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### **UPDATED REPORT – OCTOBER 2006**

#### **MEDICAL CLINIC –Madahapola Village**

A Medical clinic in the Madahapola village was successfully conducted by our UCF Medical Team on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. It was a great joy for us to have the Mission Team from Australia present during this time. The people are really appreciating the service that we are doing and they have invited us to come regularly to this village and continue this project there. So the next clinic we are planning to hold for 100 disabled families in this village in due course. We thank God for His grace and blessings.



Medical Camp being conducted in Madahapola

Also on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October we conducted a Medical clinic in our Beach Children's Center in Moratuwa where we were able to give treatment to 75 patients from the Moratuwa beach area. We are glad that Pastor Martin Schynder and his team from Switzerland were with us during the time of conducting this clinic.



Medical Camp conducted in Moratuwa

#### **COMMUNITY HALL OPENING- Moratuwa**

The Community Hall in Moratuwa was opened on 7<sup>th</sup> October by Pastor Martin Schynder. It is really wonderful to share with you that the Lord has been so good to us. The service was conducted by Pastor R S Fernando together with the UCF team while the dedication service was done by Rev. Dr. Chester Choi. It was well attended and among the invitees was the Mayor of Moratuwa who gave an encouraging speech. He also lit the traditional oil lamp during the opening ceremony which is a cultural custom of Sri Lanka.



Pastor Martin Schynder cutting the Ribbon and opening the Community Hall



The Mayor of Moratuwa lighting the Traditional Oil Lamp

### DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL BAGS - Kekirawa

It is encouraging to inform you that on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, we were able to distribute school bags to 125 children of the Baptist Tamil School in Kekirawa. This is a Government School and the Director of Education of the area and the Principal of the School and teachers organized this event.

This was a very exciting time for us and we thank Pastor Martin Schynder and his team who took part in distributing the bags to the children. These children are living in very scattered conditions and some of their parents cannot afford to buy school and bags for their children. We thank God that we were able to help these children and they really appreciated the work of the UCF.



Pastor R S Fernando distributing the bags



Pastor Martin Schynder distributing the bags

We are also happy to inform you that a Christian families Conference was held at St. John's Church Kandy conducted by Pastor Martin Schynder. According to the participants they were very much encouraged by his teaching. The conference was followed by a fellowship lunch.



Participants at the Seminar in Kandy

FIRST SEMINAR AFTER DEDICATING  
THE COMMUNITY HALL -Moratuwa

We held our first Seminar for Christian Family Counselling conducted by Pastor Martin Schynder from Switzerland using our Community Hall in Moratuwa on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

We are planning to launch out a new ministry “The New Hope Church” in due course using our Community Hall in Moratuwa.



Participants at the Seminar in Moratuwa

UPCOMING PROJECTS

On November 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, as scheduled we are planning to open the UCF Orphanage, “The Bethel Children’s Home” in Moratuwa. Rev. David Haley from the United Methodist Church in Littleton USA will be taking part in the opening. We are running this home to build up the lives of the underprivileged children of the area providing them with food, clothes medicine and education. Some of these children come from the fishing communities of Moratuwa and there are some children who were affected by the Tsunami, having lost all their belongings and a parent as well. We are planning to start this home with 10 children. At the time of taking this photo only 7 children were interviewed for admission. Children to be admitted to the Home



WATER BAPTISM SERCIVE – Neboda

The Water Baptism service will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November in Clauden Rubber Estate Neboda, as scheduled. There are 25 new believers from Buddhist and Hindu background coming from namely areas like Ibbagammuwa, Padukka Piliyandala and Madatugame coming to Neboda to receive Water Baptism. Please pray that the Lord will use them in future to be disciples of Christ to fulfill His purpose. In the days to come. Also we are very much encouraged that Rev. David Haley from Littleton United Methodist Church, USA is taking part in this service. We are planning to have a Fellowship lunch with all the believers, about 150 after the service. Please pray that the Lord will give us a precious time as we come together.

### KEKIRAWA (Ollambewa Village)

Ollambewa is a very rural village in the dry zone. We had the privilege of visiting this village for the second time meeting with 15 families who has been affected by the Tsunami when the were in the east coast of Sri Lanka. Now they are living in temporary houses in the Ollambewa Village. Near Olambewa Village there is a lake called “Kalawewa”.

There are 15 families in this Village. Some of whom are

Christians from the Tamil speaking community.

There are opportunities to start a fellowship service on a regular basis. Now their great need is to have 15 fishing nets in the beginning so that the can generate some income for their living. We can plan out to purchase some small fishing boats later on. Your prayers and support will help them to build up their lives.



15 Fishing families in Ollambewa

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

The Christmas programme has been scheduled to be held in 08 places where the UCF is carrying on their ministry. We are targeting 200 children from the Nursery and Sunday Schools.

We are sharing this brief information with you just to keep you informed of the UCF activities which will help you to pray that the Lord will provide all the needs of the Ministry right now as we need to continue His work.

