



Tamil Engineers Foundation

Engineers Charity Fund (CFN/21837)

A charity organisation committed to help the needy and disadvantaged people.

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Welcome

Welcome to our end of 2014 Newsletter Issue 6.
We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2015.

Background of the Tamil Engineers Foundation

Tamil Engineers Foundation (TEF) was established in 2007 to collectively participate spiritually and morally for the long lasting peace in our home land. This is a non political, non profitable and charity focused organisation. The main objective is to help the needy school/university children, orphanage centers, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and East of Sri-Lanka. This is a registered organisation with a license to raise funds for charitable purposes.

We have undertaken many charitable activities during the last seven years, which have been well received the

Our Vision

We are a global caring charity organisation that aims to help the needy and affected people in North and East of Sri Lanka and people living in similar circumstances overseas.

Our Mission

To provide financial and moral support to help the needy school / university children, orphanage centres, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and east of Sri-Lanka while maintaining strong links with other charity organisations locally and internationally.

Our Values

- Respect, care and help each other.
- Maintain honesty, integrity and excellence.
- Provide moral and financial support to needy and disadvantaged people
- Inspiring a legacy of social awareness and compassion.

Regional Funding: In general we have divided North & East into five regions as detailed below and share our funds to these five regions to implement humanitarian projects.

- Mannar Area
- Trincomalee Area
- Vanni Area
- Batticaloa Area
- Jaffna Area

Year 2014

Collection Summary: Amount of \$44,051 was received as voluntary contributions throughout 2014, which includes the Thai Pongal Contributions received during January 2014. The cultural program “Enthira Maali—2014” was organized in Sydney (August 2014) and in Melbourne (October 2014), in which the total amount of money raised at the events were \$10,730 and \$22,835 respectively.

The total collection in 2014 was \$77,616.



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THAI PONGAL VILLA AT SYDNEY MURUGAN TEMPLE

Thai Pongal Day is being celebrated by the Tamil Engineers Foundation each year at Sydney Murugan Temple. Joint bajan is performed by the members followed by lunch and evening prasatham. TEF members, families and friends participate in this great event at the temple and this event also forms a platform for engineers, professionals, well wishers and their families to meet there and develop networking.



CHILD SPONSORSHIPS TO 25 CHILDREN IN JAFFNA AREA.

Child sponsorships (Rs 2000 per month) were provided to 25 children in the Jaffna Area who lost their parents or those whose parents were affected i.e. lost their eyes, hands, legs etc. Amount of \$2640 was donated to this project.



GCE A/L APPRECIATION AWARDS

Amount of \$1125 was provided to late Mr. Thiliampalam master (former teacher of Udipiddy American Mission College) to organise appreciation awards to 10 students who came first in Maths & Bio streams in the Northern Province in 2013 GCE A/L Exam. Unfortunately, Mr. Thiliampalam teacher passed away in Jaffna in mid-2014. He helped us in many ways over the last couple of years in organising the GCE A/L appreciation award ceremony.





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SUPPLY MEDICINES & SURGICAL ITEMS FOR 60 CATARACT EYE OPERATIONS IN BATTICALOA

Amount of \$2,165 was provided to Dr.Sriharanathan to supply medicine & surgical items for cataract eye operations in Batticaloa District



IMPLEMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROJECT TO WOMEN HEADED FAMILIES

Many families lost their husbands and fathers during the recent troubles and struggling to manage their day to day life without a regular income. Amount of \$ 3,145 was donated to Sivan Arul Illam, Mannar to provide revolving loans i.e. Rs30, 000 / family to 12 families so a livelihood income can be established. Poultry, cattle rearing, water pumps were provided to these families.



PROPOSED STUDENTSHIP PROGRAMME AT E'FACULTY AT KILINOCCHI

Amount of \$15,000 was deposited in a fixed interest as a Capital Fund to earn interest to the proposed studentship programme at the Engineering faculty at Kilinochchi

EXTEND CHILD SPONSORSHIPS IN KILINOCCHI AREA.

Child sponsorships (Rs 4000 per month) were provided to six children at Mahadeva Archirmam at Kilinochchi. Amount of \$2,465 was donated for this project.

PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO 10 STUDENTS AT PERADENIYA UNIVERSITY

Many University students struggle to continue their higher studies due to their family & financial situation. Amount of \$3,000 was donated to Peradeniya Tamil Sangam to provide scholarships to 10 deserving students.



FUND SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR STUDENTS AT MORATUWA UNIVERSITY

Amount of \$3,150 was provided to Tamil Illakia Manram at Moratuwa University to fund scholarship scheme (Rs 3,000 per month) to 10 needy and affected students.



