



Reconcile &  
Rebuild

# **School Supplies for pre-school Children in Seenigama**

## **Initiative Outline**

December 2009

## Initiative overview

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- **Scope:**
  - In collaboration with the Foundation of Goodness, this initiative was lead by Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka (R&R) volunteer Ranjan Swaminathan who learned about the needs of children in Seenigama during his visit to the village in November 2009.
  - As part of this initiative, R&R provided essential school supplies to 58 rural children at the Lahiru pre-school Seenigama, in the Galle district.
- **Purpose:** In the spirit of promoting better inter-ethnic understanding and development of rural communities, Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka network supplied essential school supplies for the new year to children who could not otherwise afford these items.
- **Initiative funding:** Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka network of volunteers collected funds from well wishers in the Sri Lankan expatriate community in the United States to donate new year school supplies at a total cost of US \$1500.
- **Questions or comments:** If you have questions or comments about the initiative, please contact Ranjan Shiva Swaminathan at +1 650-440-1736 or shivaswaminathan2003@yahoo.com

Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka is a volunteer network (California State Corporate ID #: 3111990) whose vision is to collaborate and work across ethnic and religious boundaries, fostering mutual respect, trust, and friendship among all communities in Sri Lanka and its Diaspora.

4<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Mr. Tennyson Rodrigo  
Colombo 03

Dear Uncle Tennyson

It is with extreme gratitude that I write to thank you and Aunty Vinitha very sincerely for coming over to the village yesterday for the distribution of Essential School Supplies packages to the kids of "Lahiru" Pre-school in Seenigama driving all the way from Colombo and staying over to witness the entire program of the Annual Concert of the little kids, which to me is true compassion.

The contribution made by "Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka" for the benefit of 58 rural kids in Seenigama towards Essential School Supplies for the year 2010, with their education in mind who otherwise cannot afford these items is absolutely commendable and praiseworthy, and handing them over personally to these kids I am sure made you very happy.

You will be pleased to know that over the last 10 years this pet project of ours covering island wide schools have received 7755+ packages and we are pleased to gift the most in the North/East for the year beginning January 2010 where we feel the time is opportune and most relevant to empower kids who have been in the midst of combat for nearly 30 years.

The joy in receiving such a gift cannot be expressed in words but can be seen in the beaming smiles on their faces to whom such supplies are a form of luxury. Through your help we are able to provide these children with continuous educational support thus developing their knowledge and skills despite originating from disadvantaged communities.

On behalf of the Foundation of Goodness, may I thank all members of "Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka" earnestly for this generous donation, particularly the way you have significantly touched the hearts of rural children in desperate circumstances.

Thank you for the compassion and concern you have shown and for supporting our cause in enriching humanity.

We have also attached herewith our banner for display at every presentation and some of the photographs taken yesterday at the concert.

May the thought that inspired you greatly succeed and prosper.

**FOUNDATION OF GOODNESS**



**KUSHIL GUNASEKERA**  
FOUNDER/TRUSTEE

## Acknowledgement letter from the Foundation of Goodness

## The traditional oil lamp being lit at the Lahiru pre-school by Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka volunteers



## Reconcile & Rebuild Sri Lanka volunteers presenting school supplies to Lahiru pre-school students



## Dance performance by children of Lahiru pre-school

