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We live in a turbulent and violent world. Children are born into an environment of manmade dissent and trauma, and natural disasters. Since 1998 Child Aid Lanka has made every effort to help and aid deprived and neglected children, to better their lives and free themselves from their tragic situation.

This past year we have actively supported the tsunami-affected parts of Sri Lanka with funds raised by members and friends of our association. We have successfully worked with our partners in the UK and Sri Lanka to rebuild not only the affected parts but also relieve the emotional trauma and health conditions.

Further projects have been requested by charitable organisations caring for children in institutions. They provide for their basic needs such as fresh drinking water and sanitation, rebuilding their homes, vocational training to make them self sufficient and independent. These are projects CAL has decided to include in its future funding. Following the visit to Sri Lanka by the Mobile Medical Unit set up by St Paul's and St Mary's Churches, Child Aid Lanka donated funds for brick making machines. They will not only be used to rebuild tsunami-affected areas but also provide vocational training for the young to help them help themselves

This year we have re-launched our website to publicise our projects. Information on projects and funding is readily available. Funding institutions that further children's educational and health facilities will also be a priority in our future fundraising campaigns. We will raise awareness and then fund them as and when we receive reports of their needs and projects. Deprived parts of the Island that lack electricity are at a particular disadvantage. We aim to help provide them with electricity by installing solar panels that can cheaply power one or two computers each, thus opening their access to information technology. This will be a dream come true for our charity and to those children with little knowledge about the outside world. The educational facilities freely available on the web equals a library of knowledge and information cheaply delivered. We shall make every effort to help make this a reality. By opening the world of knowledge and focussing them away from warfare and destruction, we can achieve the Peace we all desire and make the world a better place.

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