



# FR. SARATHJEEVAN FOUNDATION

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## Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation

In memory of Revd. Fr. M. Thaddeus Sarathjeevan who was martyred for his people in the last days of the Sri Lankan civil war at Mullivaikal, Vanni, Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation (FSF) was established by the members of his family in the year 2013 February 23. Initially the Foundation supported six students in the Uruthirapuram Parish of the Kilinochchi District, by providing each of them Rs. 1,000.00 monthly from Grade 6 to their GCE A/L. The Foundation started to function officially from June 10, 2014, with the patronage of the Bishop Emeritus of Jaffna, Rt. Revd. Dr. E. Thomas Sovundaranayagam, and the present Bishop, Rt. Revd. Dr. Justin B. Gnanapragasam. The five member Board has Revd. Fr. C. G. Jeyakumar as the Director, Miss. Nithila Mariampillai as the Secretary, Revd. Fr. S. Jude Amalathas as the Treasurer, Revd. Fr. T. J. Kirupaharan and Miss. Nicoleen Saminathar.

With the benevolent donations from the multi-national contributors, the Foundation is now supporting many students on a monthly basis for their education. Students are selected basing on their interest in education, while being the victims of the civil war, and living under the poverty-line.

We thank our donors and the Reverend Fathers who are supporting the Foundaiton.

## Educational Assistance Monthly Educational Assistance

Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation has been supporting war-affected and poor students for their education monthly. 101 students in year 2022 and 93 students in 2023 from Uruthirapuram, Iranaipalai, Mullaithivu, Kokilai, Delft, Poonakary, Mallavi, Naranthanai, Jaffna, in the Diocese of Jaffna, and Ilupaikadavai, Uyilankulam, Thadchana - maruthamadhu, and Vellankulam in the Diocese of Mannar, received monthly Educational Assistance.

Dr. J. C. P. Rajendra, Dr. Jaiman Emmanuel (Australia), Dr. Mrs. P. Ratnakumary (UK), Mr. & Mrs. Logan and Marie (USA), Mr. Vadivel (UK), Mr. & Mrs. Justin and Anjana (UK), Mr. Sanjeeva Lokuge, the Christopher Family (Karaveddy-Canada), Mr. Fenton Alphonse (Canada), Mr. Christy Arul (Urani Foundation, France), Mr. Anton Tharmalingam (Canada), Mrs. R. Thangamalar, Ms. Ashap, Mr. Gawthaman (UK), Mr. Philip (UK), Mr. Gnanaselvan (UK) and Ms. Nithila Mariampillai have been giving financial support to these students. A few



Students were assisted from the interest earned from the FSF Fixed Deposit, also.

In general, the students of Grade 5 or above were selected, and, a monthly allowance of Rs. 1000.00 was given to each student, until they completed G.C.E A/L. For the university students, a monthly allowance of Rs. 2,000.00 to 5,000.00 was given. Three Medical Faculty students were given Rs. 4,000.00 to 5,000 each, monthly. Some of the students from very poor family background receive Rs.7,000.00 to Rs.10,000.00 monthly.

Due to the Economic Crisis around the world, there were some shortage of fund and Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation had to reduce the monthly educational assistance in some villages.

### Students receiving Educational Assistance - 2022

	Place	No. of Students
1.	Uruthirapuram	6
2.	Selvanagar	1
3.	Iranaipalai	5
4.	Mullaithivu	10
5.	Thirunagar, Jaffna	1
6.	Kaddaikadhu	1
7.	Araly West	1
8.	Jaffna	28
9.	Poonakary	6
10.	Kawtharimunai	1
11.	Mallavi	8
12.	Naranthanai	10
13.	Kokkilai	5
14.	Delft	6
15.	Iluppaikadavai, Mannar	5
16.	Thadchanamaruthamadhu, Mannar	1
17.	Vellankulam, Mannar	1
18.	Uyilankulam, Mannar	5
	<b>Total No. of Students</b>	<b>101</b>



### Students receiving Educational Assistance - 2023

	Place	No. of Students
19.	Uruthirapuram	6
20.	Selvanagar	1
21.	Iranaipalai	5
22.	Mullaithivu	9
23.	Thirunagar, Jaffna	1
24.	Jaffna	26
25.	Poonakary	6
26.	Mallavi (6 months)	8
27.	Naranthanai	10
28.	Kokkilai	5
29.	Delft	6
30.	Iluppaikadavai, Mannar (6 months)	5
31.	Uyilankulam, Mannar (6 Months)	5
	<b>Total No. of Students</b>	<b>93</b>

