

MEDICAL CAMP AT RANGALLE

Subject: The Medical Camp at Rangalle

Date: 7th February 2009

Venue: Rangalle Maha Vidyalaya premises

Rangalle is a remote village in the Kegalle district surrounded by mountains. There are around 500 families living in this village alone, most of them are daily wage earners. Their main source of employment is tapping rubber, farming and picking tea leaves. They are very poor. Villagers in and around this area do not have means to attend to their health needs due to poor economic situations. Hence a Medical Camp was organized by Universal Association for Peace and Love (UAPL) under the sponsorship of Sascha e.V. to look into the health needs of the villagers in and around this area.

Ms. Ursula Beier - Director UAPL - and a few foreign guests arrived at the Rangalle Maha Vidyalaya at 10.20 a.m. Inauguration meeting commenced after the hoisting of the National and the Buddhist flags by Ms. Ursula Beier and the Leader of the Medical Team. Ven. Matala Ratnasiri there welcomed the guests and thanked the Sascha e.V. of Germany for the sponsorship and the idea of a Medical Camp and Ms. Beier for organizing such a camp for the 1st time in this village which is a historic event for the villagers of this area. They were happy and the villagers flocked from in and around this area together in large numbers from morning to this specified premises in the village. It was also mentioned that the visit of Ms. Silja, the representative of Sascha e.V. has brought about fruitful results to this area which was a great success.

Many consultant specialist doctors from Kandy, Kurunegala and Kegalle came on their own to Kegalle. There were 12 doctors, 4 sisters, 10 nurses, 4 pharmacists and 5 operators and helpers who extended their valuable voluntary services at this great event. From Kegalle the meeting point, this medical team was provided transport to Rangalle where the medical camp was held.

Nearly 485 patients, irrespective of age – children, young and old were present for consultation and treatment. The consultant doctors had separate clinics for the following: Eye, Ear, Teeth (dental), Throat, Nose, Gynecology and General

After consultation and treatment, the patients who have to continue treatment were given a card for reference at the general hospital, Kegalle to take free medicine from the respective clinics.

The distinguished guests and the medical team were offered meals and tea with refreshments by the parents and the teachers of the Sunday school. The patients and the villagers who participated at this camp were served tea. It should be very much appreciated that the entire village contributed towards this historic event in every way.

Along with the consultation and the treatment lectures were conducted on the following: Prevention of infectious diseases, Cleanliness, Drinking of boiled water, First aid for snake bites

Furthermore, a nutritious food parcel of dry rations was distributed amongst 20 very poor pregnant mothers of the area. The food parcel contained – rice, dhal, sugar, cereals, milk powder etc. While the camp was in progress a cultural program consisting of low country and upcountry dancing took place for the benefit of the foreign guests and others at the Sascha e.V. Cultural Center.

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1.	For medicine	-	Rs.	40,000.00
2.	Nutritious food packs	-	Rs.	20,500.00
3.	Transport expenses	-	Rs.	10,500.00
4.	For banners and publicity	-	Rs.	3,500.00
4.	Videoing the event	-	Rs.	8,000.00
	TOTAL	-	Rs.	82,500.00 = ca. 590 Euro

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