

# SRI LANKA

"RUTH" AMUNUDOWA ROAD, BANDARWELA

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR:** JAMES R. COULTON

- **PHONE:** +91 077 383 8777
- **EMAIL:** PASTORJAMESRCOULTON@YAHOO.COM

**SATELLITE LEADER:** IN NEED OF LEADER

- **PHONE:**
- **EMAIL:**

**MINISTRY PHONE:** +94 057 222 3030

**MINISTRY EMAIL:** HELPINNEED@YAHOO.COM

## LEADERSHIP TRAININGS:

- Bible Study classes for youth
  - **Number of Participants:** 7

## COUNSELING SERVICES

- Marriage Counseling
  - Number of Counselors: 1
  - Number of Clients: 2

## PUBLIC GROUPS OFFERED

- Marriage Group

## OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE COUNTRY

- **Widows:** we provide 5 dry ration bags once a month for 5 deserving widows
- **Children's Education:** At Makkaldeniya Pre-School we teach for underprivileged children pre-school and onward on a donation basis only.
- **Agriculture/Water Projects:** we supply sees and cash crop plans for their kitchen gardens
- **Other:** we provide capital for small trades, businesses like 'Buy & Sellings' and 'Animal Husbandry'

## 2023 SATELLITE UPDATES

- Last month we started a new center at Gawarakelle still organizing the center on the 25th of December.
  - We have planned to give school books as Christmas gifts for 45 children.

## CURRENT ACTIVE CENTERS

- Makkaldeniya Kid Villiage
  - Director: J.R. Coulton

# SRI LANKA

“RUTH” AMUNUDOWA ROAD, BANDARWELA

## 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

- **JAMES R. COULTON**, Board Chairperson
- **MAHARAGE PATHMINI JAYANTHI**, Secretary
- **DELANI AKKILA SHERIN**, Assistant Secretary
- **SHEHAN P. YOHAR**, Treasurer
- **S. SANJEEWANI**, Board Member

## 2023 PARTNERSHIPS / FUNDRAISING PROJECTS OR EVENTS

- Christian Fellowship Ministry Church supports GSM help in need pr

## NATIONAL/CENTER CHALLENGES DURING 2023

- Assisting Communities in Times of Need
  - In October, the village of Kid Village Makkaldeniya experienced severe rain and landslides, forcing residents to evacuate and seek shelter at a Government School. Although we lacked the necessary funds, our Center stepped up to the plate and provided meals for 300 people until the Government aid arrived. After three days, the officers expressed their gratitude for the assistance provided by the Samaritans.
  - Unfortunately, due to insufficient funds, we have had to temporarily suspend the operations of the Bandarawela Center. The ongoing expenses such as teacher salaries, electricity bills, telephone and water bills have continued to increase, making it challenging for us to sustain the center at this time.

## UPCOMING PLANS FOR 2024

- Initiatives to Support Education and Alleviate Financial Hardship
  - Our goal is to continue providing free preschool education to deserving children. To achieve that, we need to ensure that there are enough desks and chairs available to support more students.
  - Due to bankruptcy in Sri Lanka, our people are struggling to make ends meet. Most villagers are finding it difficult to meet their daily needs. To tackle this issue, we plan to initiate income-generating activities.
  - To encourage children to attend school, we aim to provide them with school supplies.
  - Our team of Samaritans will go door-to-door and share the gospel with the community, distributing tracts in the process.

## OUTSIDE FUNDRAISING SUPPORTING YOUR SATELLITE

- We do not have Satellite support, however we receive support from my friends through GSM USA.

# SRI LANKA

“RUTH” AMUNUDOWA ROAD, BANDARWELA

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the needfull fund to get in order to cater according to the needs of the villagers
- Pray for our country finances! Due to our country bankruptcy, day to day goods have been very expensive also causing other challenges.
  - Thousands of well qualified teachers, doctors, and office servants are leaving the country
- Pray for the anti-christians who are trying to disturb ministry activities
- By January 2024 onward for all of the goods; electricity, gas, textile, telephone and cooking oil, motor fuel, and books are going to be taxed at 18%
  - most of the people are going to have a very difficult time finding their daily needs

## TESTIMONIALS

- To qualify to enter the Government; school for grade one, one needs to know how to read and write, most poor parents are not in a position to give their children preschool education as they are not affordable due to their low income, but as we give them free pre-school education with the support of GSM most of the Kid Village children of Makkaldeniya qualify for the government and the school interviews. In the year 2024, 9 children got the chance to go to grade one class most of them are used to disqualifying. Their parents are very happy and thank us as Samaritans for doing the work that we are doing all on a donation basis for deserving children.
- After bankrupting the Sri Lankan government, the deserving children are not receiving anything free of charge from the government. as earlier therefore many school-going children are dropping out of school as they are unable to get the necessary textbooks as they are very expensive, but in our Kid Village, many children can continue to go to school as they receive the school supplies as donated gifts during Christmas time. Every December 25 by the grace of God these Samaritans help provide great blessings for the poor children for their better future.
- The help-in-need preschool in Makkaldeniya is an open door doe us to visit the children's homes and meet their adults and parents to find ways of sharing the Saving Knowledge of Jesus Christ while talking with them they used to ask why we do this type of of work, then we share the love of God as Jesus said love you, neighbor, as yourself, as the followers of Jesus Christ we do this type of work around the needs people to share the love of Jesus Christ. These Hindu villagers highly appreciate the Good Samaritans who kindly help and give thanks for the work we do and praside the Lord while doing it. Resulting of this village ministry in the moments to help families willing to know Jesus for them we give gospels tacts and after they accept Jesus as their personal savior and the Lord from all their sins will be saved, we do the follow-up work to extend the Kigdom of God!

**JAMES R. COULTON**

SRI LANKA NATIONAL DIRECTOR



# SRI LANKA

“RUTH” AMUNUDOWA ROAD, BANDARWELA

## CHRISTMAS PHOTOS



# SRI LANKA

"RUTH" AMUNUDOWA ROAD, BANDARWELA

## CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

