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Dear UCF Prayer Partners,

MEDICAL CAMP – Madahapola Village

We are happy to inform you that we are conducting our next free mobile medical camp on the 25th of September for 100 patients in the above village for people who are suffering from diarrhea, dengue fever and various other illnesses. This is a village where there are no hospitals at all. The medical camp will be conducted in the house of one of our believers. Please pray that the Lord will provide the funds for the medicines needed. The Medical team will be assisted by 5 persons.

Bendiweva Village, Polonnaruwa

We are once again planning to conduct a medical camp for 100 patients in the Bendiweva Village, Dry Zone area on the 20th of October. This is the third time we are holding the Clinic in this village. The families in this area are sometimes attacked by wild elephants. They are mostly affected by Malaria and we will be providing them medicine and pray that the Lord will provide the needed funds for medicines for these rural people who cannot afford to buy medicine. They appreciate very much the service rendered by the UCF in the past. The budget for the Medical Project has been estimated for 12 months to purchase medicine every month, Doctor's and Nurse's support and transportation, **US \$ 7500.00 annually.**

VISIT OF MISSION TEAM FROM AUSTRALIA

Also pray for the Mission Team consisting of 8 persons from the Salvation Army in Dalwood, Australia who will be arriving in Sri Lanka on the 24th until the 28th of September. They will also do some painting work in the Beach Children's center in Moratuwa and will also visit our new believers in Neboda, Nursery School at Madatugama. They will participate in a special service on the 24th evening at our Neboda Center. On the 29th, they will leave for Hyderabad, India. We pray that the Lord will use them effectively for His work through the UCF.

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COMMUNITY CENTER

As scheduled, we are planning to open the new community center in Moratuwa on the 7th of October. This Center will be used for the community service of the UCF such as to conduct medical camps, training programmes, Sunday service and Bible study.

Pastor Martin Schynder and his team from Switzerland will be participating in the Dedication Service on this day. Many people and other Christian Leaders from the area will be attending the opening. **We have budgeted US\$ 2000/-** which is needed to furnish the Center. We need to purchase 85 chairs, 2 tables, a clock, 4 stools etc.

BETHEL CHILDRENS' HOME (ORPHANAGE)

Please pray for us as we prepare to open the Bethel Children's Home in Moratuwa for the children who have no parents. Some of these children are from the fishing community in Moratuwa and we are trying to build up their lives providing them with food, clothes and medicine. On the 10th of November we will be opening this building and Rev. David Haley from the United Methodist Church in the USA will be taking part in the Dedication Service. We thank God that He has given us this opportunity and pray that the Lord will provide the necessary funds to run the Home in the days to come. To run this Children's Home with 10 children, 3 staff members, their food, lodging, medical, water and electricity bills, maintenance of the building etc., we have budgeted for a month **minimum US\$ 1500.00**. **Therefore for the year from November 2006 to November 2007, US\$ 1500.00 X 12 = US\$ 18000.00.**

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE –Neboda Center

The Water Baptism service will be held on the 11th of November in Clauden Rubber Estate Neboda. There are 25 new believers from Buddhist and Hindu background coming from namely areas like Ibbagammuwa, Padukka and Neboda ready to receive Water Baptism. Please pray that the Lord will use them in future to be useful disciples of Christ to fulfill His purpose. Also we are very much encouraged that Rev. David Haley from Littleton United Methodist Church, USA is taking part in this service. There will be a little capital expenditure as we need to buy 30 Bibles, cover some travel expenses since believers are coming from a far distance and provide lunch and other expenses etc. Please pray that the Lord will honour these needs and we have budgeted **about US\$ 500.00** for these expenses.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR THE CHILDREN

The annual Christmas programme of the UCF is scheduled to be held in early December. We are planning to give gifts to the children of the Beach Children's Center, Moratuwa, Nursery School Madatugama, Bethel Childrens' Home, Moratuwa, Nursery Schools in Piliyandala, Padukka and Neboda. We propose to give each child a school bag, books, clothes and food.

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There are 200 children in all and for each children we are planning to spend **US \$ 15.00**. Therefore the budget to purchase these items is **US\$ 15.00 X 200 = US \$ 3000/-** Please pray that the Lord will provide the needed funds before 30th November , to carry out this programme effectively to help the needy children. (These Christmas programmes will be held in their respective places between 1st to 10th of December).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR U.C.F. STAFF AND FAMILIES

We are planning to hold a Christmas Programme for our 25 UCF staff members and their families and children, on 20th December as annually the staff and families get together during this time. We want to give them a financial gift so that they can buy something for the season for their families and children. For **25 persons the budget is US\$ 2000/-**

We are happy to share these requests with you for the next three months until December.

Your prayers, encouragement and support will be greatly appreciated so that we will be able to carry out this work effectively by God's grace.

Thanking you,

Yours in His service
Ranjan Fernando, family and staff.