



SRI LANKA PARTNERSHIP PROJECT COMMITTEE

**THIRD AND FOURTH ANNUAL REPORTS
2011 AND 2012**



Sri Lanka Partnership Project Committee: annual reports for 2011 and 2012

INTRODUCTION

The Sri Lanka Partnership Project Committee is pleased to present our annual reports for 2011 and 2012. At the same time, we apologise for the delay in publishing the 2011 report. The delay was necessitated by the violent attack on Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah in late 2011, and the resulting need for the Bishop to be on leave while recovering from his injuries. This was a time of considerable strain on all in the Jaffna Diocese, and we are grateful that the reports presented here show the resilience and commitment of the Diocese to its important mission of recovery, reconciliation and reconstruction in their war-ravaged nation.

This report presents the last two years of the Committee's work in sequence, and is followed by a consolidated program report for the two years by the officers of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI), and audited accounts for each of 2011 and 2012 for the JDCSI auditor.

Annual Report 2011

This is the third annual report year of the Sri Lanka Partnership Project. The Committee (SLPPC) is grateful for the ongoing support and cooperation between the project partners, the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI), St. George's East St. Kilda Uniting Church, and the Creative Ministries Network (CMN).

Fund-raising

Raising funds for the programs and ministry of JDCSI has continued during 2011. Our direct debit donors provide terrific ongoing support, debiting their accounts each month to provide unearmarked funds for the JDCSI ministries.

The Samuel Boys Home (SBH) of JDCSI also receives wonderful support from a dedicated band of donors organised by Anto Samuel. A generous network of friends of Sri Lanka has also given donations at church services, including a funeral service. Donations have also been received for rebuilding a church in the Wannu, for children at Christmas, and for special needs as they have emerged. A gift of bicycles for disabled children was facilitated through the Lions Club.

A special fundraising multicultural evening with dinner and entertainment was organised in May. The Committee thanks Fiona Vemoa and Nelson Rich for their donations to the meal, Mr. Ilanko for a donation for the hall hire and Sulochana Thavarajah for the entertainment.

The Committee is encouraged by the level of ongoing support from so many for the urgent humanitarian needs being met by JDCSI.

Special projects

Samuel Boys Home

Support for Samuel Boys Home provides funding to house, feed and clothe 27 boys orphaned by the civil war or left destitute by circumstance. The Home provides a quality care environment that is monitored and accredited by an agency of the Sri Lankan government. Most of the boys attend Jaffna Central College, with some at a government school, and one at St. John's College. During 2011, the Committee's funding has been used to strengthen local management.

Mission worker: Nithi Kanagaratnam

Nithi Kanagaratnam provided reports of his role as a volunteer mission worker with JDCSI through the Assembly's Uniting World. Nithi worked actively from the time of his arrival in 2010, and we were saddened when his work was cut short due to illness. The Committee welcomed Nithi's testimony of his growth in prayer and faith during the often difficult challenges he encountered. Nithi's volunteer mission work with Uniting World is concluded, with appreciation for his contribution to the mission of JDCSI

A visiting JDCSI pastor

The Synod's Justice and International Mission (JIM) provided funds for a visit by a JDCSI pastor to promote understanding in the Synod of the mission challenges facing the church in Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, the Australian embassy in Sri Lanka was unwilling to provide a visa for the visit. The refusal indicated an unwillingness to allow any JDCSI pastors to visit Australia because of the fear they would seek refugee status here and not return to Sri Lanka.

The grant was used to sponsor a visit by Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah later in 2011. A community dinner provided a rich opportunity to meet with the Bishop in November. This was an important and moving event, as over 30 attendees heard a firsthand account of the trauma suffered by Bishop Daniel and his wife Thaya following the brutal attempt on his life. The gathering shared a time of prayer for Daniel and Thaya, and the JDCSI.

The Committee expresses its warm appreciation to the JIM for their support of this visit, and submitted a detailed report to JIM for the visit.

Acquittal of funds from the Synod Lenten Appeal

The Committee's annual report included a report and acquittal of \$16,347 donated to JDCSI from the international project for the 2010 Share Lenten Appeal of the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. Copies of the 2010 annual report may be obtained from the Committee.

