



Welcome to our Newsletter Issue 7! We wish you and your families a happy and prosperous 2016.

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 homeland. This is a non-political, non-profitable and charity focused organisation. The main objective is to help the needed school/university children, orphanage centres, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and East of Sri-Lanka. This is a registered organisation with a licence to raise funds for charitable purposes.

We have undertaken many charitable activities over the last 8 years –which have been well received.

Our Vision

We are 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 (1) Mannar Area (2) Trincomalee Area (3) Vanni Area (4) Batticaloa Area (5) Jaffna Area. We share our funds between these five regions to implement humanitarian projects.

2015 Collection Summary

Throughout 2015, an amount of \$50,641.35 was received as voluntary contributions which include the Thai Pongal Contributions received during January 2015. The cultural program “Enthira Maali-2015” was organised in Sydney (Aug 2015), Dinner Dance in Melbourne (Nov 2015) and Laughing O Laughing (Nov 2015) in Brisbane, in which the total amount of money raised were \$31,207, \$15,725 and \$28,869 respectively. The total collection in 2015 was approximately **\$125,000**.

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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 and develop networking.



DONATION TO SIVAN ARUL ILLAM AT THIRUKETHESWARAN

\$2200 was donated to provide child sponsorships to 31 school attending children who live under the poverty line. These children have lost their fathers in the recent troubles, and their mothers / guardians suffer from reduced income.



\$2750 was also donated to Sivan Arul Illam to provide buns (chicken, fish etc.) to the school children of a remote school in Vanni for a 12 month period.

DONATION FOR BATTICALOA FLOOD RELIEF

\$2250 was donated to Mr Yoheswaran MP Batticaloa to provide immediate relief for the flood affected families.



DONATION TO E'FACULTY KILINOCHCHI

\$2315 was donated to provide student scholarships to 10 students at E'Faculty at Kilinochchi



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DONATION TO MAHADEVA ARCHIRAMAM AT KILINOCCHI

A total of **\$4000** was donated in two separate instalments to fund age attainment ceremonies of 8 girls at the orphanage. These girls lost their parents during the recent troubles. The remaining funds have been deposited in fixed deposits in the girl's names by the Archiramam, which will help them in their later stage to establish a better life.



DONATION TO MAHADEVA ARCHIRAMAM AT KILINOCCHI

Amount of **\$2725** was donated to extend the child sponsorships to 6 children for another 12 month period.



DONATION TO "MICRO SUPPORT" OF TRINCOMALEE

Amount of **\$1850** was donated to distribute school books and stationaries to 470 flood affected children in 10 different schools throughout Trincomalee.



BATTICALOA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount of **\$3484** was donated towards scholarships for 10 students at Batticaloa University.

DONATION TO MAHADEVA ARCHIRAMAM

Amount of **\$700** was donated to purchase a projector and screen for educational purposes for the children in Kilinochchi.



DONATION TO UPCOUNTRY SCHOOLS

Amount of **\$3420** was donated to three schools in Upcountry Areas to provide Multi Media Projector/Screen and Photocopy machines.

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DONATION TO MICRO SUPPORT OF TRINCOMALEE

Amount of **\$2230** was donated to implement Revolving Loan Livelihood Projects for 10 identified women headed families in Trincomalee.



DONATION TO PROVIDE BICYCLES IN PARANTHAN AREA

Amount of **\$1565** was donated to SJC 87 Committee to deliver 11 bicycles to the needy and affected school children in Paranthan area.



DONATION TO WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

Amount of **\$998** was donated to provide two iPads to benefit the sick children at Westmead Hospital in Sydney.



DONATION TO DR.MALARAVAN JAFFNA

Amount of **\$2116** was donated to Teaching Hospital at Jaffna. This was used to supply 10 special foldable lenses, enabling eye operations for blind children.



DONATION TO PROVIDE CHILD SPONSORSHIPS in JAFFNA AREA

Amount of **\$2400** was donated to Sivan Arul Illam towards extending the child sponsorships to 5 families for another 12 months in the Jaffna Area.



