



KKM - VANNI HOPE

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Our vision.

"The people of Sri Lanka
(recovering from years of conflict)
working together for positive
Change :
creating a future where rights are protected
and all are self-sufficient"

New donors from Sri Lanka



Dr. Jordan Jenndrich
MBBS
Jaffna Teaching hospital



Miss T Thushyanthiny
MSC
Lecturer - College of agriculture



Miss. Piriyatharshiny
BSC
Development officer
Vavuniya divisional security office



Mr. Tharshan
Diploma in teaching
M/Mallavi central college



Miss. Rubini
Diploma in teaching
M/Kanesapuram primary school

New Donors for KKM - Vanni Hope.

The emergence of a new breed of donors for KKM - Vanni Hope who has come forward to sponsor young students is heart-warming indeed. These are 'home grown' donors, whose sponsorship aims to give underprivileged children an opportunity to realize their academic and career dreams.

What is so touching is the fact that these new donors themselves were at one time recipients of academic scholarships from KKM - Vanni Hope since 2013 to 2017 having succeeded in fulfilling their own dreams, they have chosen to return the favor by sponsoring other students.

"If you have come to help me, you are empowering me. If you have come because your liberation is bound up in mine, we can work together"

- Lilla Watson



NEWS Letter

Editor's report
- Dr (Mrs) Malathi Waran

Our experiences.....

From Editor



Aim of KKM Vanni hope, an NGO & Charity is twofold. The first is to Identify and help the disadvantaged in a community to achieve self-sufficiency. The second is, once they have achieved self-sufficiency for themselves, empower them to help others in *other* remote communities to realize their potential.

Reverend Joshua, the visionary for KKM-Vanni hope reminds us this is not an organization but a *movement*. I am told staff are not selected based on their qualifications but qualify to become members of KKM-Vanni hope because of their devotion to uphold the ideology of KKM-Vanni hope.

Members feel it is a blessing to serve in KKM-Vanni hope and they carry out their tasks with passion.

Vanni Hope joined KKM as a fund raising arm 5 years ago. Together KKM and VH have rapidly expanded in the past year and have ventured into Vaharai in Batticoloa, Parakaduva near Ratnapura and Kebitigollewa in Vavuniya .

Dr. Malathi Waran - Australia

From Team leader



I have served as a Team leader for the past four years. Our goals have altered slightly over time. We used to find out the needs of people and then set out to obtain it for them through our donors. Now we feel it is even more beneficial to first see how we can motivate the people to work towards their goal themselves. We stand by and offer our guidance and assistance as they work towards their goals.

We very rarely take time off work as we feel by doing so we may be depriving some disadvantaged person from a livelihood project if we miss work.

I wish to thank Vanni Hope members and particular the Vanni Hope directors for the attention and care you extend to each and every one of us.

We ourselves get more and more motivated and empowered when our overseas donors visit us in Malayalapuram. We have amazed ourselves at the tasks we have accomplished together in the past 6 months and are eager to share our achievements in this Newsletter.

Mrs.K.Subajini

A New experience Sharing by our donor...

Lifting the Lives of Our Deprived Communities – A New Strategic Approach

Background

The prolonged war in the North and East of Sri Lanka has left many communities in disarray and have deprived them of their livelihoods. Many young people have not known anything other than war for the entirety of their lives. Families are displaced and settled in areas that are not theirs traditionally. Since the end of the war in 2009, a lot of NGOs and also well-meaning diaspora of Tamil people living overseas have offered assistance in many ways to help the affected. This help ranged from food, shelter and clothing, setting up orphanages, old people homes etc and many more.

During the years immediately after the war this help certainly alleviated the immediate needs of the needy in the North and East. However, as years went by this mode of help has increasingly led people towards a habit of dependency and expectation that help is always going to be “given” to them – be it food, money, education, shelter

etc. at the expense of their own initiative. Even for their own basic needs of water, sanitation, food etc. people are expecting “help” to come through. When the help did not come or got delayed the communities fall into disarray and poverty and all hygiene and social problems set in.

The Issues for the Future

1. “Dependency mentality” – help extended to the families over the last ten years by all well-meaning overseas organisations and relatives have left these families in a state of dependency mentality. They expect all their requirements for living to be “given” to them. The notion of having to work for the one’s food, shelter and clothing is growing very thin in many communities in the North and East of Sri Lanka.
2. It is not entirely a criticism of the people. Diaspora and NGOs have essentially helped to cultivate this without realizing the long-term consequences.
3. This same dependency mentality has paralysed quite a large segment of the youth of the North and East, particularly the urban areas. This is very evident with clusters of Tamil youth gathering around the street corners with fancy motor cycles and also the booze culture that is quite prevalent. This has resulted in a number of job creation endeavors to fail – training institutes have not been able to fill positions, factories were not able to find workers etc.
4. The on-going support from the Tamil diaspora is not going to last forever. The people who left Sri Lanka before the war and also during the war are getting older. Their earning power overseas is not going to stay at this level forever. As they diminish so will their contribution towards their relatives or charities in Sri Lanka.
5. The NGO support also is likely to diminish over the short to medium future as the years move on from the conclusion of the war.