Service of Lament

The Committee marked the second anniversary of the end of the civil war on 18 May at Creative Ministries Network, with a service led by Rev. John Bottomley.

A small congregation participated in the service. The Committee has committed to hold this service in 2012, and is looking to share this with a Sri Lankan congregation.

Governance

The Committee conducted its annual meeting in September. The Committee's financial report for 2011 has again been audited by the St. George's Uniting Church auditor. We are grateful to the Church Council for their ongoing support for the oversight of their Finance Officer, and organisation of the audit of our accounts, and for employing Margaret Neith to administer the Committee's finances and provide receipts as required for all our donors.

The audit report from JDCSI for the Committee's 2010 funding was received, and published as a joint report with the Committee's annual report for 2010. Copies were distributed to our friends, sponsors, and church leaders, and the report was put on the JDCSI website.

The Committee provided a special report on the Samuel Boys Home to be distributed to our sponsors and potential donors.

Current Committee members appointed by the project partners are:

Appointed by St. George's

Angela Tampiyappa, Christina Vejayaratnam, and Nithi Kanagaratnam

Appointed by Creative Ministries Network

John Bottomley, Nalin Perera

Appointed by JDCSI

Christy Thiagarajah

Financial Report 2011
1st Jan to 31st Dec 2011

Bank Account

Balance Brought Forward 3,008.45

Income

Receipts	35,975.00	
Interest	<u>159.80</u>	<u>36,134.80</u>
		39,143.25

less Transfers

SBH	16,300.00	
SBH		
Renovations	7,103.00	
Children	1,554.00	
Visuamadu		
Church	3,000.00	
Managers	1,300.00	
Supervisor	300.00	
Unearmarked	<u>7,260.00</u>	36,817.00
Bank Charges	<u>300.00</u>	37,117.00
Balance as at 31/12/2010		<u>2,026.25</u>

Thanks

The Committee is grateful for the relationship with Uniting World, and the support and encouragement of their staff. We also appreciate the support from the project partners for their support for the important work carried out in their name by our Committee. In particular, we appreciate the support of St. George's East St. Kilda Uniting Church for their financial management of the Committee's accounts, and the audit of our accounts as part of the Church Council's annual audit of their church's accounts.

Rev. John Bottomley
Chairperson
May 2012

Rev. Angela Tampiyappa
Secretary

Sri Lanka Partnership Project Committee Annual Report 2012

This is the fourth annual report year of the Sri Lanka Partnership Project. The Committee (SLPPC) is grateful for the ongoing support and cooperation between the project partners, the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI), St. George's East St. Kilda Uniting Church, and the Creative Ministries Network (CMN).

Fund-raising

The core of the Committee's fund-raising in 2012 was from direct debit donors and a network of friends of Samuel Boys' Home. Regular monthly donations from both these groups allowed the Committee to send a monthly contribution to JDCSI to maintain support for the Boys Home and provided funds for priorities determined by JDCSI Executive Committee.

The support from St. George's UCA for all administration costs associated with the Committee's fund-raising activities means that every dollar donated goes directly to those in need in Sri Lanka. The Committee is very grateful for the ongoing support of the St. George's Church Council.

Special projects

Samuel Boys' Home

The Committee provided \$600 per month funding throughout 2012, and \$100 per month to support the local management of the Home. Samuel Boys Home houses, feeds and clothes boys orphaned by the civil war or left destitute by circumstance. The Home provides a quality care environment that is monitored and accredited by an agency of the Sri Lankan government. JDCSI has been working with the government to relocate the boys to a facility owned by the Church, rather than the current rented facility.

The Committee expressed its tremendous appreciation to Anto Samuel for initiating this project, and for coordinating the generous network of donors for SBH.

An Ultrasound Scanner

An Ultrasound Scanner, donated by the Melbourne Committee for Sri Lanka of Rotary International, was transported to Colombo, Sri Lanka by Rev. David Pargeter of the Victoria and Tasmania's Commission for Mission on behalf of the Committee. The Scanner eventually reached its destination at the Manipay Green Memorial Hospital of the JDCSI. The Committee took responsibility for the delivery of the Scanner to ensure it arrived safely in Sri Lanka. We are pleased to acknowledge the role of Prof. Henry Sathanathan in coordinating the donation of the Scanner.

