



Adoptsrilanka Pre School Report



As part of our schools programme, in the immediate aftermath of the tsunami Adoptsrilanka supplied school books, school uniforms and shoes to enable children to return to school, (helping along the way over 50 schools and approximately 5,000 children). We then initiated a school twinning programme with overseas schools (ASL Twins), which now involves over 200 schools this includes cultural and sporting links for Sri Lankan and overseas children.

ASL has also allocated \$60,000USD that provides 140 bursaries for children who were either orphaned by the tsunami or whose parents could not otherwise afford to keep them in school.

Our pre school achievements to date includes 8 completed Pre Schools

Kosgoda: Kassapa Pre School

Cost \$7,938.47 USD

Kassapa Pre School is twinned with Cavendish School in the UK. Kassapa was so badly overcrowded and there was limited space to work, our volunteer architect came up with a revolutionary design that allowed for two new rooms. One was an interactive play area with little shops, replica post office and a play area. There is now a wonderful garden and ASL have recently added the boundary wall for the children's protection.



Denuwala Pre School

Total Cost \$8,072.56

Denuwala Village is one of ASL's largest construction projects. We built a total of 96 houses, restored the Temple, built several shops and to complete the community work we built this Pre School for the village. The original School was located at the local temple in an "out building". There are 57 children at this spacious new pre school. This month we completed constructing a children's playground.



Midigama: Gayani Pre School **Total Cost \$ 7,979.30 USD**

Gayani was built by AdoptSrilanka a few months after the tsunami disaster. The school was originally situated very close to the sea and was completely destroyed in the tsunami. The new pre school was built a little way inland on property that was provided by the Pre School teacher. It is a charming little school. The school benefits from a newly landscaped garden and children's playground.



Tangalle: Seenimodara Pre School **Total Cost \$ 4,108.20 USD**

Seenimodara Pre School is twinned with St Mathews Church of England Primary School. This was the first Pre School built by ASL; it was completed approximately five weeks after the 2004 Asian Tsunami.

Funds for fees and tuition were initially donated from an American family and subsequently to this, responsibility was taken up by a UK family. Prior to the disaster, there were only 20 children attending this school, but when both Pre Schools in the district were completely destroyed, this Seenimodara Pre School took on the overflow and now has an attendance of 46 children. All financial arrangements are managed and monitored by ASL.



Hambantota Pre School

Total Cost \$8,246.92 USD

Hambantota Pre School was built by ASL with funds from Caerphilly County Council in the UK

We were approached by Help Lanka to assist in the Hambantota District. The local Montessori was destroyed in the tsunami. The wave in the East reached up to 30 feet in some areas and as a result Hambantota was all but wiped out. A new inland housing scheme built by the Taiwanese Government was created and is now home to over there thousand people. There are few community facilities to date so ASL built the school in the front garden of the Montessori Teacher's new house. We completed this project with the purchase of desks, chairs and playground equipment



Kalahari: St Bernadette's Pre School. Total Cost \$10,388.41 USD

The newly finished building at St Bernadette's Montessori comprises of three new classrooms. The Sisters at St Bernadette's wanted to utilise the space they had and they especially wanted to keep the playground in tact. They also asked us to build a slab roof so that they could build another story in the future. The official opening ceremony included a concert from the school band with local dignitaries and ASL in attendance.



Sanathosa Pre School Tangalle Total Cost 15,000.00 USD

The Sanathosa Pre School has by far the most elaborate facilities built on the coast. With this project we collaborated with Mr Tim Jacobson of Hong Kong in his wish to create a memorial for his late wife Sarah. The project was managed by local residents of Tangalle with Adoptsrilanka funding a total of \$15,000USD. This Pre School will eventually take the overspill of the Seenimodara temporary Pre School near by and will be providing after school tuition and computer classes to local children as an added facility



Mirissa Village Pre School Total Cost \$4,235.12 USD

The newly finished village of Nugagahahena built by AdoptSriLanka has now fitted out a Pre School in the newly extended community centre. This is a great benefit for the people of the village as there are over 30 children of pre school age that can now stay safely in the village environment instead of travelling 3 ks to the nearest Pre School. ASL have encouraged the villagers to employ a local teacher and hopefully school will start in February 2007. For more information on Mirissa village, please visit www.adoptsrilanka.com.



Summary

ASL has spent a total of **\$65,968.98 USD** on building pre schools in Sri Lanka.

We are actively looking for funds to provide playgrounds to needy schools. A school playground cost approximately \$1,000 USD.

We continue in our efforts to assist Sri Lankan educational development through our specialist programme ASL Twins. For more information please email:

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