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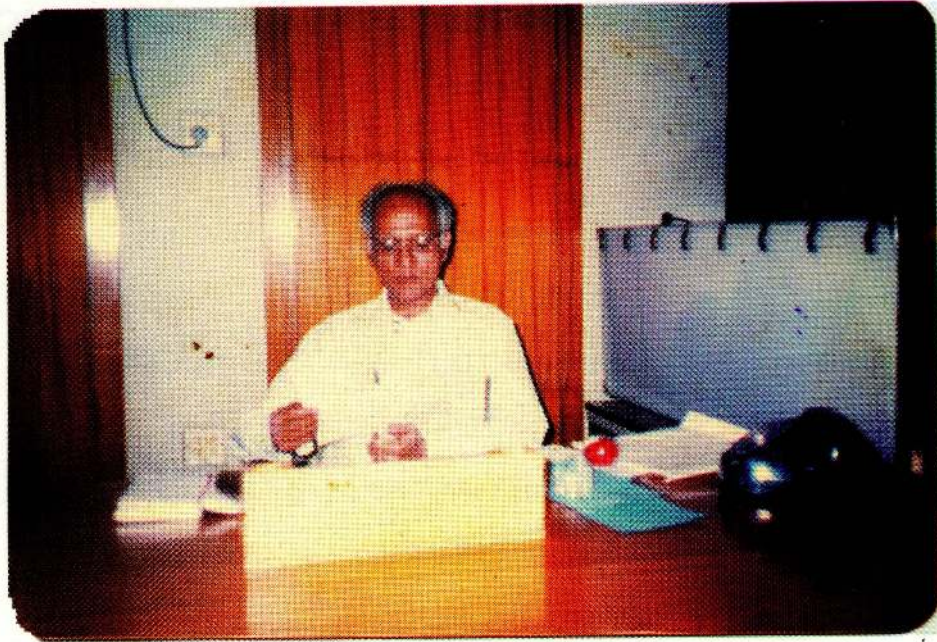
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Professor Pramod Karan Sethi the creator of the "JAIPUR FOOT" going through our souvenir at his residence in Jaipur.

Dr. P. K. Sethi the brilliant Orthopaedic Surgeon from the pink city of Jaipur in North India is a proud recipient of many national and international Awards for his outstanding creation, the 'Jaipur Foot' at national level he won the 'President's Award from the President of the Republic of India and the much coveted Magsaysey Award for humanitarian services and the Guinness Award for scientific achievement.

A Low cost appropriate prosthesis for Third World People

The Jaipur foot piece has an appearance of a normal foot and functions like a normal foot. It is made of rubber and permits barefoot walking. The outer surface is strong, durable and completely water-proof. Sufficient dorsiflexion, inversion & eversion are possible to permit squatting and enables a person to walk comfortably on an uneven ground or rough terrain. It also permits a person to sit cross - legged on the floor. Shoes, sandals or slippers could be worn at the will of the user.

The socket is made of aluminium which is light & durable. Due to the malleable nature, the socket could be easily fashioned from it. An experienced craftsman would measure a stump as a tailor would, then cut and fabricate a socket without preparing a plaster mould. A perfect fit could be obtained by tapping with a small hammer to relieve pressure point. The advantage of the metal permits the socket to be altered in size to suit the varying stump conditions

With rubber foot on stock an amputee could be fitted with a prosthesis on the same day.

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Mr. N. Sivanathan	:	Administrative Secretary
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Mr. R. Shanmuganthan	:	Storekeeper cum Project Officer (Rehabilitation)
Mrs. J. Ratnaverny	:	Typist/Clerk cum Rehabilitation Worker
Miss. T. Dhamayanthi	:	Receptionist cum Medical Assistant & Rehabilitation Worker
Mr. M. N. Kanagarathnam	:	Driver cum Office Aid
Mrs. T. Regina	:	Matron cum Cook
Mr. N. Umachandran	:	Watcher (Upto June 1998)
Mr. N. A. Manikarajah	:	Security Officer (From December 1998)

TECHNICAL SECTION :

Mr. X. S. Y. Francis	:	Works Manager cum Liaison Officer
Mr. L. Johnson	:	Senior Technician
Mr. P. Paramakumar	:	Technician
Mr. P. Vijayakumar	:	Technician
Mr. G. Brenda	:	Technician (Upto June 1998)
Mr. T. Raveendran	:	Technician
Mr. G. Giritharan	:	Technician
Mr. N. Noel Croos	:	Technician
Mr. Y. Theleeban Wilso	:	Technician
Mr. S. A. K. Philips	:	Technician (Training) From November 1998
Miss. S. Suganthy	:	Rehabilitation Worker
Miss. N. Kanagashanthi	:	Rehabilitation Worker (Part-Time) Upto July 1998

From the Chairpersons Desk

From the time of our Forefathers we have always strived to make the world a better place for future generations. We at Jaipur Foot Workshop Jaffna are completing the eleventh year of service amidst trials and tribulations.