Volunteers for Sri Lanka

The Committee had a wide-ranging discussion with two men wishing to carry out volunteer work in Sri Lanka. The Committee agreed to recommend their plan to

make a documentary with JDCSI, and approval for the project has been given by the Diocese. It is anticipated their project will commence in the first half of 2013.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to consult with Australians interested in offering volunteer service in Sri Lanka. Our experience is proving valuable in matching the interests of volunteers with the needs of the JDCSI and the people of Sri Lanka.

Commission for Mission reconciliation process

The Committee supported a reconciliation process of quarterly Eucharist services for Sri Lankan ministers of the Synod, organised by the Synod's Commission for Mission at the suggestion of the Committee's chairperson. The process was not completed after it was interrupted by a pilgrimage to Sri Lanka facilitated by the Commission for Sri Lankan ministers.

Prayer for reconciliation

The Committee began work on drafting a prayer service for reconciliation between JDCSI and the world-wide Sri Lanka diaspora.

Solidarity visit

Committee secretary Rev. Angela Tampiyappa visited JDCSI as a solidarity visit during her long service leave in December.

Service of Lament

The Committee marked the third anniversary of the end of the civil war on 18 May at Creative Ministries Network, with a service led by Rev. John Bottomley. A small congregation participated in the service.

Governance

The Committee's financial report for 2012 has again been audited by the St. George's Uniting Church auditor.

The Committee was grieved by the brutal and murderous attack on Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah in late 2011, and was delighted to welcome both the Bishop and Mrs. Thaya Thiagarajah to Melbourne some time later. We were grateful to see the Bishop was alive and we were deeply moved to hear him give testimony to his desire to forgive and seek reconciliation with his enemies.

The Committee agreed to hold over the JDCSI's report for 2011 until the Bishop was in improved health.

The Committee forwards the monthly copy of the JDCSI 's 'Morning Star' to our sponsors.

Committee members appointed by the project partners for 2012 were:

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Appointed by Creative Ministries Network

John Bottomley, Nalin Perera

Appointed by JDCSI

Christy Thiagarajah

Financial Report 2011

1st Jan to 31st Dec 2012

Bank Account

Balance Brought Forward			2,026.25
Receipts		22,033.00	
Interest		<u>234.22</u>	<u>22,267.22</u>
			24,293.47
less Transfers			
SBH	8,200.00		
SBH Parents	1,100.00		
JDCSI	10,700.00		
Unearmarked	<u>1,650.00</u>	21,650.00	
Bank Charges		<u>240.00</u>	21,890.00
			<u>2,403.47</u>
Balance as at 31/12/2012			<u>2,403.47</u>

Thanks

The Committee places on record our appreciation of the loyal service of Rev. Nalin Perera to our work, and extends our prayerful best wishes to him as he rejoins his family in Western Australia and begins chaplaincy work at Wesley College, Perth.

John Bottomley
Chairperson

Angela Tampiyappa
Secretary

March 2013

Sri Lankan Partnership Programme

A Partnership between the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI)

and

the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) Church Council of St. George's East St.
Kilda Uniting Church

&

the Board of Governance of Creative Ministries Network (CMN)

NARRATIVE REPORT FOR THE YEARS 2011 & 2012

Presented by

The Officers of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI)

Preamble

We are happy that the partnership between the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI) and the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) Church Council of St. George's East St. Kilda Uniting Church & the Board of Governance of Creative Ministries Network (CMN), known as "SRI LANKAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME" (SLPP) continued in 2011 and 2012. "Partnership in Mission," sustains relationships and helps motivate the partners to continue in God's Mission for the People of God.

The Context

The JDCSI acknowledges with grateful thanks the support it continued to receive from the SLPP. The context in which we began this journey might have been different in these two years but the challenges and demands of ministry kept on increasing. The JDCSI, while facing many challenges, was able to be 'alive' for the people to experience the grace of God in many meaningful ways. It was quite difficult for the JDCSI to meet the needs of people and of churches due to various reasons including continued migration and the sharp drop in income from churches. However we continued to feel the miraculous guidance of the One who has called this great church for unity, service and witness. We continued to find ways of involving and doing God's Mission.

