

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRE-SCHOOL BUILDING AT KATARAGAMA

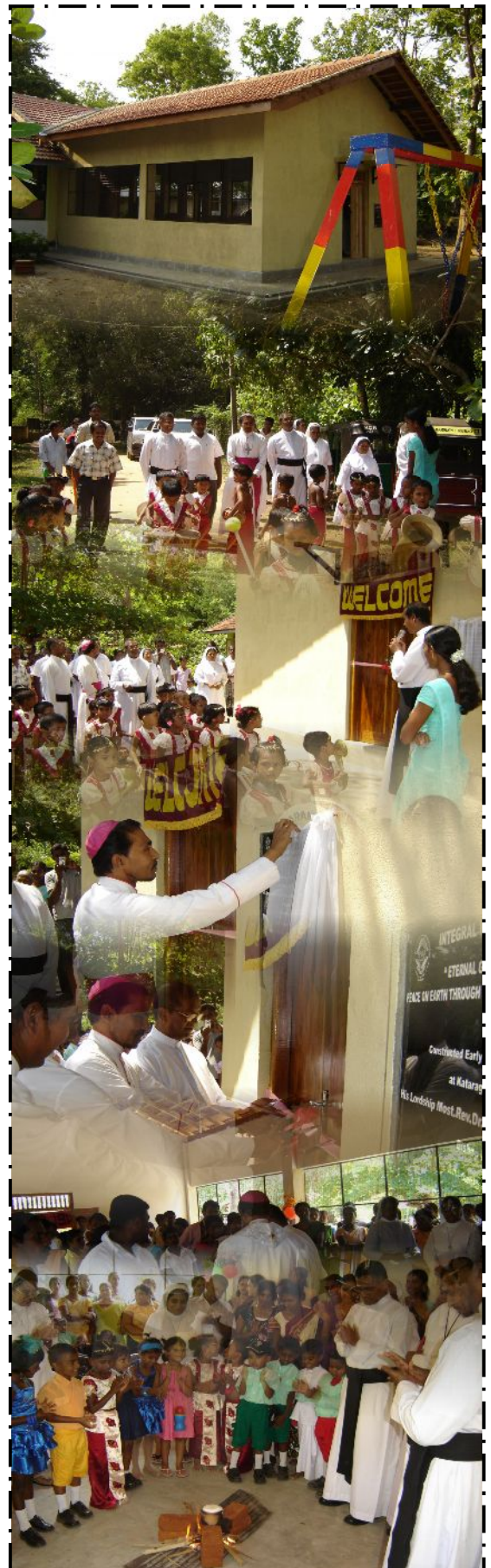
OPENING CEREMONY -BUILDING HANDED OVER TO PEOPLE OF KATARAGAMA

The construction of the above building was completed on the 15th October 2009 by the contractor. The building was opened by Rev. Fr. Damian Fernando, National Director Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC and blessed by Most Rev. Dr. J. Winston S Fernando, SSS Bishop of Badulla in the presence of Rev. Fr. Dilex Shantha Fernando, Director Caritas Badulla - USCOD Centre and the following officials :-

1. A representative of the Divisional Secretary,
2. Two local government leaders and Principal of the Kataragama M.Vidyalaya
3. Rev. Fr. Dilan Perera, OMI, Parish Priest of Buttala
4. Rev. Sisters of the Franciscan Convent, Kataragama
5. Religious Dignitaries
6. Parents of past students of this Pre-school and their children
7. A few staff members of Caritas Badulla - USCOD Centre
8. Residents of this area

The opening ceremony and the proceedings that followed this occasion ended at 12.30 p.m. The children presented variety entertainments comprising singing, dancing, speeches and drama for the entertainment of all present. In between these activities speeches were given as mentioned below :-

1. Most Rev. Dr. J. Winston S Fernando, SSS said that this building would be a very useful one for the education of students in this area and it would not serve the purpose intended if the teachers, parents and others do not co-operate fully to serve the purposes intended in providing this building. He also kindly appreciated and thanked the donors for providing the necessary funds to construct this building.
2. Rev. Fr. Damian Fernando, National Director, Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC praised the activities of Caritas Badulla – USCOD Centre, its Director and staff. He said that he is very happy that he was able to contribute the



necessary funds for the construction of this building in order to conduct classes for the benefit of the children in the area.

