



December 2012

Dear Friend,

The year end is a time for reflection, particularly at the end of a tumultuous year like 2012, when events including the London Olympics, presidential elections in Russia and the USA, as well as the on-going financial crises have dominated the headlines. If anything, 2012 demonstrates that whether we are in Sri Lanka, the UK or Ireland, we are all finding ourselves affected by global events like never before. Like other small development organisations, Shining Life is adapting to the challenges and opportunities that will present themselves in 2013 to ensure that we are well placed to build on our achievements to date.

After spending only a short few months in Sri Lanka as Field Director, it is evident that we and our project partners are having demonstrable effects on the lives of the women and children in the communities we are helping. Whether it is through the provision of classes in maths and Tamil for special needs students, entrepreneurship training for women's societies, establishment of libraries or training for school teachers, our activities are producing lasting change for the better.



Yours truly with children at Pupressa School

In 2013, we will continue to support quality projects in Sri Lanka where they are needed most. We are excited to be starting a new project in three villages in Galewala, focusing on programmes to help improve the lives of children in the areas of education, health, finance, employment and the environment. I look forward to updating you about the value and importance of your contributions.

Many thanks for your on-going support and I wish you and your family a safe, joyful and peaceful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2013.

Best Wishes,

Kevin

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