

A: Children's Village „MAHAGEDARA“, KOSLANDA



Children's Village Little Smile Koslanda "Little Smile Mahagedara"

is an important part of our organization. It was the first independent project, started in March 1999 and financed mainly by the founder of Little Smile, Michael Kreitmeir. It has 7 stories and is situated on the southeast border of the mountainous region, about one kilometer south of the village of Koslanda on the A4, kilometer marker 202.

Purpose:	A home and training center for children and widows or abandoned women with children in distress.
Start:	March 1999
Place:	Wellawaya Road, Lower Ampitithanna, Koslanda Tel. 0094 (0)57 2257768
Employees:	Children home 12 Training 4
Children:	Children home 81 Training 17
Size:	21 buildings on 45 Acres

Objective

The purpose of this project is to give a home to distressed, neglected or abused children, orphans of war and tsunami victims, as well as widows and abandoned women with children, and show them a way out of the cycle of repression, misery, violence and exploitation through individual aid and encouragement, e.g. targeted training. With the support of individuals as well as partnerships with people, companies and institutions in Germany, the Little Smile Association – in cooperation with the Little Smile e.V. Germany – will do everything to ensure that some of the children who live and learn in this institution will later carry the ideas and goals of Little Smile into society and establish them there.



Status End of 2012

There are 6 homes in which 81 children between two and 21 years – Singhalese, Tamils, Buddhist, Hindu and Christians – live together in family-like groups with one or two caregivers. In addition, there are 8 centers that offer training in sewing, carpentry, carving, traditional painting, dancing, pottery as well as Ayurveda and organic agriculture.



Supporting this field of training are 5 hectares of teaching plantations for pepper, vanilla, cloves, medicinal plants and vegetables, as well as a reed bed treatment system. Small and preschool children are given special encouragement. Also included in the children's village are one Buddhist and one Hindu temple, a Christian chapel, hundreds of years old cave temple, as well as the **2008 opened School building**.



Daily routine

At 4:00, an alternating group of caregivers and older children begin making breakfast; all of the caregivers get up at 4:45, get ready for the day, and wake up all of the children at 5:00. After getting cleaned up, there is tea with milk for everyone. Afterwards, alternating groups working in and around the respective houses tend to cleaning, washing and ironing, and the external schoolchildren set up everything for the school. Breakfast is at 6:30, and at 7:00 all of the children and caregivers gather together for the morning Buddhist prayer. School starts after the prayer; small children, the handicapped and children who have already graduated often receive individual training in the children's village. After school, children eat lunch and attend remedial education until 16:00. One hour is reserved daily changing for manual labor, such as working in the garden or playing and making sports.



From 5 to 6 is freetime, afterwards time for homework and at 19:00, everyone gathers again for the evening prayer. Children of all religions can thereby get to know and respect other religions on an alternating daily schedule. Dinner is at 19:30; children and youths older than 10 years can watch the news from 20:00 to 20:30, while their smaller Little Smile siblings go to bed. Most outdoor lights are turned off and the doors of the houses closed at 20:45. There is time for quiet study until 22:00, and by 22:15 at the latest, the day comes to a close.

The caregivers who are responsible for the children's homes meet every morning at 7:30 to discuss the day's schedule and reflect on the previous day under the guidance of the president or manager. General tasks are assigned and substitute scheduling is coordinated. The progress of the children is determined in the following areas:

- a) Education: Monthly examinations are held
- b) Conduct: Caregivers keep a record of the each child's history
- c) Health: A doctor visits the children's village once a month. Caregivers keep notes on the state of health of each child.

B: Home for Boys "HILL TOP" POONAGALA



Purpose:	A home for boys who are older than 12 years
Start:	Start of construction: February 2005 Start of operation: May 2007
Place:	Poonagala; Uva Province
Employees:	2
Children:	12
Size:	8 acres (4 buildings)

Boys, who reach the age of 12 years have to leave Mahagedara to come to this special place in the mountains, around 4 km away from the Children village. After determining their talents and potential, they are assigned to individual training programs, such as masonry, carpentry, organic farming, etc. The boys, under guidance, also provide for themselves – they learn to cook, make decisions and learn to manage their time. Step by step, they are



guided toward an independent life. Special attention is paid to how they manage their personal finances. At the end of the two to three year training period, they should be able to take responsibility for their lives and for others - above all, for a family. The Poonagala home for boys, which is 5 km from the children's village, is centrally managed and controlled from the children's village; there is close cooperation across all areas. Boys between 15 and 18 who come from the Little Smile facilities are the home's preferred candidates.

C: Home for Girls "WANIBA" in PALUGAMAM



Purpose	Shelter, home and education for girls in distress.
Start	August, 2006
Place	Batticaloa, PALUGAMAM.
Employees	4 (home) 3 (training)
Children	23 (home) 41 (training)
Size	1.5 A (3 buildings)

The Little Smile Association has concluded an agreement with the Social Welfare Organization "SWO" in Kaluwanchikudy (registered in Batticaloa under the charity no: DS / MS / 02 / RSO / 23) stating that the SWO will temporarily manage the Little Smile home for girls "WANIBA" in PALUGAMAM during the civil war. The LSA provides support via the SWO and pays current costs for this girls' home, among other things. LSA also supports the girls' home that directly neighbors WANIBA with clothing and food.