All these issues point to one thing – **the current model of rehabilitation is unsustainable**. For one – the overseas money (NGO, diaspora) being poured into various projects is not a long term guaranteed source of funds and other is our communities will be in a permanent state of dependency with no initiative or ability to create a sustainable livelihood.

Something got to change.

Suren Surendran – New Zealand

Projects progressing & completed during the Newsletter period

Activity Number	Activity heading	Activity details		Number of Beneficiary	Spent details of activity Sri Lankan rupees
01/2018	Education empowerment (a) northern province	Ed 01 - Grades 1 to 10		19	340,789.53
		Ed 02 - Ordinary Level & Advanced Level		23	401,900.00
		Ed 03- University & Tertiary Colleges (A)		28	1,052,896.83
		Ed 04 - Child Care program at Mayilvaganapuram		6	41,019.00
		Ed 05 (2017 Open Balance) -University & Tertiary Colleges (B)		5	214,000.00
02/2018	Education empowerment (b) eastern province	Ed 06 -Child Care Moothur		10	62,357.00
		Ed 07 -Child Care Amanthaveli (A)		6	60,468.00
		Ed 08 -Child Care Vagarai (B)		10	126,635.00
03/2018	Education empowerment (c) hill country (plantation community)	Sri vaani school stationary & tuition		54	53,910.00
04/2018	Education empowerment (c) spiritual & personality development araneri activities	KN / Bharathypuram school wall building project		600	160,000.00
		KN / Shanthapuram School Hall and class room building project		620	175,025.01
		KN / Thiruvalluvar child care center (tuition & nutritious food)		30	334,183.00
		KN / Sivanagar school inter island soccer competition		16	40,000.00
		KN / Kilinochchi Magavidyalayam sports championship trophies		740	20,000.00
		KN / Kilinochchi Magavidyalayam Teachers		2	70,000.00
		Volunteer Teacher Amanthaveli & Moothur (Stipend)		2	100,000.00
		KN /Shanthapuram school English training workshop for special needs children's		16	9,980.00
		Commemorating student achievement		54	44,090.00
05/2018	Education empowerment (d) spiritual & personality development araneri activities	Ponnagar North Spiritual Development Classes		48	14,728.00
		Ootrupulam Spiritual Development Classes		75	18,244.00
		Vagarai Spiritual Development Classes		50	3,871.00
		Mayilvaganapuram Spiritual Development Classes		35	23,549.00
		Celebrations that touch the heart- special occasion gift		50	229,084.00
06/2018	Spiritual empowerment for community healing	Youth empowerment - Ramar Bajanai		55	23,582.00
		Temple fence construction & coconut grove development		300	25,450.00
07/2018	Youth empowerment through sports	Battle of Vanni - Inter district sport competition		45	264,000.00
08/2018	Empowerment project for dis advantaged families	Saiva Manram water & agriculture development projects	Malarkodi	4	157,218.00
			Ananthi Tub Well	5	187,575.34
			Thevi tube well	5	197,193.00
		Cares Foundation water & agriculture development projects	Thevakumar Tub Well	7	190,204.00
			Letcumi tube well	6	222,599.59
		Vanni Hope water & agriculture development projects	Annaladsumi Tube Well	7	208,073.00
			Kosalathevi Tube Well	6	185,214.61
			Micro credit (Sprinkler Distribution - Mayavanoor)	7	42,520.00
Sathya Sai Baba Water - water & agriculture development projects	Sakunthalathevi	5	168,755.00		
09/2018	Other community empowerment program	Mushroom cultivation program			
		Transport and distribution of donated clothing		350	84,937.00
10/2018	Youth entrepreneurship program	Employment opportunity	maintenance	32	1,618,095.79
			counseling		
			management		
			community base rehabilitation		
			construction		
			photograph & video editing		
TOTAL				3333	7,172,146.70

A New adventure **blooming** in Northern Sri Lanka
By **KKM-VANNI HOPE**

Thank you for all your wonderful contributions during our recent development of a laboratory for mushroom spawn (seeds) in our school. It is really helpful to have your input, since you went through a similar reorganization in your institute last year.

