



Moving on, moving up...

Killinochchi to Nuwara Eliya

At CAL we try to be creative in our approach to helping individual children so they can achieve their dreams. In April we took a big step. Two of our teenage boys from war-affected Killinochchi moved

far from home, to Nuwara Eliya, to continue their schooling. They are both from very poor, unstable families and were at risk of dropping out of school. Sasi* who lost both his father and brother in the war, has three elder sisters and a mother who all work long days. He is home alone and no one is there to guide him and send him to school. The CAL centre in Killi is a haven for him. He is very bright and we wanted to see if we can help him to step into something bigger and better.

Diva* is thirteen and has five siblings. His father forces him to work rather than go to school and so he has fallen very behind. He has lots of potential, particularly with computers. Diva's time at our Killi centre has had great impact and we see him dare to dream of a better future. In Nuwara Eliya these two boys have a fresh start, away from the still post-war affected home town and where they can focus on their studies. They also attend CAL's Nuwara Eliya centre and get support there.

Both boys are adjusting well to the colder climate of the hills. They had only known Killinochchi (and the war until 5 years ago) and changing their environment seems to be doing them the world of good. They get to see a different way of life and it is opening their eyes to new possibilities and opportunities. Both have seen significant improvement in their studies.

Kandy to Colombo

From the street community in Kandy, 19-year old Anil* last week won two school prizes including best overall performing student in 2013. When you know his story and background, this is truly an incredible achievement. Anil comes from Kandy to Colombo (3-4 hours on the bus) every Sunday to take classes ready for the exam to enter Law College next year. We have been looking for him to get some work experience in a lawyers office. However, he has been turned down in Kandy several times due to his background. Recently we have found him a position in Colombo where they want to give him a good start and will continue to help him when he goes to College. He has just moved down—a daunting move for a 19 year old. We are supporting him in every way we can to grasp this opportunity with both hands.

Right: Our Killi boys—similar ages but very different sizes! **Top Right:** Anil at his school prize giving.



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Killinochchi to Nuwara Eliya, Kandy to Colombo—some of our kids are on the move!



New Building Appeal July –December 2014

In January this year we were able to rent a building which meant bringing all our Kandy centres under one roof. We now have the option to buy it over the next year and we want to go for it! We want to set up a centre that is sustainable and secure for the next generation and from which we can launch creative initiatives and training and development to impact the nation.

Please consider joining us in our challenge initially to raise UK£200,000 Aus \$370,000. Every penny counts towards our target. **CAN YOU HELP US?!**

If you would like to be part of this appeal please email us at childaction@sltnet.lk. Join us to see lives transformed!

(* - denotes name changed)

Appeal Launch

Raising funds to buy the building is our first major fundraising appeal. In the UK we are starting the '400 challenge' - to ask 400 people to raise £400. And many may be able to raise more which would be all the better (..there is potentially a phase 2 to buy some outside space/renovation.) In Aus we are aiming for similar support through various fundraising initiatives. So far we have pledges to run a marathon, sponsored bike rides, sponsored runs and a head shave (raised £1000 already), BBQ's (if 20 people pay £20 to go that's £400!) And of course there's room for plenty more ideas. Maybe you have a skill you could sell and contribute some of the proceeds? Or you are part of a group who could help. Please contact us for more info and ideas- childaction@sltnet.lk

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