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Enriching the Lives of Children in Haiti and Sri Lanka

In Haiti, the city of Petit Guave was one of the cities badly affected by the 2010 earthquake, and today many people are still living in sheds. At present 200 orphans and young students from very poor families are studying in a school called Ecole Village Lucina. IMHO is providing breakfast daily to all students as part of a nutrition program so that the students can focus on their studies. Each meal is just \$0.15 (fifteen cents) per child, and IMHO has already given enough support (\$4,100) to support the program for one full year. This project is being implemented locally by the Dr. Henri Gerard Desgranges Foundation, which IMHO has partnered with since the devastating earthquake of January 2010. IMHO has supported the HGD Foundation in various ways over the past several years, including support for shipping a donated ambulance, sending several shipments of in-kind donations of medicines and medical supplies, and visits by IMHO volunteers.

Another unique child-centered effort that recently took place was the reconstruction of a home for a young boy and his elderly grandmother who tragically lost their home in a fire. IMHO provided assistance in the amount of \$1,600 to help

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IMHO provided assistance in the amount of \$1,600 to help rebuild the home for this war-affected family in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka. As IMHO remains committed to helping people rebuild their lives in a post-conflict setting, it is important to never lose sight of the individual.



In Support of Medical Education & the Sciences

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The exchange of information and knowledge for the purposes of developing human capital is a noble cause. IMHO has two stand-out partners on the ground in Sri Lanka who are making such valuable investments in medical education and the sciences. Dr. Surenthirakumaran has been affiliated with Moolai Hospital in Northern Sri Lanka for many years and has been involved in a number of efforts and causes to strengthen civil society in Sri Lanka, especially as it relates to health/medical education and human development. Recently he also helped found the Association for Higher Education and Development (AHEAD) Trust and plays an important role in the publishing of the [Jaffna Medical Association's](#) recurring newsletter. We recently posted their latest newsletter on our website [HERE](#), though you can visit their website directly for more information.

Another recent effort to promote the advancement of society through the sciences was made by Dr. Arulnithy at the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital Cardiology Unit. He just launched [Science Navigators](#), a website committed to the sharing of information related to the sciences, including climate, energy, astronomy, environment, technology, and health. This project is similarly geared towards promoting knowledge sharing and peer exchange for the purposes of strengthening civil society and building human capital. The Science Navigators website is definitely worth checking out.

We congratulate both of these men and their respective organizations/ networks for furthering the important cause of health & science education in Sri Lanka. In addition to these two excellent resources, there are many wonderful online

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Enhancing Mobility of Persons with Disabilities

IMHO has lent its support to a number of projects to serve the needs of war amputees and the physically disabled throughout Sri Lanka. In partnership with the Jaffna Jaipur Center for Disability Rehabilitation (JJCDR), IMHO has been providing mobility devices, prosthetics, and other support to disabled patients in Sri Lanka for several years, especially those that lost limbs or suffered neurological damage during the conflict period. Earlier this month several beneficiaries received hand-powered tricycles to enable them to get around and maintain a more regular routine.



Upcoming IMHO Events

*****SAVE THE DATE: 10th Annual IMHO Convention*****

WHEN: Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th, 2013

WHERE: Doubletree Hotel Somerset, 200 Atrium Drive,
Somerset, New Jersey 08873

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Please save the date! You are cordially invited to join all volunteers, donors, supporters, and team members of the IMHO family of organizations (including IMHO USA, IMHO

IMHO family of organizations (including IMHO USA, IMHO Canada, IMHO Lanka, and IMHO European Union) to attend our 10th Annual IMHO Convention! We will be joined by visiting physicians from Sri Lanka, as well as other experts and professionals who are deeply involved in development work in the communities in need that IMHO serves globally. A full update on IMHO's efforts and plans moving forward will be shared as well. Come learn how you can get involved and become a change-maker for good. All event details will be posted in the months to come on our special event website (www.IMHOAnnualConvention.com).

*****IMHO Recipe Book: Submissions Needed!*****

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](#).

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