With the environment of desperation and despair among our community it is a herculean task to build confidence and hope among the disabled. Those who cherish humanity and human values will no doubt be happy to know about the service we perform.

Since mid 1996 when we re - established ourselves in Jaffna our tasks were enormous. The number of disabled is increasing as the war continues. The challenge before us in catering to disabled of all age groups in both sexes makes it a formidable task. The need for the community to realise the situation and act to prevent further disability among the population must be realised by all of us.

The financial support we received from our donors is encouraging factor while the difficulty in transport of materials from Colombo continues to be a problem for us.

Our tasks in the years ahead will be a challenge to our organisations capability to provide the necessary service to all who need them. With the Grace of the Almighty and the support we receive from humankind. we are confident of the future

(Sgd.) Mrs. L. Sivaramalingam

Hony. Chairperson.

Jaipur Foot Programme,
Jaffna.

Message from the President of Colombo Friend - in- Need Society

(inaugurated 16th March, 1831)

"Approved charity"

Jaipur Foot Programme.

171, Sir James Peiris Mawatha, Colombo 2. Sri Lanka (Telephone : 421651 Fax : 421651)

It is with great pleasure but at the same time with humility that I am sending my Greetings to the Colombo Friend - in - Need Society in Jaffna.

Pleasure, because of the way the Jaffna Board of Management and the Staff have carried out this onerous humanitarian task, undaunted for several years in the face of great adversities.

Humility, because I know to what extent some of the Members and the Staff stretch themselves to provide these limbs to the ever increasing amputee population in Jaffna. mostly civilians such as poor farmers and school children.

When Mr. Francis met me in my office and related to me, how they used to collect huge aluminium saucepans from hospitals to make sockets for the limbs, I was so moved by his sheer commitment to serve the disabled, tears came to my eyes. This is the spirit of the Colombo Friend-in -Need Society in Jaffna and I wish the branch every success and the members the strength and the courage to carry on with this most noble task of rebuilding shattered minds and bodies.

(Sgd.) Kalyani Ranasinghe

President

Colombo Friend - in - Need Society

Review Report 1997 - 1998

It is with pleasure we submit the review report for the period July 1997 to December, 1998. The review report published in the Tenth anniversary year covered the performance during the first ten years of our institution. The eleventh and twelfth years of our services gave us an opportunity to further strengthen and improve on our performance. With the minimum number of members of the Board of Management being in Jaffna during this period, it has been a herculean task. With the help of our main donors and assistance from our well wishers, we have carried on our work to present a record of successful year of work. However our Project Director Mrs. T. Yoganathan's stay in Colombo in between her visits abroad during the years 1996, 1997 and until August 1998 helped our project in many ways. Our liaison officer was in a position to get her assistance in obtaining clearance from the Ministry of Defence for the transport of our materials. When the delegation from the USAID war victims fund based in Washington came to Sri Lanka to assess the prospects of extending their financial assistance to the CFINS Jaipur Foot Programme, they had discussions with her in Colombo about the situation in Jaffna and about the work activities in our workshop. Later she followed up matters with the USAID and CFINS by attending their joint meetings as the representative of the Jaffna Branch. Our Project Secretary Dr. (Mrs.) J. Ganeshamoorthy on her visits to Colombo also attended some of these meetings. The Honorary Treasurer had an opportunity to meet the administrative Secretary of our Parent body Mrs. Rupa Jayasekera and the Project Manager of USAID Mrs. Rani Samuel in Colombo. The visits have been very cordial and created an atmosphere of mutual understanding. Discussions were held regarding the problems confronting us and the work done by the Branch. We are happy to state that this had created an excellent follow up action. We have been assured of their continued support and we thank them for their understanding and help rendered. We look forward to a very successful year ahead. The following new staff members joined us in the programme during the period under review.

01.	Mr. N. Sivanathan	-	Administrative Secretary.
02.	Mr. R. Shanmuganathan	-	Storekeeper cum Project officer (Rehabilitation)]
03.	Mr. G. Brenda	-	Technician.
04.	Mr. G. Giritharan	-	Technician.
05.	Miss. T. Dhamayanthi	-	Receptionist cum Medical Assistant.
06.	Miss. S. Suganthy	-	Rehabilitation Worker.
07.	Mr. N. Noel Croos	-	Technician
08.	Mr. Y. Thilleban Wilso	-	Technician.
09.	Mr. S. A. K. Philips	-	Technician (Under Training).
10.	Mr. N. A. Manikarajah	-	Security Officer.

The following members of the staff left us during the period under review.

01.	Mr. N. Jeeweshwara	-	Project Officer (Rehabilitation)
02.	Mr. K. Raveendrarajah	-	Receptionist cum Medical Assistant.
03.	Mr. P. Tharmarajah	-	Technician.
04.	Mr. N. Umachandran	-	Watcher
05.	Mr. G. Brenda	-	Technician

For those who have joined us, we wish a period of happy and useful period of service, with us. To those who have left us, we wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Physiotherapy Unit.