## Achievements in G.C.E O/L 2021

Ref. No	Name of the student	Grade Edu. Assistance started	M/F	Address	School	Benefactor	GCE O/L 2021
113	Antroos Selvi Abinaya	Gr.9	F	Savarikulam, Kovilkulam	Mn/Ilupaikadavai Tamil Maha Vid	Mr.Christy Arul	5C, S
23	Dayana Charles Roy	Gr.6 (2016)	F	Selvapuram, Mullaithivu	M/Mullaithivu RC School	Dr. Jaiman Emmanuel, Australia	5C, 4S
22	Anton Jeyaseelan Visalahan	Gr.6 (2016)	M	Kallapadu South, Mullaithivu	M/Mullaithivu RC School	Dr. Jaiman Emmanuel, Australia	A, 7C, S
21	Bastiampillai Anton Jathusan	Gr.6 (2016)	M	Manatkudiyirpu, Mullaithivu	M/Mullaithivu RC School	Dr. Jaiman Emmanuel, Australia	5A, 3C
20	Shanthakumar Jebatharsihan	Gr.6 (2016)	M	Mathirikiramam, Silavathai, Mullaithivu	M/Mullaithivu RC School	Dr. Jaiman Emmanuel, Australia	4A, 3B, 2C
9	Sinthuja Kannan	Gr.5 (2015)	F	Ward 5, Iranaipalai	M/Iranaipalai RC MV	Dr. J.C.P. Rajendra	7A, 2B

## Distribution of Exercise Books to Schools

Exercise Books were distributed to Mandaitivu MV on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 by Revd. Fr. M. David, Dean, Island Deanery & Parish Priest, Mandaithivu. Mr. Sylvester Luxstan, Teacher of this school has made all arrangements to distribute the exercise books to 62 students. Mrs. Prasanthini Sumanthiran has donated Rs.20,400.00 for this purpose and Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to her.

Further, another set of exercise books were distributed to 91 students of Mareesankoodal RCTM School on 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 by Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundaiton. Revd. Fr. C.G.Jeyakumar, Director FSF, handed over the exercise books to the school children. Rs.70,000.00 worth exercise books were donated by Tamil Catholic New Life Good News Prayer Group, Canada, and Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to them.

Rs.337,258.75 worth exercise books were distributed to Thadchanamaruthamadhu School, Schools in Madhu



area, Ilupaikadavia School and Uyilankulam School in Mannar District on 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Revd. Fr. C.G.Jeyakumar, Director FSF, and Ms. Nithila Mariampillai, Secretary FSF, handed over the exercise books to Thadchanamaruthamadhu school children, Revd. Fr. Peppi Sosai, Administrator, Madhu Shrine and School Principals.

Mr. Anton Tharmalingam, Canada, and Mr. Christy Arul, Urany Foundation, France, donated funds for the purchase of exercise books. Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to them for their generous support towards the children in the remote villages.



## Assistance during Economic Crisis

Mrs. Ravindrakumar Mary Lalitha (42) is living in Navaly North, Manipay. She suffers from night-blindness. As her nerves were damaged, she could not be cured. She has a five-member family with three children. Mr. Ravidrakumar (50) is an odd-job labourer, mostly cutting firewood. His second son is studying in Grade 7 at Navaly Arasady RC School. Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation (FSF) helped his sister to open an account at the BOC Manipay in order to get the monthly educational assistance from HUDEC-Caritas Jaffna. FSF has donated Rs.5, 000.00 to purchase essential food items during the economic crisis on 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. FSF expresses gratitude to Revd. Fr. Charles Collins for his generous support.

Dry-ration packets at the cost of Rs. 45,000.00 were distributed to 20 families at Mareesankoodal on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. Mr. E. Jalieyas handed over these dry-food packets to the poor families. Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to Mr. Christy Arul, Urany Foundation, France, for his generous support.

Rs. 292,480.00 worth dry food items were distributed to 56 poor families, affected by the economic crisis, and living in Alampil, Piramananthanaru in Mullaitivu District, Ilavalai and Jaffna during the Christmas Season. Each family was given Rs.5,000.00 worth dry food. Mr. Anton Tharmalingam and his children, Arjun, Katherine, Theepan, Maria and Mala Tharumalingam, Canada, and Mrs. Bamini Rasiah, Australia, donated these funds and Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to them for their generosity.

## Livelihood Assistance

A cow-shed was put up at the cost of Rs.60,000.00 in Ilavalai by Fr.Sarathjeevan Foundaiton on 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. Mr. Christopher Family, Canada, donated this fund, and Fr.Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to them.

A woman headed family living in Iranaipali, was given Rs.73, 750.00 to repair their motorbike for fish vending. A generous donor from Montreal, Canada, donated this fund, and Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to him.

Revolving loans of Rs.100,000.00 and 200,000.00 were given to two families in Ariyalai and Jaffna in order to improve their livelihood activities by Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation in November 2023. They have started repaying their loans monthly, from December 2023.



## Medical Assistance

Mrs. Naganathan Jeyavathani was given medical assistance to perform Plastic Surgery on her nostril in 2021. Her nose and an eye were damaged due to the artillery attack during the ethnic war in 2009. She underwent the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of surgery in December 2021. Presently she is happily engaged in producing the nursery of flower plants and making cement flower pots for her livelihood. A field visit was made on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2022 to her home at Araly West. She showed her gratitude to Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation. FSF expresses gratitude to the generous donors who have supported this worthy cause. We thank the following donors: sisters of Late Mr. Karunaharan (donated in loving memory of Mr. Karunaharan, Canada), Mrs. Rasa Thangamalar (Anaikoddai), Mr. Christy Arul (Urani Foundation, France), Mr. & Mrs. Justin Jesurajah and Anjana and their friends (UK), and Mr. Fenton Alphonse (Toronto) and friends.