3. Rev. Fr. Dilex Shantha Fernando, Director of Caritas Badulla – USCOD Centre thanked all those responsible for completing the construction of the building in four months. Specially he mentioned the names of Mr. Gerard Brandeson, Donor, Rev. Fr. Damian Fernando, Mr. K. Theivendirajah, Programme Manager – Tsunami and the staff of Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC and all those who successfully completed the building in four months.

He assured that this Pre-school would function effectively for the benefit of the children in the area.

4. A parent of one of the students addressed the gathering and thanked all concerned for providing this Pre-school in the locality. He expressed that all parents participated to contribute their services in the construction of this building and that they observed the excellence of the standard of the construction of this building. He said that this building will last for a long time.
5. On the day of the opening of the building the children displayed their talents on the stage of the new building. The parents of the children and others who were present enjoyed their display.

MONITORING

The Director of Caritas Badulla - USCOD Centre inspected the construction of the building twice a week and gave the instructions where necessary.

His Lordship the Bishop of Badulla and Bro. Roshantha, Technical Officer inspected the building regularly and they identified any shortcomings and gave the necessary instructions to rectify these.

In terms of Technical Officers advice the following changes on the building were carried out :-

As this area is subject hot weather the roof was covered with tiles instead of asbestos sheets and wooden roof purling was used in place of iron bars. The rest of the construction was carried out according to our plans.

CONSTRUCTION

According to our time frame for the construction we were able to complete the entire construction of the building in accordance with this time frame as follows :-



	Activities	Planned Time Frame	Achieved	Progress	Remarks
1	Laying of Foundation Stone	3 rd week of May 2009	Completed on 19.05.09	100%	Parents of students and government officials assisted in the work
2	Clearing Site	3 rd & 4 th week of May 2009	Completed in 3 rd week of May 2009	100%	Clearing of site was carried out with the help of parents of students who organized a shramadana. Hence we were able to complete this work within one week.
3	Excavation of Foundation	1 st week in June 2009	Completed in fourth week of May 2009	100%	Work is completed advance of one week
4	Mass Concrete 1X3X6 (38mm) pit for R.R. Masonry	2 nd week in June 2009	Completed in first week of June 2009	100%	Completed in advance without any delay
5	Random Rubble Work 1X5 Cement, Mortar with D.P.C	2 nd & 4 th week in June 2009	Completed in 2 nd & 3 rd week of June 2009	100%	Completed fixing of tie beam with iron rods and concrete in addition
6	Concrete Columns for Place roof trusses	1 st week in July 2009	Completed in 3 rd & 4 th week of June 2009	100%	Construction of 9'x9' concrete pillars
7	Brick work of the building gable wall & half wall	1 st & 2 nd week of July 2009	Work began in last week in June 2009	100%	Completed without any delay
8.	Linton beam for the window	2 nd & 3 rd week of July 2009	3 rd week of July 2009	100%	Completed without any delay
9	Roof Trusses 2x2x5.5 mm Angle bars	3 rd & 4 th week of July 2009	Completed in the 3 rd & 4 th week of July 2009	100%	Completed without any delay
10	Roof purling by 2x2x6 angle bars	1 st week in August 2009	Completed in the 1 st & 2 nd week of August 2009	100%	Completed fixing of purling by wood
11	Roof Covered by asbestos sheet with tile ridge	2 nd week in August 2009	Completed in the 3 rd & 4 th week of August 2009	100%	Completed, Covered with tile ridge hence temperature of area is higher than normal. We had to redesign the roof with tiles

12	Plastering Columns & Walls inside & outside	1 st & 2 nd week of August 2009	Completed in the 1 st & 2 nd week of September 2009	100%	The work was delayed for the construction practical situation
13	Concrete & plastering rendering of floor	4 th week of August 2009	Completed in 4 th week of July 2009 & 3 rd week of September 2009	100%	The Concrete work was advanced by one month for the practical situation & Plastering of floor
14	3' wide ramp with 9'' wide water drains	2 nd week of September 2009	3 rd week of July 2009 & 4 th week of September 2009	100%	The work was advanced for the construction practical situation. Plastering & smoothing done in end
15	Doors and windows as sawn in the plan	3 rd week of August 2009	3 rd & 4 th week of July 2009 4 th week of September 2009	100%	Completed without any delay
16	2x2 wire mesh fixed in to 2x2 wooden frame	4 th week of August 2009	4 th week of July 2009 & 4 th week of September 2009	100%	Completed without any delay
17	02 nos toilets for children with squatting pan	3 rd week of August 2009	1 st week of September 2009	100%	Completed & Constructed 01 Toilet with commode
18	Valance and barge board	3 rd & 4 th week of September 2009	4 th week of September 2009	100%	Completed without any delay
19	Septic tank	1 st week of September 2009	4 th week of July 2009 & 4 th week of September 2009	100%	Completed
20	Ceramic sink fixed with all necessary fittings	2 nd week of September 2009	1 st week of September 2009	100%	Completed
21	Color Washing of the building	3 rd & 4 th week of September 2009	1 st week of October 2009	100%	Completed

