



Tamil Christian Church of Canada

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
(Matthew 6:33)

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Dear Friend:

Help for Internally Displaced Persons in Sri Lanka

We are writing this letter to request your support in our partnership efforts to provide relief to the Internally Displaced Persons in Sri Lanka. As you are aware, the recent civil war in Sri Lanka, has given way to an appalling humanitarian catastrophe. Tens of thousands of innocent lives have been lost, and many more including children and infants are suffering from physical injuries and mental trauma. More than 300,000 civilians caught in the crossfire are now displaced and are held in welfare camps. We hope you would partner with us in providing prayer support and financial aid to help these innocent victims.

This crisis has been dubbed the “*War without Witnesses*” as the Government of Sri Lanka has restricted all Non-Governmental Organizations, International Relief agencies and Independent Media from reaching the affected areas. This has compounded the suffering. In addition, human rights abuses, disappearances, and other violations continue unabated.

What is our response when we are confronted daily by stories of such atrocities that involve human suffering? Are we not our brother’s keepers? Should we not lend our voice to the voiceless? We are appealing to you to stand up with one voice to condemn all forms of violence perpetrated against innocent civilians.

WHAT HAS TCCC DONE SO FAR?

The Tamil Christian Church of Canada (“TCCC”), founded in 1971 and incorporated in 1986 is a Canadian registered Charity. Part of our church ministry includes supporting the oppressed and those in need of physical, emotional and spiritual support.

This year, as the civil war and casualties intensified, we began a fund-raising campaign in respect to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) in Sri Lanka. By God’s grace, we were able to raise \$12,000 and have been working with local churches and Christian organizations in Sri Lanka to ensure that the assistance was channeled effectively and promptly to the growing population of internally displaced people.

However, this IDP number has now increased to over 300,000. As such, we need to expand our relief efforts. TCCC has allocated an additional \$20,000 of our church funds towards this fund-raising campaign (total \$32,000). With your prayers and financial support, we are confident that we can raise more funds towards these efforts.

POTENTIAL RELIEF PROJECTS

In the short-term, the desperate need is for basic necessities such as food, water, clothing, shelter and medical care. We are working through the National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka with these efforts. However, we also want to focus on long-term assistance for the Internally Displaced, especially the children, who in their tender age have

lost parents, family members and have undergone trauma that we can only imagine. We are in discussions with credible organizations with the prospect of sponsoring orphaned children in the long-run, so that when these children are eventually placed in foster care, we would be ready to step-in and make a difference in their lives. Updates on viable projects and our relief efforts will be posted on our website periodically.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ✓ Pray individually and collectively that the innocent civilians will not die of starvation, malnutrition or injuries.
- ✓ Pray especially that the Government of Sri Lanka will grant un-fettered access to IDP camps for international relief agencies.
- ✓ Pray for the numerous volunteer workers who are working under trying conditions to make a difference in the lives of the displaced.
- ✓ Voice your concern about the humanitarian crisis to influential bodies globally so that the needed assistance will be expedited.
- ✓ Forward this appeal letter to your extended family and friends.
- ✓ If the Lord urges you, assist our fund-raising efforts.

No funding amount is too small or large for God. The Lord Almighty who used five loaves of bread and two fish to feed five thousand – can do miracles with your donations. We hope and pray that you will consider partnering with us in these relief efforts, through your prayers and financial support.

HOW DO YOU DONATE FUNDS?

If the Lord urges you to assist our efforts financially, you may consider one of the following options:

- 1) Write a cheque, drawn in favour of “*The Tamil Christian Church of Canada*” and mailed to the address below or handed in directly at our church. Please reference your donations as “IDP - relief efforts”.
- 2) Send funds electronically. We have subscribed with the secure vendor “Pay-Pal” that will facilitate the electronic submission(s) of your donation(s). Please visit our website: www.TamilChristianChurch.com for guidance.

All donations will be acknowledged with a 2009 donation tax receipt.

The war may have ended, but the struggle for survival of the displaced is just beginning. Together, we can make a difference. The need is desperate, timing is immediate and your support is essential.

*“To the world, you might be one person;
but to one person, you just might be the world”.*

Yours truly,



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