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DELIVER 200 SOLAR POWERED LIGHTS TO FAMILIES IN MULIVAICAL AND MULATIVU AREAS

Amount of \$2,200 was provided to Thirukumaran in order to deliver 200 solar powered lights to affected families in Mulivaikal at Mulativu area.



DISTRIBUTE BICYCLES TO AFFECTED STUDENTS IN VANNI AREA.

Amount of \$1,070 was donated to Manitha Neyam Sydney to fund the distribution of 10 bicycles to needy and affected students in Vanni area. This project was coordinated by Rishi Thondunathan of USA.



ORGANISE WEEKEND COACHING CLASSES TO GCE O/L STUDENTS IN VANNI AREA

Weekend coaching classes were organised by SJC87 committee at 5 schools in Kilinochi to assist the GCE O/L students. A group of highly dedicated and qualified teachers from Jaffna and Colombo travelled to these schools to conduct voluntary lessons in Mathematics, English and Science. The full day long weekend sessions were conducted over an 18 week block. Amount of \$2,730 was donated to this project.



FUND WELL RECONSTRUCTION AT ORPHANAGE CENTRE AT KILINOCHCHI

Amount of \$3,985 was donated to Mahadeva Archiraramam at Kilinochchi to fund the reconstruction of wells at the orphanage centre. This well have a high yield and have the capacity to be used for drinking and for farming purposes.



PROVIDE SPONSORSHIPS TO CHILDREN IN BATTICOLA.

Sponsorships (Rs 2,000 / month) were provided to 5 children who had lost their parents during the civil unrest. This project is being managed by the Lions Club in Batticola. Amount of \$1,750 was donated to this project.





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FUND WELL CONSTRUCTION IN TENAMARAVADI, TRINCOMALEE

Amount of \$1670 was donated to Tenamaravadi Rural Development Society to construct a well at Tenamaravadi, Trincomalee. This well has been used by recently settled families who have been affected by the unrest



CHILD SPONSORSHIPS IN JAFFNA AREA.

Child sponsorships of Rs4,000 per month was provided to 5 children in the Jaffna Area who lost their parents or those whose parents were affected i.e. lost their eyes, hands, legs etc. Amount of \$2,500 was donated to this project.

ORGANISE SPECIAL MEALS TO CHILDREN AT MAHADEVA ARCHIRAMAM & SIVAN ARUL ILLAM ORPHANAGE CENTRES.

Amount of \$460 was donated to Mahadeva Archiramam & Sivan Arul Illam Orphanage Centres to provide special meals to the children



FUND ANOTHER 140 CATARACT EYE OPERATIONS AT BATTICALOA HOSPITAL

400 Cataract Eye Lenses were purchased from Fred Hollows Foundation Eye Lenses Laboratory at Kathmandu, Nepal at the total cost of \$2030 and handed over to the Doctors at Batticaloa. In total, 260 Cataract eye operations were funded by Tamil Engineers Foundation Charity.



FUND 15 BICYCLES AS A REVOLVING LOAN PROJECT TO THE CHILDREN IN JAFFNA

Amount of \$1,750 was provided to fund the donation of 15 bicycles as a revolving loan project to children who lost their parents due to the civil unrest. This project is managed by Sivan Arul Illam of Thiruketheswaram at Mannar.





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FUND A REVOLVING LOAN PROJECT FOR WOMEN HEADED FAMILIES IN MANNAR

Many families lost their husbands and fathers during the recent troubles and struggling to manage their day to day life without a regular income. Amount of \$ 3,350 was donated to Sivan Arul Illam, Mannar to provide revolving loans to 12 families. Poultry, cattle rearing, water pumps were provided to these families.



DONATED 400 CATARACT EYE LENSES TO JAFFNA TEACHING HOSPITAL.

400 Nos IOL Cataract Eye Lenses were purchased from Fred Hollows Foundation Lenses Laboratory from Kathmandu, Nepal. These lenses were handover to the teaching hospital at Jaffna. These lenses will be used for the needy and affected patients in Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Mallativu areas. Amount of \$2,505 was donated to this project.



FUND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AT POINT PEDRO BASE HOSPITAL IN JAFFNA

Amount of \$2,240 was donated to Dr.Kandeepan at Jaffna Hospital to fund urgent medical equipment to Point Pedro Base Hospital. Veteran Dr. Mylerumperumal of this region attended this function and handed over the medical equipment to the hospital.



EXTEND SPONSORSHIPS TO CHILDREN IN MANNAR AREA

Amount of \$1,050 was donated to Destitute Welfare Fund at Mannar to extend Child Sponsorship scheme (Rs 4,000/ month) to selected 5 children for another six months period.

EXTEND THE CHILD SPONSORSHIPS TO CHILDREN IN JAFFNA

Child sponsorships of Rs4,000 per month was provided to 5 children in Jaffna who lost their parents or whose parents were affected. Amount of \$1,970 was donated to this project.