APPRECIATION AWARDS TO GCE A/L STUDENTS

Amount of **\$1260** was donated to present appreciation awards to 10 students who came first in biology and maths divisions in 5 districts in 2014 GCE A/L.



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DONATION TO SIVAN ARUL ILLAM

Amount of **\$6000** was committed to Sivan Arul Illam on behalf of Dr Jayamohan and Laughing o Laughing at Brisbane. This was to fund humanitarian projects through Sivan Arul Illam in our homeland.

DONATION TO HINDU MAHALIR MANRAM AT BATTICALOA

\$2050 was donated to implement Stage 2 of the Revolving Loan Projects to 10 women headed families.



DONATIONS OF BICYCLES

Amount of **\$1200** was donated through Manitha Neyam at Sydney to provide 10 bicycles to students in Vanni.



DONATION TO SHIVANANTHA COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BATTICALOA

Amount of **\$1450** was donated to fund a photocopier machine and accessories as part of the proposed “Modern Learning Centre” at Shivanantha College at Batticaloa.



DONATIONS OF BICYCLES AT KILINOCHCHI

Amount of **\$3535** was donated towards funding 25 bicycles (stage 1) to Engineering Faculty at Kilinochchi.

DONATION TO T/BARATHY TAMIL VIDYALAYAM AT TRINCOMALEE

Amount of **\$845** was donated to provide a projector and screen to T/Barathy Tamil Vidyalayam.



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CHILD SPONSORSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF FAMILIES OF DISABILITY IN JAFFNA

Amount of **\$2335** was donated to “Karuvi Organisation” to fund child sponsorships (Rs 2000 per child) for 10 children of families of disability.



DONATION TO AROBANAM BOYS HOME AT KILINCHCHICI

Amount of **\$3000** was committed to financially help the children at Arobanam Boys Orphanage Centre.

DONATION TO SIVAN ELDERS HOME AT VAVUNIYA

Amount of **\$2651** was donated to Sivan Elders Home at Vavuniya to purchase 3 beds for disabled people and a 42” flat screen television.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AT MORATUWA UNIVERSITY

Amount of **\$3150** was allocated towards university scholarships for 10 students attending Moratuwa University.

DONATION TO LIONS CLUB BATTICALOA

Amount of **\$1250** was donated to extend the child scholarships to 5 children who lost one of their parents during the recent troubles.



DONATIONS FOR CHILD SPONSORSHIPS IN TRINCOMALEE

Amount of **\$896** was donated to provide child sponsorships to 5 children in the Sampoor area

DONATION TO SYDNEY UNI PROGRAMS

\$250 was donated to the MAYA program arranged by University Students. All proceeds donated to Cerebral Palsy Alliance and Palmera Projects.

\$250 was donated to the “Oli Oli” Program arranged by UNSW Tamil Society



TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS IN JAFFNA

\$1800 was donated to SJC 87 committee to provide Scholarships (Rs 3000) to 5 selected GCE A/L students to follow Science and Maths Tuition in Jaffna.

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DONATION TO HELP CHENNAI FLOOD VICTIMS IN INDIA

Amount of **\$1000** was donated by QLD committee to “Madras Chinmaya Seva Trust”. This was through “Tamil Association of Queensland TAQ”, for the purpose of helping the flood affected families in Chennai, India. **\$1500** was also donated by NSW committee to “Tamil Nadu Chief Ministers Relief Fund” through “Tamil Arts and Cultural Association TACA”.



DONATION TO SPECIAL MEALS TO THE ORPHANS

Amount of **\$330** was donated to provide special meals to the orphans in Sivan Arul Illam and at Mahadeva Archiramam at Kilinochchi.



SIVAN ARUL ILLAM REVOLVING LOANS

\$485 was allocated towards administration cost of continuing Sivan Arul Illam Revolving Loan Projects



DONATION TO NEELANGADU RURAL FISHERMAN KARINAGAR

Amount of **\$870** was donated to provide a Chest Freezer to Neelangadu Rural Fisherman Organisation at Karinagar. This is to help the fisherman store the fish during times of low sales.



