DIAKONAL MINISTRIES

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS
“WE ARE CAUGHT UP IN AN INESCAPABLE NET OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY. WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY, AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY”

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
CHURCH OF THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION

- CHURCH OF THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION (CACM) ROOTED IN THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION FOUNDED IN 1816
EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL PROGRAMS

• WORKING TO REDRESS SOCIAL INEQUALITY IN WAR AFFECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NORTH AND EAST SRI LANKA
Program Areas

- Education –Children and Youth
- Children’s Homes
- Women’s Programs
- Centre for Children with Mental Disabilities
Educational Programs

- Pre-Schools
- After School Programs
- Leadership Development
- Teacher Support
- Vocational Training
Pre-Schools – Seek to alleviate the impact of child poverty

- Nutritional support

- Early Learning

- Teacher Empowerment
35 centres in Batticaloa, Jaffna, Wanni and Up Country serving 1000 kids
After School Programs

- Supporting children and youth with a hunger to learn but no access to good schools or committed teachers and resources
Constituency

- Rural children and youth
### After School Impact Data

#### Grade 10 Students (2015) - 37 total students

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#### Subject Test Scores Improvement (end of Year 1):

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Goals

- Ongoing educational support
- Empowerment and leadership development
Activities

- After school tutoring
- Leadership development
- Youth Camps
4 centres in Jaffna, Wanni and Batticaloa UP Country, helping 350 children
Youth Leadership Program 2018-

- CONSTITUENCY:
- Rural and vulnerable youth
- Particular focus on young women
GOALS:

• Support youth to develop strong academic and social skills, critical thinking, ethics and a commitment to social justice and social change

• Train and develop youth workers with expertise in education, English teaching, arts, counselling, sports, social work and social justice who will provide sustainable leadership for the program
Activities

- Youth Workers:
  - 1. Identify and train committed youth workers to lead the program.
  - 2. Professional development and academic support up to post-graduate level
  - 3. Develop partnerships and collaborative work with other organizations.
YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

1. Year round leadership, life skills and academic support programs for youth in rural communities and Batticaloa centre.

2. Scholarships to support youth in technical, professional and academic studies up to post-graduate level.

3. Residential English language programs
4. Exposure programs to engage with diverse communities and critical social issues

5. Residential support for vulnerable students at OL/AL
Children’s Homes
Children

- Sent by Probation Department and Courts
- Without parent/s, lack a safe home or chronic vulnerability due to poverty
Homes

- 1 girls homes with 18 children
- 1 boys home with 18 children
Goals

- Safe space and home
- Education
- Vocational support
Capoeira Program
Current University Students

- 3 students in university in Sri Lanka: Peradeniya and Eastern. 2 graduate in 2018
- 2 students at Madras Christian College
- 5 students to go to college in India in 2019
- 2 students pursuing MA’s in India in 2019
- 3 students in German Tech, Kilinochchi for Technical Studies
VOCAOTIONAL TRAINING

ST. JOHN’ S VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
Constituency

- Youth from rural communities and economically disadvantaged families
GOAL

• To provide professional skill training which is increasingly important as the majority of rural students do not go on to post-secondary education and as the countries economy tries to develop.
STUDENTS & TRAINING AREAS

- 200 students a year (boys and girls)

- Masonry, carpentry, electrical wiring, computer hardware, IT, tailoring, printing, and refrigeration/air conditioning

- Additional 10 fields including machining, lathe, plumbing and electronics can be added
LONG TERM PLANS

- To develop SJVTC into a community college providing a broad range of programs for post-secondary education and vocational training for youth.
Women’s Programs
Goals

- Empowerment in the community
- Leadership Development
- Livelihoods
- Security
WOMENS SHELTER

-Requested New Program from Department of Probation and Child Care Services
- To provide transitional shelter for victims of sexual abuse, who need a place to live and deliver a child
- Place for older women who also have unwanted pregnancies.
- Womens organizations also have asked for such a space to be created.
NEEDS FOR SHELTER

- Long Term Support so that we can confidently develop and sustain such a program.

- Scholarships for victims of sexual violence to support them with education or vocational training opportunities.
Centre for children with disabilities
Constituents

- Children with Downe’s Syndrome and Autism and their parents
Goals

- Mainstreaming into schools
- Capacity and skill development
- Support for parents
Activities

- Day Care Support
- Remedial Teaching
- Art, craft teaching
CACM welcomes partnerships with institutions and individuals who share its goals of empowering individuals and communities from rural war affected and economically disadvantaged regions. We specially encourage those interested in long term engagements in our areas of work though short term partnerships and engagements are also welcome.
Thank You
“She Will Rise!”
YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Orientation & Sessions 2-3: March – June, 2019
14 Participants
Goals:

- Self-Directed Learning from Lived Experiences
- Develop Critical Thinking & Understanding
- Promote Intellectual Curiosity
- Develop Capacities & Skill Sets in Work Placements
- Build Body Awareness & Physical Strength
- Frame Everything in a Women’s Rights & Feminist Perspective
Activities:

- Yoga
- Capoeira
- Stretching
- Games
- Volleyball
- Team Frisbee with Jay
Group meets Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala, the first Sri Lankan and SL woman to summit Mt. Everest.
MIND WORK ...
Activities: Orientation & Session Two

- Economic Rights – IWD
- Gender & Culture
- Gender Equality, Stereotyping, Power Relations
- Healthy Relationships
- Historical Context of Place: CACM & Batticaloa
- English Class
- Computer Class
- Non-Violent Communication
IWD: Manacholai & Naripulthottam
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பாருங்க 8
Activities: Session Three

- Women’s Histories During the War
- Stories of Tamil Muslim Sinhala Sisters Group
- The Search for Truth and Justice: Mothers of the Disappeared & Memorialization
- Historical Change in Religious Communities
- Women’s Labour Struggles
- Environmental Activism & Challenges
- Barefoot Economists: Informal & Care Economies
Sathurukondan Massacre Memorial
September 9, 1990
Search for Truth & Justice
Mothers of the Disappeared
Computer Classes:
Vocational Training Centre (VTC)
English Classes
ART WORK...
Activities:

- Eco-Friendly Newspaper Bags
- Body Mapping
- Who Am I?
- Parai Drumming Performance
HEART WORK …

“River of Life”
Activities:

- River of Life Sharing
- My Story & Journaling
- Reflections of Easter
- Building a Culture of Care, Respect & Responsibility
Women’s Parai Drumming Performance
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Activities:

- Dance Party
- Birthdays & Farewell Dinners
- Boat Ride from Lighthouse
- Dormitory Life
- Meal Time
- Film Nights
“Ezhuuvazh”
COSTS FOR THE PROGRAM

6 MONTH ENGLISH PREPARATORY PROGRAM
$680 Per Student/ $11,000 for 15 students

4-MONTH EZHUVAZHL
$830 Per Student/ $12,500 for 15 students

Costs cover: accommodation, meals, travel, resource persons, learning materials
ACCOUNTABILITY

REPORTS EVERY 6 MONTHS

- 450 hours of practical and theoretical training
- Completion of martial arts training
- Completion of English and IT training
- Community project