



## 2015: YEAR OF CULTURE!

Following the end of the violent conflict in May 2009, the Tamil population focused on survival in difficult conditions. Serendip's first project (and on-going) was our 'Care in the Community' support for orphans which helped with their welfare needs (this has now grown to support over 250 children). Further on, we have provided help to these and other children to ensure they receive a good academic or vocational education. We have also helped widows and others in running their own (sometimes with others) small business. There was little time or energy for other activities.

However, we cannot ignore the impact on other areas of life for Tamils. No help has been forthcoming for the arts, music and other cultural activities and there is a danger that the region's culture may die. Thus, last year Serendip has funded three cultural projects in various centres. Firstly, we provided instruments and teachers payments for Puthuvaial Fine Arts College and similarly in Thanneerutu, Mullaithevu. In a Jaffna college we are also providing financial support to teach classical music including Miruthangam, Violin, and Vocals.

We want to increase our level of support in this area by building a Cultural Centre. This would provide the training of students in cultural activities including traditional music, art and dance. If you would like to help with such a project please contact [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

## 2014 ROUNDUP

Last year was our busiest one yet. The main areas we focused upon were:



\*The repairing and constructing of buildings for pre-school learning in ten areas throughout northern Sri Lanka. We also ensured over a hundred teachers were specially trained in pre-



school education.

\* Providing Nursing training for over 50 students in batches of three as part of a three year Diploma course.

Putting over 150 students through vocational courses in Civil Draughtsmanship, web design, computer hardware, car mechanics, tailoring, domestic wiring, welding, plumbing, and Business Information Technology.

\* Supplying over a hundred computers to seven schools, one nursing school, and two



Johannes Shanmugam.

more students to it at 'O' Level) and 25 in general studies.

\* Numerous one-off projects such as funding towards construction of a female medical ward for Puthukkudiyiruppu's main hospital, livelihood support for widows, sports activities, revision classes, flood relief, shoe supplies to the very poor and underprivileged, (disabled) children's homes,



\* After-school and weekend classes in many schools across the Wannu, including 19 in ICT (to encourage



vocational training centres in the Wannu, as part of the *Computers 4 Schools* project initiated by our supporter



medical treatments, revision classes and crash courses for exams, and many others.

We would like to thank our partners and various other donors for their generous contributions.



Some of the above projects are continuing this year. If you have any ideas for one please contact us at [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

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Payee Account Number	11637749
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Address	34, Brightling Road, Brockley, London SE4 1SQ
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