people of God , who have made it possible to assist us, with Best wishes and assurance of prayers. I remain.

Thank you
Yours in Christ and St. Francis

Bro. Marcus

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Director.



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Schulunterricht ist ein Teil der Tagesbeschäftigung im „Don Bosco Boy's Home“.



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Die Arbeit im Garten des „Don Bosco Boy's Home“ gehört selbstverständlich dazu.



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