The year 2011 also saw an unexpected incident that happened to our bishop who was miraculously delivered from the 'pangs of death.' Though the said incident has slowed down the routine work of our bishop for almost a full year the diocesan outreach ministry continued to make significant impact in the lives of the 'wounded' and the 'needy.' We remain thankful to all our friends in Australia who kept on supporting our bishop and family in their distress and the diocese as a whole.

Review of Activities

JDCSI Samuel Boys Hostel in Jaffna

We are grateful to Pastor Anto Samuel and her family and friends who continued to support the Home in Jaffna with much difficulty in finding financial sponsors. The Government introduced many changes in the administration of Homes in general. Introduction of new regulations in terms of new admissions affected us. We are happy that we were able to run our Homes, especially "Samuel Boys Home, Jaffna" with this generous support and the assistance of the Manager K. Kularanjan, the Warden A. Karunakaran, and the "Home Parents" Rev. Antany Sawerimuthu and Mrs. Jeyarani Antany.

We are happy that the Home was renovated and necessary facelift was added.

Ministry of Restoration, Renewal and Healing

A brief background of events

We were able to take a clear evaluation of the outreach ministry of the JDCSI that began in the year 1979 with Kilinochchi as the main when we completed thirty years of this new sphere of ministry. While we give thanks to the Lord for His guidance over the period, in times of war and natural calamities, we strive hard to discern the 'signs of the times' for new dimensions of ministry the JDCSI is called for.

Ministry in the Vanni Region

We were well received by the people of the area for the varied ministry we were involved in. The JDCSI, through its 'service oriented arm' the Centre for Holistic Healing (CHH) continued to be in solidarity with the people in their needs, anguish and anxiety through the many nutrition and learning centers for children; programmes for widows, young women and the physically challenged; and free medical clinics. We have been given a great push by the UnitingWorld, Australia for our ministry among the people who were resettling in these areas. The funds received from and through the SLPP strengthened the efforts of the JDCSI for this important ministry.

We continued to restore and renovate church centers and lands in the Vanni region these two years. We are able to concentrate more in Vaswamadhu area where our Day Care Centre caters for more than 100 children and the church is growing in her witness and number. We are thankful to the SLPP for the gracious grant toward this centre.

The "Pastors Fraternity" in the Vanni is a solid force for our ministry. There are nine ordained clergy in this region to help assist the diocese in its ministry.

The Mission and Evangelism Department of the Church of South India Synod is interested in journeying with us in our ministry of mission and evangelism. A team comprising of eight members from six Tamil dioceses of the CSI visited us and helped us with programmes. They have also initiated a church project at Shalom Nagar, Murippu where we have a 100-acre land in which we implemented several projects prior to the war. Restoration of this area will certainly help the community at large with job opportunities, child care programmes and other.

Visit of our Bishop and Dr Thaya Thiagarajah to Australia

We are happy that our bishop and his wife were able to meet with the SLPP team at a dinner at Christy's house in Melbourne. Their visit was possible due to an invitation for a programme in Sydney extended to the bishop by the Multi Cultural Ministries Network of UCA. This was also a time for our bishop to receive further treatment for his ailment and to catch up some rest and receive prayerful support of our partners.

Concluding Remarks

We record our appreciation and thanks to the members of the SLPP for their continued commitment of time, talents and gifts towards strengthening the partnership. We are thankful to all for their efforts in soliciting necessary funds for the JDCSI that helped the diocese in significant ways. Certain donations to needy individuals and churches also were helpful. Help to restore churches, provision of furniture etc are also greatly appreciated. We express our profound gratitude for the untiring efforts of the Rev. John Bottomley who not only serves as the coordinator but also as a personal guide and counselor to our bishop. He has been a faithful friend, philosopher and guide. The assistance received through UnitingWorld is noteworthy. An audited statement of accounts is being prepared to be sent to them as well as to the SLPP. We continue to look forward to their assistance in the years to come.

