



**It takes more than umbrellas  
to protect them  
from the storms of life ...**



**A COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH IN SRI LANKA**

## ... and that's where the MCSL Child Sponsorship Programme comes in.

**C**hildren are the most vulnerable group of persons in any society. Their vulnerability increases when the family become dysfunctional or is unexpectedly plunged into a crisis. Marital break-up, death of one or both parents, or loss of family income hit children the hardest. Domestic violence, alcoholic parents, malnutrition and neglect are other factors that aggravate the vulnerability of children. In addition to these unfortunate circumstances, a large number of children in Sri Lanka have also been the innocent victims of the on-going ethnic conflict and the tsunami disaster.

The Methodist Church has been a pioneer in the field of education in Sri Lanka through her own system of schools and boys and girls homes. Over the years, most of the schools were taken over by the State but the number of children's homes and day care centres have grown. Today, the MCSL provides comprehensive child care services through a network of 15 children's homes and 12 day care centres throughout the country. Presently, over 2,000 deserving children are being cared for in the MCSL homes and day care centres. The MCSL children's homes and day care centres aim to enable the children to grow up to be useful citizens in a safe and caring environment. Facilities are also provided for them to realize their full potential. Children in MCSL homes continue their education in nearby State schools while the children in day care centres are initiated into the world of learning through a play and activity-based pre-school curriculum.

Many of these homes are also equipped with facilities for imparting vocational training. They enable the children to develop their innate skills and acquire competence in a trade so that as adults they can venture out with self-confidence and a sense of purpose.

All the children in MCSL homes and day care centres are innocent, unfortunate victims of circumstances that are beyond their control, like the ethnic conflict and the tsunami. Please open your heart to them and help them to rebuild their shattered lives.

**"And he who gives a child a treat  
Makes Joy-bells ring in Heaven's street,  
And he who gives a child a home  
Builds palaces in Kingdom come ..."**

- John Masefield

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## CHILDREN IN METHODIST HOMES FOR BOYS & GIRLS

### HOMES FOR BOYS:

Jaffna	70	Valaichchenai	30
'Jeevodhayam', Murunkan	50	Thirukkovil	70
Trincomalee	85	Boys Industrial Home, Colombo	27
Tangalle	25	'Puhalidam' (disabled children)	160

### HOMES FOR GIRLS:

Nilavelly	65	Kaluwanchikudy	50
Chenkalady	65	Badulla	50
Thummodara	52	Hatton	45
Willorawatte, Moratuwa	09	Koddamunai	70
Diyalagoda, Kalutara	09	Kallar	23
Kalmunai	127	Akkaraipattu	30

**TOTAL**

**1,112**

## CHILDREN IN METHODIST DAY CARE CENTRES

'Jeevodhayam', Murunkan	60	Murunkan	75
Muttur	75	Thanamunai	95
Komari	125	Welimada	105
Moratumulla	140	Panadura	65
City Mission, Colombo	75	Bulathsinhala	85
Angulana	70	Gampola	61

**TOTAL**

**1031**

## Let's join hands to help them rise above the storms of life

Now you can put a smile on the face of one or more children in our homes and day care centres. We cordially invite you to join our child sponsorship programme that provides for the long-term physical, spiritual and psycho-social well-being of children. Your generous support will enable us to ensure that these deserving children will have a better and secure future.



"... just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25: 40)

## MCSL CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

- **Cost of keeping a child in a MCSL Boys/ Girls Home:**  
Rs.4, 500 (US\$.45) per month Rs.54, 000 (US\$.540) per year
- **Cost of keeping a child in a MCSL Day Care Centre:**  
Rs.3, 000 (US\$.30) per month Rs.36, 000 (US\$. 360) per year

Sponsoring one or more children is easy. Just complete the Sponsorship Form and return it to:

**The President,  
Methodist Church in Sri Lanka  
Methodist Headquarters,  
252, Galle Road,  
Colombo 3, SRI LANKA.**

**FUNDS TRANSFER  
VIA BANK ►**

**Bank:** Standard Chartered Bank - Fort Branch, Sri Lanka  
**Account Name:** 'Methodist Church Children's Fund'  
**Account No.:** 01 100352615



**YES!** I wish to join the  
MCSL Child Sponsorship  
Programme



*Please tick the appropriate box.*

I wish to sponsor a **child** / \_\_\_\_\_ **children** in a

- MCSL Children's Home  
 MCSL Day Care Centre

If you prefer a particular home/centre, please name it: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Plan:**

monthly  quarterly  bi-annually  annually  one-time donation  
{Cheques should be crossed and payable to 'Methodist Church Children's Fund'}

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_