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FUNDS FOR MAHADEVA ARCHIRAMAM & NPCODA AT VAVUNIYA

Amount of \$700 was provided to Mahadeva Archiramam to purchase a Projector & Screen to provide educational presentations to the children. \$900 was provided to NPCODA (Consortium of Organisation of Differentially Abled) to purchase a computer, laser printer and scanner as requested by Dr.Malaravan.

ORGANISE GCE O/L COACHING CLASSES IN TRINCO / MUTHUR AREA.

\$1,860 was donated to TDDA to organise GCE O/L coaching classes to 170 affected students in Trinco / Muthur area.

(Rs 2000 per month) to 5 children in the Trinco area who have been affected by the civil unrest.



CULTURAL PROGRAM IN MELBOURNE ENTHIRA MAALAI—2014"

During Oct 2014 a cultural program was staged in Melbourne to raise funds for the charity. Approximately 700 people attended the event which was well received by the Melbourne Community. An amount of \$22,835 was raised for the charity.



PROVIDED SPONSORSHIPS TO CHILDREN IN TRINCO AREA.

Amount of \$2,065 was donated to Mr Thavanthan (former Director of Education in Trinco) to provide scholarships to 5 children in the Trinco area who have been affected by the civil unrest.

FUND PURCHASE OF 10 BICYCLES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN IN VANNI AREA

Amount of \$1,300 was donated to SJC 87 Committee to fund the distribution of 10 bicycles to needy and affected students in Vanni area. who have been affected by the civil unrest.



CULTURAL PROGRAM IN SYDNEY ENTHIRA MAALAI—2014"

During Aug 2014 a cultural program/dinner was staged in Sydney to raise charity funds. It was a full house event with approximately 500 attendees. An amount of \$10,730 was raised for the charity.





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Projects Under Consideration for 2015

- ◆ Cataract Eye Operations in Batticaloa, Jaffna, Trinco and Mannar areas
- ◆ Scholarships to affected University students (50Nos) at Batticaloa, Jaffna, Peradeniya & Moratuwa Universities
- ◆ Child sponsorships (50 Nos) to children who lost their parents.
- ◆ Coaching classes to GCE O/L & A/L students in Vanni area.
- ◆ Financial contributions to various orphanage centres in North & East
- ◆ Livelihood projects to improve the living standard of the affected families
- ◆ Appreciation awards to GCE A/L students to encourage them to perform well in their studies.
- ◆ Revolving loan projects to help families to recommence farming activities
- ◆ Providing Bicycles to needy and affected students
- ◆ Various other humanitarian projects to help the disadvantaged people in our homeland

Appreciation

Many organisations have worked with us, hand in hand over the years to implement our charity efforts effectively to help the underprivileged and affected people in our homeland including the following organisations.

- Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo / Batticaloa
- Sivan Arul Ilalm, Mannar. Mahadeva Archiramam Children Home, Kilinochi
- International Sustainable Livelihood Foundation, USA. Anpuneri Organisation, California, USA
- Sydney Murugan Temple April Pongal Celebration Group. God Owned Children Foundation.
- Sai Group in Melbourne. Annual get-together (Pera 77/78 batch) camp organising group in Melbourne.
- Shivananda College Batticaloa, Old Boys Association, Sydney. Hindu Mahalir Sangam, Batticaloa
- Udippidy American Mission College (OBA—Sydney)
- Destitute Welfare Fund at Mannar, CFCD at Jaffna and Siva Poomi Disable School at Kondavil
- Olivia Homes, Melbourne
- University of Jaffna/Batticaloa/Peradeniya/Moratuwa, St Johns College 87 Committee and Northern Provincial Dept. of Education.
- Our members and well wishers in USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand & Sri Lanka.

The committee extends its sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone who has made contribution in helping the Tamil Engineers Foundation financially assist the needy people in our homeland. Voluntary contributions received during 2014 from Australia & overseas has significantly increased compared to previous years. The total value of charity activities undertaken in 2014 has exceeded \$77,000.00 (Rs8.8Million). This indicates that a tremendous support is given by you to our charity. We like to commend our members for their great support, generosity and passion towards helping the affected people in our homeland. We hope your support will continue in the years to come.

“Help each other, help some one else. Serve the world with your peace full heart. A soul generated by love, feel the joy of that! Believe that a peace full world is our destiny. (Martin Luther King—Ways to bring peace in the world)”

Voluntary contribution for 2015

The fundraising for 2015 events has now commenced and the committee would appreciate your contributions towards Thai Pongal Day celebration at Sydney Murugan Temple, by 10 January 2015. For more details or to make a contribution, please contact the committee members or access the Tamil Engineers Foundation website

www.tamilengineers.net/