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN WORK

The parents of students keenly assisted in this construction work, fittings and furniture of the Pre-school as follows :-1. Cleaning the site

2. Assistance in labour by participating in groups
3. Providing and maintaining curtains and furniture. They collected money and they provided furniture and purchased curtains and fixed.
4. Preparation of childrens playground. The parents and community were involved in the construction of playground with the assistance of the Divisional Secretary of Kataragama.

PRESENT SITUATION

1. No of children attending this Pre-school :-

- § Girls :- 55
- § Boys :- 42

These students are divided into 3 classes to follow their studies as indicated below :-§

Children aged three to four years § Children aged four to five years (2 classes)

2. 102 applications received for enrolling for students in 2010 :-

I. Teachers Name : Ms. Kalpani Upeksha
Ms. Sanjula Kalpani
Ms. Kanchana Lakmali
Ms. Dilukshi Prageesha

II. Facilitator Name : Rev. Fr. Dilan Perera, OMI

III. Rev. Sr. Nimala, CFM is in overall charge of this Pre-school

IV. Extra Opportunities :-

- a. Availability of more space for children. We have constructed a sand corner, water corner, reading corner and construction corner to improve the childrens activities and thus develop their skills.
- b. Ability to admit more students due to the space available. This is a blessing to the community.
- c. The provision of this building is an eye-opener to the government. Hence they have promised to help to develop the playground.
- d. This building has helped to carry out other The following activities without any problems.

The celebration of Sinhala and Tamil New Year Programme, Religious Festival, Exposure Programme and Exhibition. This programmes arranged by the teachers and

parents of students of this Pre-school will help to inculcate the cultural and spiritual values in the minds of the students.

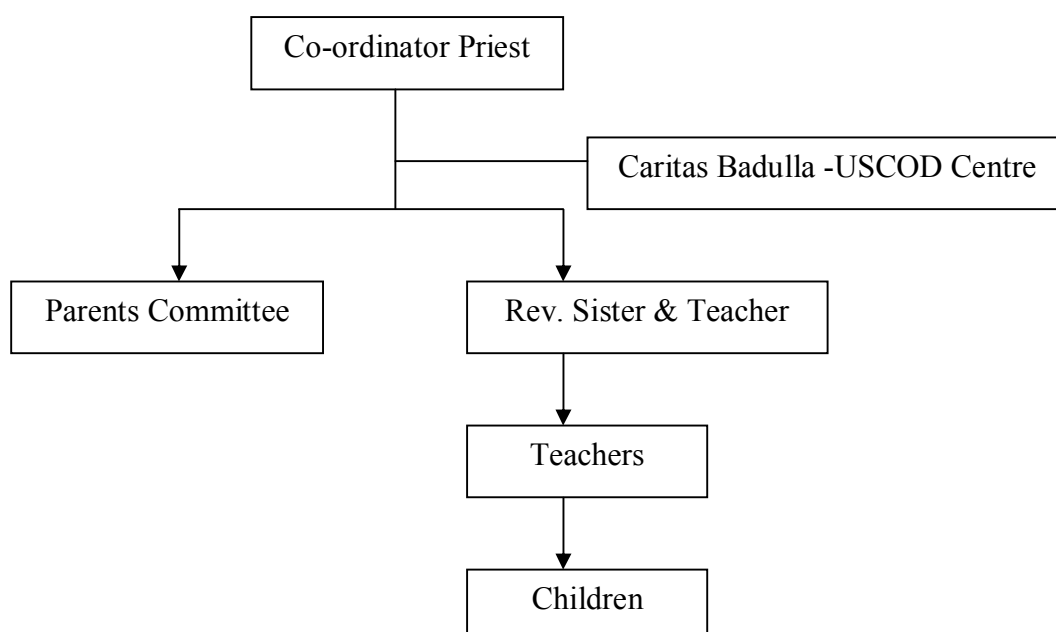
Meetings & Seminars

This Pre-school building will be used to conduct the following meetings and seminars for parents and the local community.

