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Emergency Relief for Cyclone Victims in Southern India

Cyclone Thane, which slammed Southern India on December 30, 2011, came packed with wind speeds of approximately 135 kmph. It claimed 33 lives and left around 200,000 people homeless in the regions of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. Under its influence heavy rains pounded these areas, throwing normal life out of gear. Thousands of acres of standing crops were submerged across the state. The poor slum dwellers in the city, as well as the poor laboring class, marginal farmers in rural areas, fishermen communities in the coastal areas, and more were affected, having lost crops/food, clothing, and shelter. Responding to the crisis, IMHO got behind the emergency relief efforts of [SAWED Trust](#), giving \$5,000 to their efforts to serve survivors and help restore normalcy to their lives through provisions of relief packages containing nutritional support and other basic supplies.

Vital Equipment and Support for Serving Health/ Medical Needs of People in Sri Lanka & Haiti

In response to local requests and appeals for assistance, IMHO has supported the following initiatives over the last few months:

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1. Provided a set of adult and pediatric bone marrow biopsy needles for the Batticaloa Hospital Oncology Unit at a cost of \$500.
2. Ongoing support for orphans care and nutrition at the Hindu Board of Education orphanage in Jaffna, Sri Lanka in the amount of \$3,600.
3. Medicines and basic medical supplies for the Dr. Henri Gerard Desgranges Foundation in Petit-Goave, Haiti (\$950).
4. Assistance to the Kalmunai Mental Health Unit in the amount of \$2,200 for computer & telephone support, necessary repairs of the Vasantham Park pond, and purchase of a new camera, moped, and bicycle to benefit dedicated KAMHA staff.



Left: IMHO-donated pneumatic calf compressor equipment given to the Jaffna Hospital Oncosurgery Unit; Right: Egg incubator provided by IMHO to support livelihoods development for resettled families in the Vanni.

Restoring Livelihoods in Ramanathapuram

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Recognizing the dire need to rebuild livelihoods and small industries for families, IMHO Canada has committed support to a number of microcredit initiatives throughout Sri Lanka. Working through partner organizations, IMHO Canada has already helped 18 families to get on their feet again in the Ramanathapuram area through assistance in food processing, crop cultivation, poultry farming, kadjan mending, carpentry, and other small businesses. Efforts are being initiated now for the next set of beneficiaries in this area. To view a photo gallery and learn more about IMHO Canada's microcredit/livelihoods assistance efforts, please visit our website [HERE](#).



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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 learn more about 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

RSVP: imhoconvention@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

*****"Malarum Mottukkal": An Evening of Classical Music & Dance*****

WHEN: Saturday, April 14th at 3:30pm

WHERE: Queens High School of Teaching,
74-20 Commonwealth Blvd., Bellerose, NY 11426

MORE INFO/RSVP: Dr. Rajam Theventhiran (347.208.7930), Tharmarajah (917.224.0800),
Yogalingam (718.666.1816), or Jeyachandran (917.494.3408)

The Young Artistes of New York in collaboration with IMHO invite you to attend a special evening of classical music and dance performances by students of local teachers, followed by a vocal concert by Aditya Venkatesh, Vivek Rudrapatna (violin), and Shenthuraan Tharmarajah (mrudangam). Dinner will also be served. All proceeds will benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) being established at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital in Sri Lanka.

*****IMHO Recipe Book*****

Dr. Shiamala Suntharalingam is currently collecting recipes to make a cookbook, the proceeds of which will benefit the work of IMHO in serving communities in need in Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Please join her in this endeavor by providing any recipes you may have that you think others would like to learn and try as they explore various flavors and cuisines. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please submit it by email to shiamala72@gmail.com and title the email "in aid of IMHO". Along with the recipe please include digital photos of your ingredients and the final dish. Also, include a photo and a small description of yourself. For more detailed instructions and to view a sample recipe, please visit our website [HERE](#).

*****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

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

*****Consistent Commitment to Humanity: Texas Chapter Raises \$20,000*****

Over 70 volunteers and donors attended the 2012 IMHO Texas Annual Fundraising Dinner Program at the Madras Pavilion in Sugar Land, Texas on Saturday, February 25, 2012. The program included a Pre-Program Presentation for Doctors on "Cardiac Failure", presentation on recent IMHO projects completed & an update on current needs for NE Sri Lanka, health forum, an interactive discussion of health issues between the panel of Doctors, Dentists & the attendees, light music entertainment, and dinner. The event raised \$16,000 including contributions by mail and in-person, and the total target of \$20,000 is expected to be reached with additional contributions in the coming months. The total contribution will be used to help fund a cardiac ambulance to save lives, livelihood/ microcredit projects, mental health, and other projects including the Jaffna Teaching Hospital NICU. On behalf of IMHO and the IMHO Texas Chapter, we sincerely thank all the attendees, donors, volunteers, and well-wishers who made the program a success!

*****Special Celebration of Sohan's 1st Birthday*****

In celebration of his 1st birthday this past January, Sohan Srivatsalan's parents arranged for the collection of charitable contributions for 3 organizations (of which IMHO Canada was one) in lieu of birthday gifts. A total amount of \$1,104 was donated to IMHO Canada to support ongoing efforts. This is not the first time the Srivatsalan family has done this...for their other son, Varun, they did the same on his first birthday and gave a contribution to IMHO Canada. Thank you to all who celebrated Sohan's birthday by helping to improve the lives of others back in Sri Lanka!

*****Royal One Investors Inc. Supports Empowerment of Marginalized Women in Sri Lanka*****

IMHO Canada would like to thank Royal One Investors Inc. of Markham, ON for their very generous donation of \$3,125 to support the women trishaw drivers empowerment project in Sri Lanka. This project was designed to empower marginalized women from various disadvantaged background through training and the provisioning of a trishaw (or "3-wheeler"). Initially orchestrated and launched in 2011 by the Women's Education and Research Centre (www.wercsl.org), a Sri Lanka-based organization committed to realizing gender equality and equity, trishaws have since been distributed to beneficiaries thanks to generous contributions of IMHO donors like Royal One Investors. Thank you for making a difference!

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Difference.
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with just
\$1/day!
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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
PO Box 61265
Staten Island, New York 10306
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