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Dear Sponsor, Donor & Friend

CandleAid & Lockdown

We have so many families registered with CandleAid for assistance. Every month they get Rs. 2,000 sent directly to their bank account (1,500 for primary/secondary students).

On the 9th of November, when the curfew was lifted in the Western Province, 171 families received an additional Rs 3,000 in their account linked to us. CandleAid staff called each recipient and informed them that there was a special donation of Rs 3,000 to help them cope with 'income problems' of the curfew. Everyone who received this message was overwhelmingly relieved and grateful. Yes, the curfew was lifted, and shops were opened, but these people had no money to buy anything.

Kamalawathi is old; she takes care of her 'special-needs' son. She sells betel leaves sitting by the roadside to make a meager living. She received from CandleAid Rs 5,000. Her monthly assistance of Rs. 2,000 and the special curfew assistance of Rs 3,000.



This time round we did not raise funds. We had no clue as to how long the curfew would last, or when it will be imposed again or how far and wide the spread of the disease really is. Yet, we received donations from CandleAid supporters requesting us to help curfew affected families who are CandleAid sponsored people.

I thank such donors for their spontaneous generosity. CandleAid is happy that we managed to reach some very deserving people and bring relief to them. A sum of Rs 513,000 has already been disbursed. Please scroll down for more information. Whatever we continue receive will be disbursed in this manner without dilution.

My thanks also go out to all donors who enabled us to reach nearly 1500 families in the months of April, May and June during the first wave of this pandemic when the whole country was locked down.

Thank you one, thank you all.

Blue skies

Capt Elmo

"It is better by far to light a solitary candle than to curse the darkness"

Lihini and Sanduni are two university students under sponsorship. Their father fell sick a few months ago and was diagnosed with RAT fever. He succumbed to this illness in a matter of days. The family is also in receipt of a Gift A Meal sponsorship given to the deceased father M A D Lal who being a carpenter was incapacitated after an unfortunate accident where he lost a considerable portion of his eyesight. The family also has 12-year-old twin boys in school.

Their mother, in a desperate effort to make an income is working as a labourer in a nearby tea factory.

Lihini's Letter of Thanks

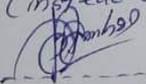


M.A.D Lal
AFS- 620
6th Of November 2020

Dear Candle Aid Lanka,

To express gratitude for extra financial support in quarantine period.

I'm Lihini Uthpala (daughter of Lal). I have a younger sister and two younger brothers. I and my sister are university student. My brothers are twin and they are still school students. My father passed away on 23rd of June 2020 unexpectedly. He had contracted rat fever. Our whole family was shocked. I and my siblings are still learning. My mother also hasn't a permanent job. After passed away of our father we are facing severe economic difficulties more than before. In the other hand we face several economic hardship due to long curfew in place over time. It was hard to even get to work. So my mother couldn't go to work. In that case your extra financial support is very worth for us. So I would like to express my gratitude to your organization. So thank you again for this extra financial support. I and my family wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely
(instead of Mr. Lal)


(Lihini Uthpala)

H. Bagya Sewwandi Jayawardhana is a sponsored student in Grade 8. Her father is a carpenter, and the mother is unemployed. She is a heart patient who has undergone surgery a couple of times for a stomach ailment needing expensive regular medication. Bhagya has two elder brothers and an elder sister. The eldest brother is awaiting employment while the other brother and sister are studying. Her father's monthly income is insufficient to meet all the living expenses of the family as well as the children's education related expenses and her mother's medical bills.



Bagya's Letter of Thanks

E-3765 H.D Bhagya sewwandi
Jayawardhana
No - 72/8^A 4th Lane,
uyana, Lunawa,
Moratuwa.
10.11.2020

Candle Aid Lanka
21/4, Dharmaratne Avenue,
Rawathawatta,
Moratuwa,
Sri Lanka.

Dear sir / madem.

H.D Bhagya sewwandi Jayawardhana. I am a student receiving scholarships from you. First of all I would like to thank you for your financial assistance of Rs.3,000 in the face of this Corona situation.

My mothe also has a heart attack and My father does not have a permanet job. The mony you have given to me has been very useful to me in a Context where the economic Condition of our home has also deteriorated.

I wish CandleAid Lanka institute will be able to help more poor children like me.

Thank you
TO this
B.S.

Sadeepa, a Gift A Meal beneficiary, is a widow. Her husband succumbed to a liver ailment in January this year. She has two sons who are studying in grades 13 & 06. The eldest son is due to write the G.C.E. A'Level examination in 2021. Sadeepa earns a nominal salary making tea at an office in Colombo. As the salary there is not enough to make ends meet, she started going to another little cafe and worked there till 10 pm. They share the house with her husband's parents, who are not on friendly terms with Sadeepa's family.



Currently she is rendered income-less as both places have stopped employing her. In her desperation she has found a place this week to take care of a baby.

Sadeepa's Letter of Thanks

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