A walking-stick was donated to an elderly lady, Mrs. Sebastiampillai Kanikkai (82), living at Navanthurai, in December 2022. For walking support inside and outdoors,





four-legged base for stability, easy grip, non-slip handles, height adjustable, light weight but durable walking stick was donated to her. One of her daughters was affected by polio and unable to walk from her childhood. Executive Committee Members helped her to obtain a wheel-chair through the Divisional Secretariat, Jaffna. Dr. Mrs. Ananthy Kamalanathan, UK, supported FSF to purchase the walking-stick at the cost of Rs. 6,500.00 and FSF expresses gratitude to her.

Three pairs of Elbow Crutches and 25 four-foot walking sticks were given to 3 differently abled persons and 25 elders in Kilinochchi and Mullathivu Districts. Dr. Gnanaselvan, UK, had donated Rs.219,180.00 for this assistance through Dr. Ananthy Kamalanathan, UK. Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to them.

A student living in Uruthirapuram parish was donated Rs.100,000.00 for her medical treatment and Mr. Christy Arul, France, had donated this fund. This assistance was given through Revd. Fr. A. Paul Anakklit, Parish Priest of Uruthirapuram.

Further, a young boy in Kilinochchi who is being treated for cancer, an elderly person in Jaffna undergoing treatment in Tellipalai Cancer Hospital, an elderly lady who is treated for kidney failure in Kodikamam were also given medical assistance through Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation.

Rs.20,000.00 worth Nestamault (Nutritional food) was given to the cancer patients in Jaffna Teaching Hospital during the Christmas Season through the Hospital Chaplain, Jaffna.

## Construction of a Hostel Kitchen

OMI, Jaffna Province, is constructing a boys' hostel in Thadchanamaruthamadhu, in the Mannar District. Rs.500,000.00 was donated by Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation for the completion of the kitchen for the hostel. Mr. Christy Arul, France, had donated this fund and Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses its gratitude to him.

## Fr. Sarathjeevan Tharisanam Malalihal Pre-School, Punkuduthivu

The arch name work of Fr. Sarathjeevan Tharisanam Malalihal Pre-School in Punkuduthivu was renovated at the cost of Rs.52,000.00 in December 2022. Revd. Fr. S. Edwin Naresh, Parish Priest, St. Francis Xavier's Church, Punkuduthivu, made all the arrangements for the renovation. This Pre-School was constructed and maintained by Sunbeam Foundation, Colombo. Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to the generous donor from Montreal, Canada, for the renovation.



## 10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of Fr.Sarathjeevan Foundation

Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation had commemorated its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023. Annual meeting was held with the five Executive Committee Members and the newly selected ten Committee Members at AHAVOLI Hall. The future of Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation and the amended constitution was discussed in the meeting. Revd. Fr. C.G.Jeyakumar presided over the meeting. After the meeting, a thanksgiving Eucharistic Service was offered at the Bishop's House Chapel, followed by lunch at the AHAVOLI Hall. We thank Revd. Fr. M. David, Director, AHAVOLI, who made the hall arrangements, free of charge. We also thank Revd. Fr. P.J. Jebaratnam, Vicar General, for the arrangement made for the Eucharistic Service. Book mark souvenirs were distributed to the participants in memory of late Revd. Fr. M. T. Sarathjeevan. Dr. M. Jeyarajah, Australia, donated fund for this event, and Fr.Sarathjeevan Foundation expresses gratitude to him.

## Late Fr. M.T. Sarathjeevan's Memorial Service

The memorial service of late Revd. Fr. M.T. Sarathjeevan was held on 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 & 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Uruthirapuram. The Parish Priest, Revd. Fr. A. Paul Anakklit, had made all the arrangements for the memorial service. A few priests, parishioners, a few people from South and the family members of late Revd. Fr. Sara participated in the Holy Mass and the memorial service.



### Emblem for Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation

- Triangle : Indicates God, the Holy Trinity - Gold colour (Outside)
- 12 Stars : Indicates Mary – Silver colour (Middle)
- Cross : Indicates Jesus – Deep blue sea colour (Centre)
- Background Colour : Sky blue
- Meaning : Through Jesus with the help of Mary, leading a life of love in God.



### MOTTO

“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction” (Isaiah 48:10).

### Fr. Sarathjeevan Foundation Committee members



Revd. Fr. C. G. Jeyakumar, Director    Miss. Nithila Maraimpillari, Secretary    Revd. Fr. S. Jude Amalathas, Treasurer    Revd. Fr. T.J. Kirupaharan, Committee member    Miss. Nicoleen Saminathar, Committee member