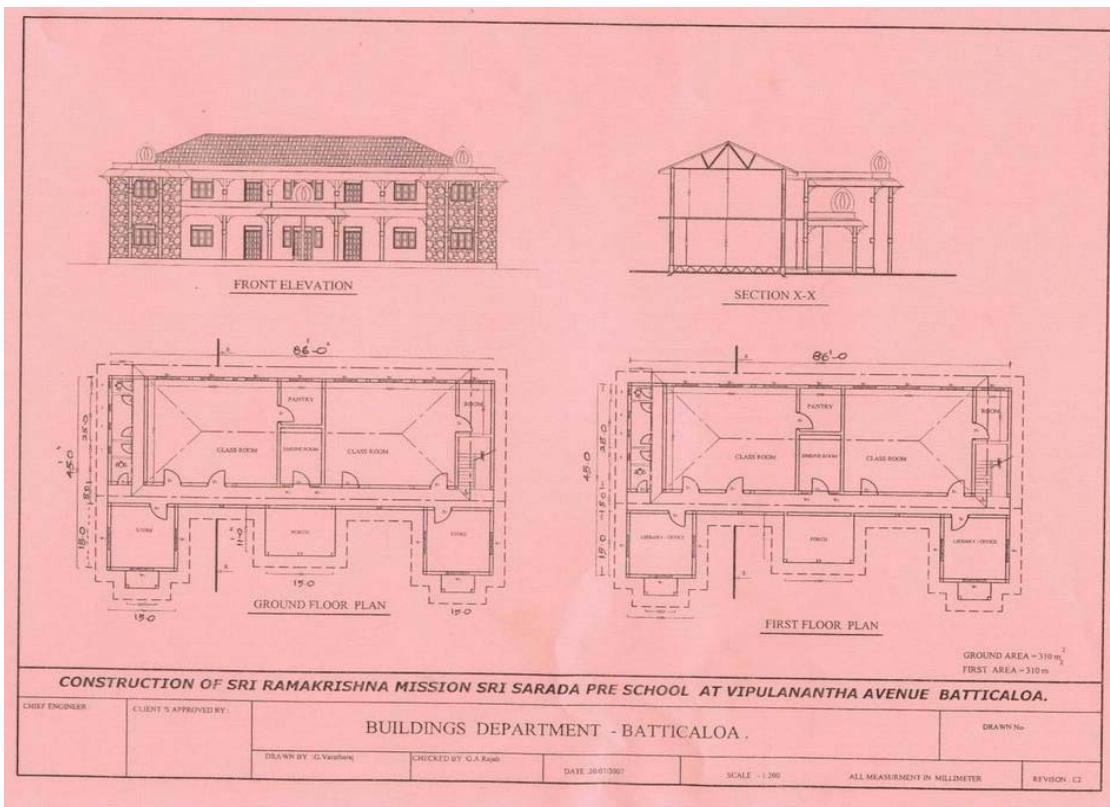


OUR LATEST PROJECT

The Batticaloa Centre of Ramakhrisna Mission maintains three children's orphanages. Orphans and destitute children are well taken care of and made to feel that there is someone to care for them.

The Students' Home, which was intended to take care of orphans, now has to care for those who have met with natural disasters or become displaced in a civil war.

We are working to help complete the new Sarada Nursery School at Kallady-Uppodai. We have received a grant from EMI Music (Australia), being moneys received from the sale of CDs following their highly successful WaveAid Tsunami fund-raising concert in Sydney immediately after the dreadful events of Boxing Day 2004. We are hopeful that these funds will be sufficient to complete the school.



Sarada Nursery School, Batticaloa



Construction is under way !



At the moment it costs 600 rupees per month to maintain a child in the home. Of the 224 children in the home at the moment only 91 receive 100 rupees per month from the Department of Probation and Child Care Services. The mission is able to make ends meet through regular contributions and endowments of its devotees, well-wishers and sympathisers. So the homes depend mainly on the goodwill of and charity of the public for their maintenance.

Cost Per Head
Per Day

LKR .116/- (Approx US \$1)

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WHY WE ARE LINKED WITH RAMAKHRISNA MISSION**

We have now associated ourselves with the Ramakrishna Mission, whose achievements in social welfare are well documented over a period of many years.

The Mission has been operating since 1910 and is a Hindu organisation promoting education and operating a boarding school for homeless children in Batticaloa. Our contact is Dr Varagunam (Gunam) who is a Professor of Medicine, former WHO delegate and currently Chancellor of the Eastern University, Batticaloa. Gunum is a relative of Phe and Sandy.

The Ramakrishna Mission was incorporated by Act No. 8 1929 and has its headquarters in Colombo. In keeping with its ideals, the Centre is engaged in various spiritual and humanitarian activities.



Tsunami relief work; more than Rs. 17 million worth of materials were distributed



Swamis discuss the progress of 200-permanent housing project for tsunami victims



Two hundred permanent houses for Tsunami Victims

Due to a new eruption of violence in the eastern part of Sri Lanka , 72,000 people have been displaced from Vaharai, Sampoor and Muthur. Among the displaced 17700 are children of whom 10,500 are school-aged. 41,500 (1160 families) people are in 61 refugee camps.



over-crowded refugee camp



children are cared for by swamis

The Divisional Secretary, Manmunai North, requested Ramakrishna Mission to provide food and medical facilities to the displaced people in Manmunai area. Relief Work was started on 25th Decemeber 2006, with 6 refugee camps taken up since 5th January 2007. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided for 3855 people with an estimated cost per day of about Rs.400,000/- (Approx US\$ 4000 – or approx \$US 1 per head per day). Ramakhrisna Mission currently expends \$110,000 a month helping these people

Reliable reports indicate that the rest are in temporary shelters, under trees and with well wishers. They are suffering shortages of food, proper shelter, basic medical facilities and education. Thousands are displaced in Vaharai and Batticaloa and undergoing immense hardships. These people have already faced great tragedy and grief and are now **facing a major humanitarian crisis that comes on top of the suffering caused by the 2004 Tsunami.**

Cost Per Head Per Day
LKR .116/- (Approx US \$1)



distributing lunch

Further funds are now sought to assist us in helping the Mission provide such simple necessities as food, basic medical facilities, proper shelter and clothing.

Cost Per Head
Per Day

LKR .116/- (Approx US \$1)



a mobile van clinic

1500 patients have already been seen in the refugee camps and more clinics are planned to cover other camps in the future. The Mission needs Rs. 36 Million (US\$ 330,000) for 3 months for relief work. **WE HAVE RAISED \$6,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF SUCH A MOBILE VAN CLINIC**



Children receiving new clothes



*eagerly awaiting new school stationery
(remember how exciting that was??)*

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Activities at the Batticaloa RKM Boys' Home



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Activities at the Batticaloa RKM Boys' Home



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மாலையில் விளையாட்டுப் பயிற்சி



Activities at the Batticaloa RKM Girls' Home



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