We're already seeing a vast improvement in efficiency thanks to the streamlined processes you suggested, and we are confident things will run smoothly as an Agricultural School continues to growth of Agriculture Production technology. KKM- VANNI HOPE have made a difference through your dedication and continued support to us for our practical and supply mushroom cultivators in Northern region. The benefits are definitely bigger than the costs. Also important is the acquisition of knowledge of other realities, different from the ones to which we are accustomed, so that we are more and more integrated into this globalized world.

Again, I thank you for your contributions, time, and efforts through serving on this project.

Sincerely,

Students and staff,
Sri Lanka School of Agriculture,
Paranthan.



A new light shining in the hills for smiling new generation of our Tamil community



Sri Lankan Tamil estate workers are living in a very poverty stricken situation over 250 years. Srivanni Maha Vidyalayam located in Kegale district in Central province with 433 children, KKM -Vanni Hope has sponsored 36 students during this reporting year, they are sitting the O-Levels this year. 28 students are sitting it for the first time and 8 are repeating their O' Level.

There are 11 Advance level students. The school principal informs us that as well as lacking tuition facilities; they are in dire need for a photocopier. A photocopier will enable them to be more efficient in all class preparation tasks and more productive for the students.



01. Education

Tharaniga sharing her experience

I am Balakrishnan Tharaniga and I live in Kilinochchi. My family was affected by the war. My father sustained physical injuries during the war and my mother is disabled. I have a younger sister.

While my father was working very hard and struggling to support my sister and me with our studies, we were fortunate to encounter Reverend Joshua. Reverend made it possible for me to receive monthly financial assistance through Kaveri Kala Manram - Vanni Hope. Due to this help, I have been able to continue my studies and even attend tuition classes.

My father had difficulty taking us to school on his push bike but now thanks to Mohidin Shariff family who have helped me through KKM - VH we can afford to go to school on an auto [three wheeler].

I also appreciate the advice and guidance given to me by KKM staff.

I scored 8 A's in my O'Levels and am hoping to score well in my A'Levels also. My dream is to study medicine and serve my community.

One day I hope to help other under privileged children with their studies - just like KKM Vanni Hope helped me.



Sangeetha sharing her experience

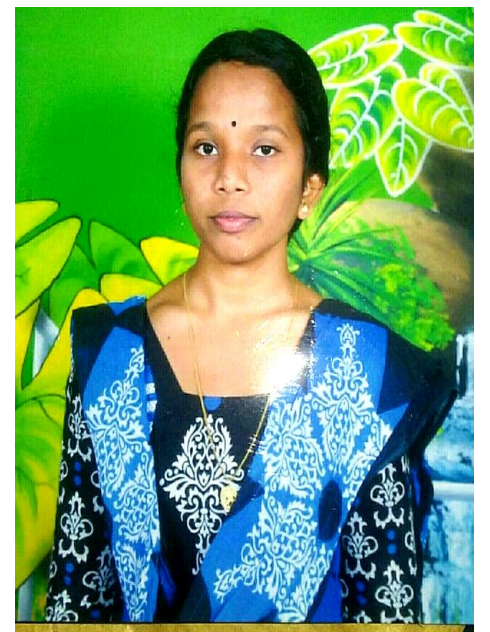
My name is Sangeetha Mahendran and I live in Krishnapuram. I am one of 3 children. My father's daily wage was stretched to support the education of his three daughters.

In 2017, I completed my A'Level in the Commerce field. I scored 3 A's and was ranked 7th in the district!

Through Kaveri Kala Manram - Vanni Hope, Mr Lakshman Swaminathan and Mrs Renu Swaminathan have supported me with a scholarship fund. This fund has helped pay for my tuition fee, exam fee and course fee.

I have secured a place in Sri Jayawardenepura University to follow a course in 'Public Special Management'.

I hope KKM - VH will be able to continue to help students like me.



Sugirtha sharing her experience

My name is Sugirtha Subramaniam and I live in Malayalapuram, Kilinochchi. I am one of 5 siblings and including my parents there are 7 in the family.

My father works on a farm. My sister and I are students.

When my parents had difficulty meeting the financial expense of my higher education we were fortunate to come in contact with Kaveri Kala Manram.

Devanandan Sir and family, through Kaveri Kala Manram - Vanni Hope granted me an education scholarship. This enabled me to purchase necessary stationary, pay for my tuition fee and examination fee. In my A'Levels in the Maths stream I scored A and 2S and was placed 40th in my district.

I have been given a seat in the Eastern University in Trincomalee.

