



## Background of the Tamil Engineers Foundation

Tamil Engineers Foundation was formed in later part of 2007 to collectively participate spiritually and morally for the long lasting peace at our home land. This is a non political, non profit and charity focused organisation. The main objective is to help needy school/university children, orphanage centres, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and East of Sri-Lanka. Funds raising commences prior to the Thai Pongal Day. Over the past two years Tamil Engineers Foundation has rapidly grown and made significant achievement. This has been a result from the tireless efforts of the foundation itself.

### Year 2008

★ **Collection:** \$3115.00 was collected from voluntary contributions during 2008.

★ **Thai Pongal Villa at Sydney Murugan Temple:**

Thai Pongal Day is celebrated by the committee each year at Sydney Murugan Temple. Bhajans are performed by the members followed by distribution of lunch and evening Prasatham. All food are prepared at temple by Tamil Engineers, their family and friends.



★ **Thurkai Amman Orphanage:**

A sum of \$800 was donated to the Thurkai Amman Temple Orphanage Centre at Thellipallai, Jaffna in September 2008. Sewing machines were also donated to the centre for benefit of the orphans at the centre.

★ **Ramakrishna Mission:**

A donation of \$800 was made to the Batticola Ramakrishna Mission Orphanage Centre. The fund was used to provide meals, new set of clothes, books, stationary and other daily needs to the orphans at the centre.



## Year 2009

★ **Collection:** \$10,715.00 was raised from voluntary contributions in 2009.

★ **Sivan Arul Illam Orphanage Centre:** Donation of \$1000 was made to Sivan Arul Illam Orphanage Centre at Thiruketheswaram, Mannar. The centre expects to receive additional 300 kids from IDP camps who lost both of their parents during the recent civil unrest. The fund was spent in purchasing food items and cloths for the kids.



★ **Local Church Group at Vanni:** \$1000 was handed over to Fr James Pathinathar and Sister Rajes who work with Caritas, Vavuniya to provide food and clothing to the needy people in the IDP camps and hospitals. Fr James Pathinathar has been serving the people in Vanni despite the injury he sustained during the recent unrest.

★ **School children in Mannar:** \$2300 was contributed to Annai Illam Orphanage centre at Mannar and the fund was utilized to provide financial assistance to the children whose parents are in the IDP camps.



★ **All University Development Association at Vanni (AUSDEV):** Rs 55,000 was given to AUSDEV at Vanni to provide coaching facility for the year 12 students in IDP camps in the lead up to the A/L exam. This helped them sufficient preparation towards their A/L examinations.

★ **Scholarships to Peradeniya Engineering Faculty Students:** \$1500 was donated to establish a scholarship scheme at Peradeniya E' Faculty and this scheme will provide financial assistance ( i.e. Rs 2000/month for 12 months period ) to 5 students who experience financial hardship. This scheme is being managed by a group of final year students under the direct supervision of a staff member.



★ **Scholarships to Jaffna & Batticola Universities:** It is being considered to provide similar financial support to selected students in Jaffna & Batticola Universities in the near future.



### Appreciation:

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who have made generous contributions to date to the Tamil Engineers Foundation to provide assistance financially to the needy people in our homeland. We have received contributions not only from Australia but also from New Zealand and USA. This shows the tremendous support given to the Foundation and has helped the Tamil Engineers Foundation to grow bigger and better within a short duration. We hope your support will continue for the years to come.

### Voluntary Contributions for 2010:

The fund raising for 2010 events has now commenced and the committee would appreciate your contributions by 10 January 2010. For more details or to make a contribution, please contact the committee members or access the Tamil Engineers Foundation website [www.tamilengineers.net/](http://www.tamilengineers.net/)