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Sri Lanka Efforts Update

1. As part of the ongoing micro-grants and livelihoods support efforts in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka, 40 families are now benefiting at present from the support provided by IMHO. In addition, sewing classes are being conducted for women to help them build their skills and establish a regular source of income, and after-school education support is being given to 60+ students (*featured in the photo above*). Another \$5,000 was given to support such efforts, including buying an **incubator** to hatch chickens and providing **support for 10 more families**. At present, about 35 families are returning the loan at a rate of Rs. 1,000 per month.
2. IMHO provided support in the amount of \$3,500 to purchase a **calf compressor** to serve patients in Kalmunai . This equipment helps prevent clot formation and problems such as deep vein thrombosis in the legs of hospitalized patients.
3. IMHO gave \$500 to support mobile medical clinic programs in Sandilipay coordinated by the Moolai Cooperative Hospital.
4. Continued support in the amount of \$3,000 for the Jaffna Teaching Hospital Diabetic Center.
5. Last November 2011, Mr. Zoe

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5. Last November 2011, Mr. Zoe Keeler, UN Representative for Sri Lanka, and other UN officers, paid a visit to the Kalmunai Mental Health Unit. This unit has become an outstanding example of how mental health care delivery and community outreach are properly done. With exceptional leadership, a dedicated staff, and a steady stream of enthusiasm and ideas, the Kalmunai Mental Health Unit is **forging the path forward for the development of a strong mental health care infrastructure** for the entire country. The recent attention and awards bestowed upon the unit and its leadership are truly well deserved.



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Register & Buy Tix Online for the 9th Annual IMHO Convention in Toronto - April 2012

As we eagerly gear up for the 9th Annual IMHO Convention, which is being held on Friday, April 27th & Saturday, April 28th, 2012 in Toronto, Canada, we invite you to learn more and make your travel arrangements now. Guests from around the world will be joining us to discuss and share how we can better serve communities in need. Visit our special event website at www.IMHOAnnualConvention.com to register for the event, buy tickets, and find all the information you need to join us in Toronto. Join us in learning about our work and engaging in conversation with physicians and other development leaders from across the globe who are engaged in rebuilding the health, medical, and social service infrastructure in Sri Lanka and in communities in need worldwide! Please also visit the "Sponsorship" section of the event website to learn about opportunities to become an event sponsor, including reserving a table for 10 on Saturday night for just \$500.

WHEN: Friday, April 27th from 7:00-10:00pm (*Business Community Program*) & Saturday, April 28th, 2012 from 8:00am-11:00pm (*Full Convention*)

WHERE: New Jaasmin Banquet Hall, 90 Nolan Court, Markham, ON L3R 4L9, Canada

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We are excited to announce that the 9th Annual IMHO Convention is being held this coming **APRIL 27th & 28th, 2012** in Toronto, Canada. Guests from around the world will be joining us to discuss and share how we can better serve communities in need. Come learn how you can get involved and become a change-maker for good!



▶ LATEST NEWS

October 25, 2011: We are very excited to launch this event site and share the details of the upcoming 9th Annual IMHO Convention in Toronto with you! The event flyer and sponsorship package details are now available on our IMHO Canada website: ... [\[Read More...\]](#)

▶ EVENT SPONSORS

IMHO is extremely grateful to the following event sponsors for having pledged their commitment to sponsoring this event, and in the process, helping to improve the health and well being of persons in need. Our sincere thanks goes out to all of the ... [\[Read More...\]](#)

▶ EVENT SCHEDULE

Each year IMHO holds its annual convention in a different city, and we are very excited to finally host this important event in Canada for the first time! At every convention we are joined by visiting physicians from Sri Lanka who share with us the ... [\[Read More...\]](#)

Visit our special event website at www.IMHOAnnualConvention.com

Upcoming Events

Texas Annual Dinner & Benefit Event 2012

WHAT: Annual Dinner & IMHO Update

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 5:30-11:00pm

WHERE: Madras Pavillion, 16260 Kensington Drive, Sugarland, TX 77478

RSVP: Nantha at natkumar@aol.com

Audio Book of Not Quite Paradise Continues Support for University of Jaffna Students

Dr. Adele Barker, who is a Professor at the University of Arizona in Tuscon and author of Not Quite Paradise, a memoir on her experiences in Sri Lanka as a Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellow and repeat visitor, has recently recorded an audio reading of her book, the proceeds of which continue to benefit students at the University of Jaffna. Not Quite Paradise (*Beacon Press, 2009*) is the record of her sojourns on the island as she moved between her tranquil life in the south and a very different life up on the Jaffna Peninsula. Dr. Barker gave a presentation at the IMHO Annual Convention in Boston 2 years ago and initiated a scholarship fund for students at Jaffna University from the proceeds raised from her book. To purchase the audio book and support her efforts, please use the following link: [SHOP HERE](#)

Past IMHO Events

An Evening of Service and Commitment: The Anpuneri Annual Dinner

The Anpuneri Humanitarian Relief Organization (Anpuneri) held their Annual Dinner on Friday, December 2nd, 2011 at Merlyn's Taste of World Restaurant (www.merlynstasteofworld.com) in Markham. Following a social hour, the evening's program continued with Anpuneri presentations discussing current and future project plans, and finally a dinner. 100% of the funds received from the ticket sales will be spent on selected Anpuneri's Vanni Area Villages Rehabilitation projects. IMHO

spent on selected Anpuneri's Vanni Area Villages Rehabilitation projects. IMHO Canada is very grateful to Anpuneri for their continued commitment and was honored to collect a check for \$5,000 towards efforts aimed at rebuilding lives through livelihoods support and empowerment programs in the community of Ramanathapuram. Congratulations to the Anpuneri family on another successful year of serving others and helping to bridge the gap!



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During this crucial time in Sri Lanka and around the world, as we face monumental challenges in providing better access to quality medical and health care for those most at-risk populations, we need **YOUR HELP** now more than ever. With **just \$1/day** (or \$30/month) you can help save and improve lives in Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Please consider making a donation to IMHO today. You can **donate online via PayPal as a one-time or recurring donation** (the amount & frequency of which are up to you).

You can also **donate via mail** by sending a check made out to "IMHO" to the following address:

**IMHO Treasurer
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