

HELLABEEM SRI LANKA

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January

After the holiday a few boys did not return due to decubitus ulcers. One of them had to have plastic surgery, another one is not coming back due to this problem. One girl from the sewing group was successfully operated on the same problem.

Lots of boys and staff had the flu, as it was raining.

Now all waste garbage is divided and collected in separate bins in front of all the buildings.

Refresher mobile phone training was done for the deaf boys.

We had a plague of caterpillars especially in the kitchen area.

A few boys got training for making coconut shell art items.

February



One of the girls picking up their computer. Right Sanka is making pendants from coconut shells.



All the girls received their computers from their sponsor after their six months' training. We have a new counselor, her name is Piumi Jayawardhana.

March

Diploma ceremony! It was a great party, in which most of the “old boys” also participated. Sajith, Kumare, Tjarith and Minhar were leaving us to start their shops. Kaveesha shall become a teacher in Hellabeem and assist in the administration.

May

Roof repairs were done.

We made holes for tea, pepper and papaya plants.

Minhar opened his shop and his workshop. He is working with his brother who has a communication shop.

The field officer looked for candidates. Although it was not easy, five new boys were found.

Tjarith opened his shop and workshop.



Minhar with his mother to the right.
Tjarith opened his shop on the left.

Sajith also opened his shop and workplace; we are particularly proud of him as he has clump hands and cannot walk due to his cerebral palsy.



Sajith just opened his shop
To the right PMT students Esmee and
Nathan and physiotherapist student
Romany.

The PMT students, Romany, Esmee and Nathan, went home after four months.
Ten new wheelchairs were assembled by Shiran and other boys, thanks to the Liliane Fund.

June

‘Empowerment day’ with a lot of disabled children from the area. There were about 200 children, most of them intellectually impaired. But also deaf and blind children were there. They could show their talents and participated in a lot of games. This very happy day was organized by Hellabeem and social officers from Weligama and other places. Sponsored by the Liliane Fund, it was a big community event.

The windmill went down for maintenance.

Four new batteries were installed for the windmill.

Thirteen sun panels were installed, thanks to St. Katholieke Wezenverzorging Breda.



Empowerment day



For 200 children



Windmill painted



sunpannels

Two little puppies were dumped in the trishaw while Mr. Dayalal was doing the shopping. People do this terrible thing because they do not bring their dogs for sterilization.

Almsgiving Dansala: our boys and staff provided food for people passing by.



Almsgiving Dansala to the left.
Chana's family with 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

The mother of one of our students came to stay in Hellabeem with a daughter and two other sons. The husband was beating them up. He is an alcoholic and uses heroine. Hellabeem is also a safe house for them now.

Mr. Thishantha works only three days as manager now and Ms. Shanika does the daily management. Chandima, who is Shanika's sister and works at an accounting firm, comes in on Saturday to work for Hellabeem.

We had a house foundation laying for our old student Chana. He is very much disabled and needs a place for himself. It is a simple one-room house with a bathroom and he can have his shop there as well. His father and mother have six children in a two-room house without any plastering and no bathroom. Father cannot work anymore, he is sick.

July

Repair of the wood clay oven as it collapsed; there is never a guarantee.

We started using Click-up productivity software for making to do lists.

One of the cows got a hormone injection while she was pregnant, resulting in a spontaneous abortion.

Agriculture is on a very low level, vets do not come on Sundays.

A couple from England, Stefan and Melinda Latanowski, came to give physiotherapy, yoga, mandala drawing and dancing for the girls. They were here for the third time.



Stef and melinda



Jasper and Danielle the new PMT students and Samere our ass. physiotherapist on the right

A course in toy making and jewelry for girls, who stayed for one month. The girls not only finished their toy making training, but also learned how to make jewelry from paper.

September

Arrival of new PMT students from Windesheim University in Zwolle (NL).

The opening of the new shop and workplace of U.U. Pradeep. This is a second shop and is located in a better place. He started his first shop a few years ago and he is doing well.



UU Pradeep in front of his new shop.



October

Unfortunately, this is the last year that Liliane Fund Foundation is supporting Hellabeem, because of their policy to concentrate on Africa. We are very grateful to them for sponsoring us for eleven years. We went to a terrific show of Ecsath, with two of our students and some staff members. Ecsath is an organization that supports children and adults with mental and physical disabilities in their communities. It was a very professional performance with dance and drama.



Roshan Samarawickrama CEO Ecsat to the left.

Contributions from volunteers and students were spent on extra batteries for the sun panels. We also bought cables for the Hostel connection, for when we have power cuts.
 Opening of Kumare's shop. We are very proud of him because he was a slow learner, but thanks to his motivation he was able to do it. It took him five years.



Opening of Kumare's shop

November

Start of clearing the land for an official residence, with thanks to St. Limbra. After we demolished the old shed, cut the trees and levelled the floor, the foundation laying was done by Kaveesha, who is going to live there with his mother. They have no house and Kaveesha has a muscular disease. He is a good teacher for basic electronics and also works at the administration.



Foundation laying for our residents house for Kaveesha



We planted papaya and pepper plants. We made a nursery for grass plants, as we need more special grasses for the cows. We also planted cinnamon plants.

There was an outbreak of chickenpox; five boys were infected and sent home.

December

One of our nannies, Gamage, left Hellabeem, as she went into retirement. Our boys gave a nice show with dance, song and poems for her. She had worked in Hellabeem for eleven years.

We made a nice display for our toys made by disabled and took it to the Marriott Hotel.



Left toys display in Marriott Hotel and to the right mushroom cultivation.

Start of the mushrooms cultivation.

The Marriott Hotel treated us to a free Christmas lunch. We went there with all the boys and staff members, with the car, three trishaws and a tractor full of wheelchairs and scooters. That was a very generous offer.

During the holiday, the mason worked on the new residence building.



Free lunch in Marriott Hotel