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FIXED DEPOSIT – E' FACULTY IN

KILINOCHCHI

An amount of **\$15,000** has been deposited in a fixed deposit to fund the student scholarships (\$2000 per month for 10 students) at the Engineering Faculty at Kilinochchi.

DONATION TO CHENNAI FLOOD VICTIMS

An amount of **\$1000** has been donated by VIC committee through Guru Kaaraikkudi Mani at Melbourne. This money was put towards helping flood affected families in the Music Community who incurred damage to instruments and household loss following the recent floods in Chennai, India

FIXED DEPOSIT - JAFFNA UNIVERSITY

An amount of **\$10,000** has been deposited in a fixed deposit (as requested by the donor from Brisbane) to fund the scholarships (Rs3000 per month) to two students at Jaffna University. These will be funded from the interest earned from the fixed deposit.

DONATION TO CINMAYA ORGANISATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SL (CORD)

\$2000 was donated to provide 200 mosquito nets to the recent flood affected families in the Vanni Area.

DONATION TO SLS TRUST

Amount of **\$500** was donated to SLS Trust to support its Suicide Prevention Program in the Jaffna area.

CULTURAL PROGRAM IN SYDNEY ENTHIRA MAALAI 2015

During Aug 2015 a cultural program was staged in Sydney to raise funds for charity. Approximately 1000 people attended the event which was well received by the Sydney community. An amount of \$31,207 was raised.



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DINNER DANCE 2015 IN MELBOURNE

During Nov 2015 a dinner dance was staged in Melbourne to raise funds. It was a full house event with approximately 400 attendees. An amount of \$15,000 was raised for charity.



LAUGHING O LAUGHING IN BRISBANE

During Nov 2015 a comedy program “Laughing O Laughing” was staged in Brisbane to raise funds. 400 people attended the event, which was enjoyed by all. An amount of \$28,869 was raised for charity.



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DISCO DANCE FOR FAMILIES OF SAMARPAN

In Aug 2015, a disco dance was organised for the children at Samarpan Organisation in Sydney. The event was very successful and was well enjoyed by the children and parents alike.



CHARITY WORKSHOP IN CANBERRA

During Nov 2015 a charity workshop was organised to brief the Canberra community of the humanitarian charity efforts and activities of Engineers Charity Fund. Voluntary contributions of \$2,500 were received from the attendees.



Details of Projects Undertaken

- Child Sponsorships to 66 children who lost their parents
- Scholarships to University students (50Nos)
- Limb fittings to civilians including women and children.
- Cataract Eye Operations to needy and affected people.
- Medical equipment to hospitals.
- Livelihood Projects to affected families
- Revolving loan projects to women headed families
- Construction of wells, tube wells & toilets etc.
- Donation of Bicycles to affected school children.
- GCE O/L Coaching Classes
- Flood relief measures to affected families
- Appreciation awards to GCE A/L high achievers.
- Financial support to Orphanage Centres / Elders homes and to orphans for employment training or tertiary education.
- Books, stationaries, IT equipment for remote schools

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Vote of 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.

- 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 Manram, Batticaloa
- Udippidy American Mission College (OBA— Sydney)
- Destitute Welfare Fund at Mannar, Cinmaya Organisation for Rural Development (CORD) and Siva Poomi Disable School at Kondavil
- Olivia Homes, Melbourne. Fulton Hogan Constructions, Sydney.
- 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 2015 from Australia & overseas has significantly increased compared to previous years. The total value of charity activities undertaken in 2015 has exceeded **\$96,000 (Rs 9.6 Million)**. 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 for the years to come.

Voluntary contributions for 2016

The fundraising for 2016 has now commenced and the committee would appreciate your contributions towards Thai Pongal Day Celebrations at Sydney Murugan Temple, by 10 January 2016. For more details or to make a contribution, please contact the committee members or access the Tamil Engineers Foundation website www.tamilengineers.net/

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