I intend to study well and gain an excellent qualification. Once I have qualified, my wish is to support other students like me Through Kaveri Kala Manram.



02. Women Empowerment.

I am Malarkodi. I wish to share what my life was like before and after my encounter with KKM.

We had 3 children and my husband died of cancer in 2016. At first my children and I moved in with my mother in law in Panangandy. We later moved in with my parents in Piramanthanaaru.

I found it very difficult to educate my children. My mother helped us. Since I had no income my parents supported us financially.

Later on the land my parents gave me as dowry I built a temporary abode and lived with my children. We continued to live off my mother's earnings.

Due to my plight I received some coconut plants and some vegetable plants. I fetched water from my parent's well 200 meters away and started irrigating these plants.

An organization called KKM gave us access to much needed water on our land in the form of a tube well and a water holding tank. Not only this they even gave me 50 passion fruit plants, 7 coconut plants and 3 packet of spinach seeds. I started generating an income!

Spurred on by this I myself bought okra, spinach, eggplants, bitter hour and snake bean plants.

My 3 children and I will always be indebted to KKM for helping us turn our lives around.



03. Sports

Battle of Vanni

Encouraging school children to partake in sporting activities not only gives them the obvious advantages of good health and physical fitness, it also affords children tremendous psychological and social benefits.

With this in mind, the school principals of Kilinochchi Maha Vidialayam and Puthukudirupu Central College have been conducting inter-school cricket competitions since 2007. Meeting the financial cost of these tournaments was becoming difficult and at their request Kaveri Kala Manram with Vanni Hope sponsored the 2017 and 2018 Battle of Vanni games.

The tournament was hosted by Kilinochchi Maha Vidialayam this year and was a resounding success. Students were able to forge friendship, showcase their talent, enjoy team work, develop skills of good sportsmanship and have a lot of fun in the process.

We are told, over the years, these competitions have enabled players to be selected to compete at games at the provincial level.

Puthukudirupu hope to host the tournament next year.



04. Spiritual development

Aranery Hindu Spiritual Classes are Every Sunday in the region. There Is a Great Need to in-cooperate this into the Community.

Over the Past Years we have seen a down ward spiral in the ethics and Behavior of some our Youth in These Communities. Children who will be the leader of a new society in the future are being shaped by this project.



NEWS FLASH & EVENTS

KKM - Vanni Hope is pleased to announce that, with the aim of encouraging and motivating underprivileged students in the Northern and Eastern provinces, we have held 26 Happiness workshops in the past 6 months.



KKM - Vanni Hope have held special motivational programmes for school students in 15 underprivileged villages in the Northern, Central and Eastern provinces in the past 6 months.



To enhance Peace and reconciliation, KKM - Vanni Hope have held 32 interactive functions in the Central province in the past 6 months.



KKM - Vanni Hope is happy to report that we have held cultural events in Central, Northern and Eastern province to improve social welfare.



In the Northern Province, 2 Annual speech competition events have been held among Araneri students.



With the aim progressing towards the abolishment of poverty, in the past 6 months, KKM - Vanni Hope have sponsored 15 special meals programmes in 7 villages, where the villagers are living below the poverty line.



To enhance the spiritual growth of our youngsters, so they may grow up to be community minded, service oriented adults, KKM - Vanni Hope have continued to sponsor weekly Araneri classes in 8 villages in the past 6 months.



KKM - Vanni Hope have held 12 Happiness workshop events in 8 villages, under the special needs programme, in the past 6 months.



In the Northern province, KKM - Vanni Hope have held Annual prize giving ceremonies in 5 districts in recognition of the academic achievement of our Higher Education students.



Thanks

We smile by your love



Dear

Donors, KKM, Vanni Hope Board of directors and KKM – Vanni Hope Staff

I, Jordan Jendrich would sincerely like to thank you and your team for the sponsorship you provided for my medical career since 2012-2017. Thank you for your generous sponsorship and my generous sponsor Mr. Ranjan Siva and his family who have helped me throughout my medical career. Like that many of students disadvantage women, disadvantage children are getting new life by KKM – Vanni Hope vision and mission.

I deeply appreciate the willingness which they have and KKM-Vanni Hope. Without the support of people like you we will not be able to reach our goals. Your contribution is invaluable to our future trials. We greatly appreciate the support of the KKM-Vanni Hope and the team provided for the completion of the study.

Now I'm working as an Intern house officer at Teaching Hospital Jaffna in the Pediatrics ward. Thank you once again for your generous support. I will uphold the Vanni hope in near future. God bless you.

Sincerely
Jordan Jendrich
On behalf our Tamil community