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U C F MINISTRY AND PROJECTS – REPORT

Bethel Children's Home -Moratuwa

We are very happy to inform you that we opened and dedicated our Bethel Children's Home on Friday 10th of November. The 10 children were admitted on that day by the Matron who is in charge. At this home we will be providing facilities like food, medicine, clothing and education for the needy children. The dedication service was conducted by Pastor R S Fernando and Rev. David Haley from U.M. C. North Carolina, USA.

We are thankful to all our UCF partners for generous support to build this project.

Please pray for the future ongoing operational expenses of this project. Among the participants were Hon. Tyronne Fernando, former Minister of Foreign Affairs in Sri Lanka and Governor of the North Central Province and presently Advisor for International Affairs to the President of Sri Lanka. He gave an encouraging speech to the gathering including the children and parents. The ceremony was well attended. Christian Ministers from the churches of the area and also the Chief Buddhist Monk from the Moratuwa area were present. He too gave an encouraging speech. So we thank God for His grace and the blessings he has given us on this occasion.



Bethel Childrens Home –Group photo with 7 children.

Water Baptismal Service

The Special Water Baptism Service was held as scheduled on 11th November in a little river situated in our Neboda Church. 23 new believers from Buddhist and Hindu background received the Water Baptism on this day. These believers are from Ibbagamuwa, Neboda, Piliyandala and Moratuwa. We thank God for their testimony and taking the commitment to follow Christ and accepting our Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The Baptism service was carried out by Pastor R S Fernando along with Rev. David Haley. The other UCF Pastors also took part in the service.



Water Baptism service in Neboda on 11th Nov.

Rev. David David Haley from the USA delivered the message sharing the Word of God from Mark Chapter 1, ver. 9:12 encouraging the new believers with the meaning of receiving the Water Baptism.

After the service, we had a fellowship lunch in the Church in Neboda. We thank God for all these brothers and sisters who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Visit to Nursery School - Madatugama

It was a great privilege for us to visit the Madatugama Nursery School on the 12th to see a 'Play' by the children. Seeing them playing and singing together was a great joy for us. This project is managed by the UCF and there are 2 ladies working here and 40 children are attending this school from the village of Madatugama. Pastor R S Fernando distributed the books along with Rev. David Haley.



Children of the Nursery School Madatugama taking Part in a Play

Visit to Ollambewa Village -Kekirawa

As mentioned in my previous report, we have selected 15 families in this village who are living in temporary sheds since they were affected by the Tsunami when they were living in the East of Sri Lanka. In end December we are looking forward to purchase 15 fishing nets for these families so that they can do some fishing in the lake nearby and get an income to sustain their families. At present they do not have an income for their living. So these nets will help them to overcome their hardship. Your prayers and encouragement for this project will be greatly appreciated.

We also had the privilege of providing some school books to some of the children of these families, when we presented school books to over 50 children of this village. The parents of these children are very thankful to us for doing this as they cannot afford to buy school books and bags for the children



Distribution of school books to the children Of the Ollambewa Village in Kekirawa

We are sharing this with you just to keep you informed of the UCF activities and look forward to your continued prayers and support to keep our projects ongoing in the future. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement in the past.