We are thankful to the contribution of the Rev. Mrs. Angela Tampiyappa and her family for their generous support. Our special thanks are due to Church Council of St. George's East St. Kilda Uniting Church & the Board of Governance of Creative Ministries Network (CMN). We remain grateful to our liaison in Melbourne Christy Thiagarajah for his time, commitment and assistance.

The report is not complete without a special word for Marg Neith for her sincere devotion for the cause. She continued to be a dedicated steward in these two years under review.

All praises and glory be unto our God who remains faithful.

Respectfully submitted by



TREASURER


BISHOP

On behalf the Officers of the JDCSI

Rev. Dr. S. C. Arnold
Treasurer
J.D.C.S.I./A.C.M
Diocesan Office
Vaddukodai

† Rt. Revd Dr Daniel S. Thiagarajah Ph.D.
Bishop, JDCSI & Chairman, ACM

On behalf the Officers of the JDCSI

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Sri Lankan Partnership Programme
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&
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**For The Year Ended
31st December 2011.**

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**Receipts & Payments Accounts
For the Period form 01st January 2011 to 31st December 2011**

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Opening Balance	
Balance as at 31.12.2010	104,732.15
Receipts	
Samuel Boys Home	
Samuel Boys Home - Manager	1,902,992.40
Samuel Boys Home - Special	151,772.40
Samuel Boys Home - Other	175,122.00
Ministry Among Vanni Children	35,024.40
Children in Homes (Lunch)	123,052.39
Unearmarked Funds	58,374.00
Viswamadhu Church	847,590.48
	<u>1,004,383.04</u>
Less :- Payments	<u>4,403,043.26</u>
Samuel Boys Home	
Samuel Boys Home - Manager	1,799,620.00
Samuel Boys Home - Special	150,000.00
Samuel Boys Home - Other	225,000.00
Ministry Among Vanni Children	35,000.00
Children in Homes (Lunch)	120,000.00
Toward Ministry in Vanni, East & South	65,000.00
Viswamadhu Church (01st Stage)	820,000.00
Audit Fees	580,000.00
Bank Charges	16,000.00
	<u>4,200.00</u>
Balance	<u>3,814,820.00</u>
	<u><u>588,223.26</u></u>

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Cordinator

We have prepared the above Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2012 from documents produced and information and explanation furnished to us and certify that there are in accordance therewith.

Colombo
11th October 2012

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Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the Period from 01st January 2012 to 31st December 2012

LKR

Opening Balance

Balance as at 31.12.2011

588,223.26

Advance from JDCSI

9,968.64

598,191.90**Receipts**

Samuel Boys Home

1,004,766.00

Samuel Boys Home - Manager

141,984.00

Designated Fund

Furniture - Bishop's House

127,700.00

Mankulam Parsonage

255,400.00

Individuals & Other

Joerlraj Anpan

46,332.00

Sumathy's Children

23,166.00

Catherine Joseph

5,791.50

Violin for Children

46,332.00

J/City Mission Upkeep

11,583.00

Unearmarked Fund

General (at Different Times)

609,403.60

Special - Leigh Morris

383,100.00

3,253,750.00**Less :- Payments**

Samuel Boys Home

964,000.00

Samuel Boys Home - Manager

120,000.00

Designated Fund

Furniture - Bishop's House

120,000.00

Mankulam Parsonage

280,000.00

Individuals & Other

Joerlraj Anpan

46,000.00

Sumathy's Children

23,000.00

Catherine Joseph

6,000.00

Violin for Children

40,000.00

J/City Mission Upkeep

12,000.00

Unearmarked Fund

Special - Ministry in the East, South & Vanni

620,000.00

Roofing material for 07 families in the Vanni

420,000.00

Viswamadhu Church (02nd Stage)

440,000.00

Travel & Transport

120,000.00

Book Keeping - Internal @ 2,000/=

24,000.00

Bank Charges

2,750.00

Audit Fees

16,000.00

3,253,750.00**Balance**NIL**Cordinator**

We have prepared the above Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2012 from documents produced and information and explanation furnished to us and certify that there are in accordance therewith.

Colombo

11th January 2013

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