- Awareness programmes for parents per year
 - Parents Meetings
 - Community awareness programme
 - Quarterly teachers panel meetings
- e. Sanitary facilities – Bathroom with toilets fixed with commodes. Easy access to clean water
- f. This building is situated in the village of Kataragama, a religious area. Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians live in this area. As this building is situated in the heart of Kataragama, the children of these religions can get easily admitted to this Pre-school. Hence we carry out religious activities for the benefit of these students thereby creating harmony among them and respect for each religion.
- g. We believe that we have built a good image of the Church because the Principal of the government school at Kataragama made a statement that the services rendered by the church for the education of the children are appreciated greatly by the people.

h. Pre-school Management

The Management of this Pre-school is as indicated below:-



This Pre-school is monitored and financed by Caritas Badulla – USCOD Centre with the financial help of Terre des Hommes, Netherlands.

The Parish Priest of the area as the Co-ordinator Priest conducts and manages this Pre-school. The Rev. Sisters of the Franciscan Convent of Kataragama help to conduct this Pre-school. The parents have formed a committee to contribute their services to develop the Pre-school infrastructure facilities and other involvements. The parents actively help the Co-ordinator Priest in the management of this Pre-school

i. Future Plans

Organize a year-end programme with the advocacy of the importance of ELC's and our priorities of the target groups. This provides a good opportunity for us to select suitable students to follow the studies in the Pre-school. We have planned out to conduct the following activities next year with the financial assistance from Terre des Hommes, Netherlands and parents contribution.

J. FINANCES

We thank the donors for providing the necessary funds for the construction of this building. We extend our sincere thanks to the benefactors and invoke God's abundant blessings on them and wish sustained success in all their future endeavours.

K. Finance Contributions

Parents contribute as school fees a minimum fee of Rs. 50.00 per student per month. The maximum fee Rs. 250.00 which depend on their family income of parents. The Sisters of the Convent discuss with parents and decide on this matter. The Sisters maintain the accounts. The teachers are paid a salary with deduction of EPF and ETF which are sent monthly to the relevant government authorities.

	Detail	Calculation	1st year		
			Budget	T de H	Local
1.1	<i>Involvement and responsibility of parents towards childrens' education and needs.</i>				
1.1.1	Organize parents awareness programme	1prog x2000/=	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
1.1.2	Parents exposure programme	1st year : 1 prog x 3000/=	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
1.2	<i>Provide educational and infrastructure facilities for childrens' education</i>				
1.2.3	Provide teaching aids	4000/=	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
1.2.4	Provide sanitary & overhead facilities				
	where necessary	500/=x12 months	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
1.3	<i>Improvement of quality of education and give personal attention to children in early learning centres</i>				
1.3.1	Teaching, Monitoring & supervision of ELC's				
1.3.2.	Salaries for teachers				
	2 teachers x 4000/=[with EPF +ETF] x 12 months		96,000.00		96,000.00
	2 teachers x 5250.00[with EPF +ETF] x 12 months		126,000.00	126,000.00	-
1.3.3	Co-ordinating activities of ELC's				
		2000/= x 12 months	24,000.00	24,000.00	
1.4.1	<i>Make available qualified children for admission to primary schools</i>				
1.4.2	Organize childrens' game competitions	3000/= x 1 programme	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
1.4.3	Organize childrens' cultural programmes	4000/= 1 programme	4,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
1.4.4.	Organize childrens' sports activities	3000/= x 1 programme	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
1.4.5	Organize childrens' exposure				
	programmes	4000/= x 1 programme	4,500.00	4,500.00	-

2	Parents and child care				
2.1	<i>Improvements of parents in health care in facilities for childrens education</i>				
2.2.1	Awareness programme for nutrition				
	cleanliness and sanitary practices	1prog x 2000/=	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
2.2.2	Provision of nutrients in food and availability of foods.	100/= x 9 months x 105 children	94,500.00		94,500.00
		Year 2010	372,000.00	178,000.00	194,000.00

Enjoyment at Kataragama Pre-School

