

Ranaviru Fund – Project Summary for Phase 1

Mission & Overview

The need to provide assistance to Brave Soldiers fighting against the LTTE Terrorists has never been demanding. With the recent Military operations in the North to liberate the areas held by the LTTE the number of casualties increased. Therefore, we thought of putting some extra energy towards a mission to help those who have helped us live today by getting together and providing assistance to the disabled young men in the Sri Lankan Army. We have been in direct contact with the Director of the Sri Lankan Army Rehabilitation Unit, Brigadier Dr (Mrs) Sriyani Warusawitharana to identify necessary requirements of these Brave young Men. Directorate has identified, especially made Socket Gel Liners for the use of amputees.

The importance of these socks are immense as they are not available to purchase in Sri Lanka and will be very expensive to purchase from abroad or in Sri Lanka if available. Brig Warusawitharana mentioned that 40 Gel Socks would be sufficient to provide to 1% of the amputees as a start. According to her and as seen by one of us these amputees wear locally made Cotton Sock, which is not ideal for those having a poor stump. We have witnessed how they presently wear the prosthetic limbs without these Gel Socks. Some have been wearing 5 or 6 Cotton Socks to minimise the suffering.

Socket Gel Liners (Gel Socks)

Socket Gel Liner is an especially made Sock with a Mineral Gel Liner layered throughout and sandwiched with two especial fabric layers. Gel Sock help reduces the pressure and pain on the stump when wearing a prosthetic limb. The gel liner provides extra cushion and protects the skin been damaged by the artificial limb. These socks are widely used among Below Knee amputees. They come in different variations, i.e. Single Layer, Double Layer, Ultra Cushion comes with either Cotton Fabric or CoolMax Fabric and in different sizes.

Memorial Ceremony & Fund Raising

We came up with a quick name "Ranaviru Fund" to be organised as a Group in providing assistance to these young soldiers. Initial meeting was held at the Scotland's Buddhist Vihara in Glasgow, Scotland on the 03rd of May preceded by a Ranaviru Adhishtana Pooja (War Hero Memorial Ceremony). Respons for our call for assistance was very high and everyone participated expressed their willingness to support this good cause.

Initial estimate was to provide 40 Gel Socks at a cost of £35 each (based on internet prices), therefore the target collection was £1,400. We initiated funds collection from 05th May and it was a success. We received £90 from two donors on the first day and then the fund started to grow better & faster than we expected.

We have received funds from the donors living in the UK, USA & Sri Lanka ranging from £3 to £250. No matter how small the contributions were, we greatly value your intention to support a great cause. The message you gave "We Care" for those who paid a supreme price is invaluable.

Purchase of Gel Socks

Although the initial estimate of a Gel Sock was £35 each, we inquired following Manufacturers for quotations.

Manufacturer	Contact	Prices Quoted with VAT (in £) for each Variation				Samples
		Single Liner	Double Liner	Dura Gel Sock	Ultra Cushion	
Silipos, UK	Direct contact	19.26	34.77	-	13.08	4
Teufel, Germany	Via UK Agent	41.33	86.06	18.84	-	3
OttoBock, Germany	Direct contact	44.72	70.88	30.08	-	0
OttoBock, India	Direct contact	-	-	30.71	-	0
Indolite, India	Direct contact	41.89	77.02	-	-	0
Ossur, Sweden	Direct contact	Did not provide a Quotation				

Based on the prices received from 5 different suppliers we decided to place the order for 150 Ultra Cushion Gel Liners with Silipos UK. Further to that Ms Lindsey Robins, the Sales Manager at Silipos UK was very pleased to offer us a further 10% discount (appx £195) from the final bill.

Ranaviru Day Pooja

07th of June is the Ranaviru Day (War Heroes Day) in Sri Lanka and in parallel to that we have organised a Commemoration Ceremony at the Scotland's Buddhist Vihara. During the Ceremony Maha Sangha chanted Pirith

to bless the lives of Fallen Heroes and to bless those who are injured and fighting against Terrorists at this minute. On this day the all 157 Gel Socks were at display for our donors to inspect. Later they were collectively handed over to be delivered to Sri Lanka and to donate to Soldiers.

Delivery to Sri Lanka & Custom Clearance

The total weight of 157 Gel Socks came to around 37 kg. Quotations from TNT & DHL would cost around another £280 for delivery to Colombo. One of our donors Kamal Siriwardhana from Birmingham volunteered to negotiate with Sri Lankan Airlines to get some relief for Excess Baggage. We were pleased that Country Manager for Sri Lankan Airlines in the UK, Mr Chanaka Olagama offered us 20 kg of Excess Baggage from London to Colombo. Further to that after confirmation of Excess Baggage from Sri Lankan Airlines, British Midland Airlines (BMI) agreed to carry the 20 kg of Excess Baggage from Glasgow to London at no extra cost. Also they have refunded £140 in full, which they initially charged (£7 per kg). We would like to thank Sri Lankan Airlines and British Midland Airlines for carrying our Excess Baggage for Free. The remaining 17 kg were carried by Shanika & little Danithmee from their Flight allowance. That saved us another huge some of money.