Steps to the girls home in Palugamam:

Out of graves and ruins...

Children are the future so we have to give a future for children, especially in difficult areas like the east coast. Affected by the civil war and the Tsunami many children there grow up with fear and without any perspective for a better future.



Housing Projects

Giving home and hope

Building houses, especially for widows with children, Michael Kreitmeir, Founder and President of the Little Smile Association was asked many times to benefit children, affected by war and by the Tsunami.

Where is a will...

... there is a way

To bring fast and efficient help to the needed children LSA decided to work together with the Social Welfare Organization (S.W.O.) in Kaluwanchikudy, a local NGO, which is running different children homes in the area.



Shelter and a place to live



Many children in the area around Batticaloa lost home and shelter second time. The number of children increased also in this home in Cheddypalayam. Support in many ways was needed.

LSA built a wall around the home, gave furniture, cloth and repaired the roof.

But most important for children and staff in the difficult times, when the fighting in east starts again: Michael Kreitmair was regularly visiting the children and each visit brought a for one moment a **Big Smile** and experience:

We are not forgotten!



A home-place and a little smile

In 2006 LSA bought a neighbour land and house next to the existing girls home. First time girls have even place to play and forget the danger and trouble for some moments:



In 2007 a second girls home in Palugamam followed:



Future Plans:

After the area is much safer now, Little Smile can organise now

- repairing the houses
- making new furniture
- education by recruiting different teachers
- special trainings in centres from the LSA in Koslanda, specially Singhalese and English
- regular exchange and visiting programs between children in Palugamam and children in Little Smile Mahagedara and from Galle.

To do so

an director board has to be formed

a chief-matron and a teacher has to be found and employed

an older girl or matron has to be trained in Koslanda

an annual budget from 2 Million LRS will be reserved for the next 3 years

CHILDREN ARE LIKE FLOWERS

WE HAVE TO CARE OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BLOOM



D : International Maria-Theresia-College in Kalmunai

Kalmunai was one of the most affected areas from the Tsunami disaster as well as from the war. Even the fighting came to an end in 2009, there is a lot to do there to integrate the displaced people, to heal the horrible wounds and to give a future to the young generation. Therefore Mr. Michael Kreitmair said again „YES“ to Kalmunai and



promised Sr. M. Lucrece from the Carmel Convent to build an International School.

At October 5th, 2011, the 4th anniversary of death from Michael Kreitmair's mother, the International „Maria-Theresia-College“ was opened by Mr. Michael Kreitmair and his father Herrmann-Josef Kreitmair.

In 2012 the LSA was supporting the Int. School, paying salaries to teachers and giving equipment for the new computer unit.

Also in 2013 the LSA will take over the difference between income and expenses, at least an amount of two Million.



A very special moment:
Hermann- Josef Kreitmair, father of the
Founder was opening the Int. School
together with his son.

E : Trainingcentre and International Preschool "SAHANA NIWASA" GALLE



Purpose:	An Int. Montessori and a Computer, English and Mathematics Training Centre
Start:	September 2008
Place:	Galle, Humes Road
Employees:	3 employees and 4 teacher
Students:	Max. 70 small children in Int. Montessori Up to 150 Students for classes
Size:	0.8 acre and 3 buildings

Just after the Tsunami, the Little Smile Association acquired a piece of property with a large, old building in the center of Galle in order to provide a beautiful place with big garden for education in the center of Galle. The name "Sahana Niwasa" (home for caring) is its purpose. The importance of good education, including the values of culture and Buddhism is the greatest gift for Individuals as well for the society and the future of Sri Lanka.



2008 Little Smile Association (LSA) was starting a Montessori in the renovated building. Step by step up to 2012, this pre-school was transformed into an International Montessori.

After completing the new building 2009 classes were started for general education as well as for sciences, English, Tamil, Sinhala, mathematics, arts and other needed subjects.



A beautiful garden in the middle of a busy town, a place not only for study also for peace and harmony.

F: Tamil School Koslanda

The main key for the future of each country is the quality of education. Specially schools for Tamil children in the countryside are lacking of nearly everything, so the school in Koslanda, too.



The Little Smile Association was constructing an office building, an new gate, the water system and toilets for boys and girls. LSA is also giving financial support as well as it pays for additional teachers and staff.



G : Child-Development-Centre Monaragala

According to the special request from Hon. Minister Sumedha G. Jayasena, the LSA took over main responsibility for the Child Development Center in Monaragala. Since February 2011 the LSA is organizing, guiding and financing the place, who was abandoned for many years. During the opening Michael Kreitmeir promised to the Minister: Little Smile will not leave these children alone.



Built after the Tsunami through the Hargreevs Foundation, more than 5 years nobody took over responsibility or invested any money. So the Center was in bad condition, when Little Smile took action end of 2010.

Today, 25 children are living here, where they can learn and smile. All running costs for 2012 and 2013 are guaranteed by the Little Smile Association.

Purpose:	Childcare and Education
Start:	February, 2011
Place:	Monaragala
Employees:	1 Principal, 3 Matron, 1 Cook, 1 Helper, 1 Watcher
Children:	25
Size:	1.5 Acres

H: Children Home St. Ursula



In June 2011, sister Sebastia from the oldest girls home in the Badulla Province asked for help. Since that LSA provides monthly 75,000.- LRS to secure future for the place and the 48 children, who are living there.