In Colombo, we had trouble as our baggages did not arrive with us. Dhammika had to come back the next day to clear the bags from Customs. Initially the Customs were to detain the Gel Socks suspecting that they are going into the wrong hands. But after detailed explanations, documentary evidences and confirmation received from the Army Head Quarters, the Customs agreed to release all 157 Gel Socks after 4 hours. However, we would like to thank the Sri Lanka Customs for understanding our Good Cause and have Trust on us.

Handing Over Ceremony

The venue for the handing over was pleasantly arranged by Ranaviru Sevana. We invited Most Venerable Kotapola Amarakhiththi Thero and 9 other Buddhist Monks to chant Pirith. Maha Sangha blessed all injured Soldiers chanting Pirith. Those who paid the Supreme Price from their lives were remembered and everyone else presently fighting against Terrorists were blessed for their safe return. Lt K. A. R. Dias addressed the gathering to express their gratitude for those who contributed for this good cause. In addition Dhammika addressed the gathering to highlight how everyone else is thinking about our Soldiers at every possible time and to value the priceless commitment they do for everyone else, "Paying their future for the rest". Also he stressed that this is just the beginning and assured continued assistance for every possible Soldier. Four amputees were offered with Gel Liners to mark the event and all remaining Gel Socks were officially handed over to Brig Warusawitharana.

Further to the Gel Socks donation, we arranged to offer premium quality fresh fruits for all Soldiers at the facility. A bag with an Apple, Orange & Grapes were offered to everyone individually at their wards. Our thanks goes to "Avisawella Fresh Fruits" for providing fresh fruits at a discounted price. A large box of Chocolates (Celebrations) was offered to the Staff (Courtesy Shanika & little Danithmee)

Financials (as at 16th July 2008)

#	Description of Expenses	Qty	Expenses in SL in Rs:	All Expenses in £	Date Paid	Paid To	Invoice No	Remarks
1	Receipt Book	1	-	3.99	09/05/2008	Staples, UK	-	
2	Fruits Boxes	6	25,300.00	120.48	23/06/2008	Avisawella Fresh Fruits, SL	1427	226 Apples, 20 kg Grapes & 226 Oranges. 2 boxes from each fruit.
3	Pirikara (gifts) for Monks	12	2,997.00	14.27	22/06/2008	Puhulyaya Super, SL	No: 00186648	12 Nestomalt, 12 Toothpastes, 12 Toothbrushes, 12 Biscuit Packs, 12 Tea Packs.
4	Bags for Pirikara (Gifts) & Fruits	-	315.00	1.50	22/06/2008	Local Store, SL	N/A	12 Paper Bags & 300 Poly Bags.
5	Transport for Monks	-	3,300.00	15.71	23/06/2008	Local Driver, SL	N/A	Local Driver.
6	Gel Socks	150	-	1,758.43	12/06/2008	Silipos, UK	OP/1145963 OP/1145974 OP/1146276	Paid to Silipos UK by Cheque No 000001.
	Total Expenses		LKR 31,912.00	£1,914.38				

#	Description	Amount (£)	CR/DR
1	Total Funds Received	£2,288.73	CR
2	Total Expenses	£1,914.38	DR
	Balance	£374.35	CR

Actual Account Balance: £ 383.18

List of Donors

As at 16th July 2008:

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| 1. Samantha Gunasena - London, England | 33. Irene Gail - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 2. Imal Rathnayake - London, England | 34. Mike Nettan - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 3. Pradeep & Manori Amarawardhana - Edinburgh, Scotland | 35. Claire Miller - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 4. Gamini & Dhammika Hettiarachchi - Glasgow, Scotland | 36. Sheila Lochran - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 5. Manoj & Pavithra Abayasekara - Glasgow, Scotland | 37. Debrah Clyde - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 6. Dhammika Siripala & Shanika Hewage - Glasgow, Scotland | 38. Rhona Sheilds - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 7. Wathsal Karunaratna - Milton Keynes, England | 39. Bernie Gavin - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 8. Hemantha & Nilushi Wendakoon - Glasgow, Scotland | 40. Morag Kennedy - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 9. Hassan Nadeem - London, England | 41. Fiona Reilly - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 10. Samantha Irosh - London, England | 42. Linda Baillie - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 11. Shanka & Wawsana Dissanayaka - Glasgow, Scotland | 43. Rose Diamond - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 12. Nimesh Janaka - Glasgow, Scotland | 44. Sunanda Vaikunthanathan - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 13. Parakrama & Yeheshini Happawana - Hamilton, Scotland | 45. Claire Davidson - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 14. Gayan & Dilani Dharmarathna - Glasgow, Scotland | 46. Elizabeth Ralph - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 15. Prem Sirisena - Ayr, Scotland | 47. Fiona Henderson - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 16. Doreen Gunathilaka - Glasgow, Scotland | 48. Iroshan Indiketiya Hewage - Glasgow, Scotland |
| 17. Champika Kariyawasam - Glasgow, Scotland | 49. Buddhika Senarath Dassanayaka - Michigan, USA |
| 18. Hemantha & Sandya Ranasinghe - Glasgow, Scotland | 50. Manjula Nandasiri - Michigan, USA |
| 19. Sunil & Wasanthi Devapura - Glasgow, Scotland | 51. Rasika Attanayaka - London, England |
| 20. Madurani Edussuriya - Glasgow, Scotland | 52. Kamal & Amila Siriwardhana - Birmingham, England |
| 21. SAK Buddhika - Aylesbury, England | 53. Thilak Pathirana - Linlithgow, Scotland |
| 22. Sai Dodda - Edinburgh, Scotland | 54. Kanchana Welagedara - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 23. Tennison & Damayanthi - Oban, Scotland | 55. Buddhika Rathnayaka - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 24. Kamal Rajapakse - London, England | 56. Anuththara Hewapathirana - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 25. Vajira Pushpakumara - Cambridge, England | 57. Kusal Fernando - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 26. Amila & Niluka Karunanayake - Cambridge, England | 58. Nadun Rubasinghe - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 27. Sampath weerasinghe - Cambridge, England | 59. Sanath Kodikara - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 28. Tharanga Srimal - Cambridge, England | 60. Nilushi Fernandaz - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 29. Sampath Dikdeniya - Cambridge, England | 61. Jithni Siyambalapatiya - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 30. Udana Ranathunga - Cambridge, England | 62. Theranjali Nilaweera - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 31. Nayane Udawatte - Michigan, USA | 63. Suren Nanayakkara - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 32. Allison Rollings - Glasgow, Scotland | 64. Viraj Perera - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| | 65. Sujeeva Fernando - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| | 66. Chathurika Peiris - Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| | 67. Chanaka de Alwis - Colombo, Sri Lanka |

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| 68. Rukshan Jayaratna - Colombo, Sri Lanka | 76. Chandrani Bandara - Hokandara, Sri Lanka |
| 69. Uditha Jayasinghe - Colombo, Sri Lanka | 77. Shantha Somarathna & Thushari Siripala - Maharagama, Sri Lanka |
| 70. Sugan Kumaravel - Colombo, Sri Lanka | 78. Lasanda Gunatilaka - Kotte, Sri Lanka |
| 71. Janaka Jayarathna - Glasgow, Scotland | 79. Thanuja Krishnarathna - Madiwela, Sri Lanka |
| 72. Dilan Perera - Glasgow, Scotland | 80. Ranjith Ponnampereuma - Kotte, Sri Lanka |
| 73. Thushara Bogamuwa - New Castle, England | 81. Indika Siripala & Jeevani Goonathilaka - Maharagama, Sri Lanka |
| 74. Sriya Siripala - Elpitiya, Sri Lanka | 82. Chamila Rathnayake - London, England |
| 75. Nilan & Dulika Gunatilaka - Kotte, Sri Lanka | |

Credits

- Ven Kamburawala Rewatha Thero of Scotland's Buddhist Vihara for assisting us in many ways.
- Ven Kotapola Amarakhiththi Thero of "Shanthi Padanama" and other fellow Monks of "Sri Lanka Vidyalaya" for presenting at the Ceremony at very short notice.
- Ven K Gunawansa Thero of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara for assistance in many ways.
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- Kamal Siriwardhana for negotiating with Sri Lankan Airlines for free Excess Baggage.
- Chanaka Olagama of Sri Lankan Airlines for providing free Excess Baggage of 20 kg.
- British Midland Airways for providing free Excess Baggage of 20 kg.
- Shanika & little Danithmee for carrying 17kg of Gel Socks on their weight allowance.
- Sri Lanka Customs for the Trust they had on us.
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- Champika Kariyawasam for collecting funds from her office colleagues.
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- Brig Warusawitharana and all Staff at Ranaviru Sevana.
- Puhulyaya Super Market for providing transport facilities in Sri Lanka.
- Last but not least everyone who pledged their support by donating money, ideas and even a helping word

We welcome your complaints, complements, suggestions. Please write us at ranavirufund@yahoo.co.uk

For up to date detailed information, please see our websites at www.ranavirufund.org or www.ranavirufund.blogspot.com

Thanks a Million for making several lives a bit comfortable ones ! We shall continue it !

Sincerely,
Ranaviru Fund.

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