With the assistance of Director Teaching Hospital Jaffna and Physiotherapy Department of the Hospital, we trained two rehabilitation workers Mrs. J. Ratnaverny and Miss. S. Suganthy. They were subsequently given on the job training at our workshop by Mr. Francis, the Works Manager. Besides this to strengthen the Physiotherapy unit, Miss. T. Dhamayanthi, Receptionist cum Medical assistant was also given on the Job training at our workshop. Thus the benefits of the training programme will enhance the quality of our physiotherapy unit. The coverage has expanded to include all categories of physically disabled besides the limb users. The arrival of new equipment to the physiotherapy unit has made our workshop to provide an excellent updated service unparalleled in the history of physiotherapy services in the North.

Provision of Limbs.

We were able to procure the raw materials necessary to manufacture the foot pieces and the limbs. The quality of the foot pieces and the limbs was enhanced by improved techniques and by better quality of raw materials. The production capacity of the limbs manufacturing unit has further improved with the resumption of manufacture of sockets to fit properly with the upper limbs unit, in addition to the usual lower limbs. With the kind gesture of the I. C. R. C we have been provided with a 15KV generator. This will help to ease the power cut and to work the workshops in full capacity without interruption.

Orthotic Unit.

The arrival of a welding plant and other equipment for the orthotic unit has increased the capacity and of the manufacture of orthotic appliances. We were able to cater a much larger clientele is reflected in the statistics presented elsewhere. The enthusiasm and motivation displayed by our technical staff helped us achieve our targets on schedule. This created a customer satisfaction for which we can justifiably be proud of.

Rehabilitation

The rehabilitation programme as a follow up of provision of limbs and orthotic appliances received a boost this year with increased assistance to the disabled by us. This programme has greatly helped a larger number to increase their home economy by income generation activities. The beneficiaries on this programme have thus been able to be less dependent on social assistance.

The educational endowment programme has enabled the student community among the disabled to continue their studies without interruption.

Observations.

During the past year, we have endeavoured to upgrade our production capacity while ensuring a better quality of service to the disabled in our community. While this has helped to keep our production targets and coverage, the ground situation in the North with Vanni areas, with a large number of persons who wish to obtain our services being unable to reach us is a matter of grave concern to the disabled and for us. We are hopeful with improved accesibility to Jaffna they will able to reach our centre and benefit by our services.

Conclulsion and Thanks.

The brief report given above will enlighten our donors, friends and well wishers the effectivity of our programme to the disabled community in the North. This has been possible mainly due to the enthusiasm and motivation of the committee and the staff of the Jaipur Foot Programme, the donors who helped us. Our parent body in Colombo and the support and cooperation extended to by the administration in Jaffna. To all of them, We are thankful and we look forward to your continued support in the years to come.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE FRIEND IN NEED SOCIETY, JAFFNA BRANCH.
(JAIPUR FOOT PROGRAMME, JAFFNA)

Report of the Project Secretary

Operations

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the report of the Colombo Friend- In-Need society Jaffna Branch (Jaipur Foot Programme) for the period 1997-1998. This being our 12th year of completion of humanitarian services to the disabled population in the North and East of Sri Lanka. The main cause for loss of limbs are due to land mines. A major portion of the amputees are within the age group of 11-30. The Jaipur Foot Programme in Jaffna since inception has been able to fit 1911 limbs. In Keeping with the main objective of the Jaipur Foot Programme to help the disabled to lead a normal life, we have fitted with 275 limbs during the period 1997 to 1998. In addition to fitting with other orthotic devices, the needy disabled have been supplied with wheeled mobility devices. Demand for artificial limbs have increased in comparison to the same period during the previous year. Our services to the disabled are likely to increase once the main supply route is opened and transport made easy for the refugees in Vanni.

The Workshop - Prosthesis and orthotic sections are manned under the direction of the works manager by 08 Technicians, of whom 04 are disabled. Action has already been taken to afford further training to two Technicians in the workshop of the Friend- In- Need society, Colombo. They are to be trained in making plastic socket, taking of plaster casts, making orthotic and surgical shoes and other special devices for Polio and other disabled persons. Modern equipment and tools needed for the workshop have been purchased. Urgent repairs to the workshop too were effected.

Physiotherapy Unit

Three Rehabilitation workers are working in the Physiotherapy unit in rotation basis, Two of them had undergone training at the Government Teaching Hospital, Jaffna under the direct guidance of the Chief Physiotherapist,. This unit which catered to the patients on three days of the week has now been extended to all five days of the week. With the purchase of essential equipments and catering to the disabled patients during the whole week by well trained Rehabilitation workers have attracted new cases of polio and disabled for specialised treatment. The Rehabilitation workers visit the Teaching Hospital on every Wednesday and advise of the valuable services available to the disabled who are victims of land mines and other allied causes. Additions and improvements too have been made in this unit.

Dr. D. C. Ambalavanar, F.R.C.S. Senior Lecturer of Government Teaching Hospital, Jaffna has extended his services to the disabled. His visits to the physiotherapy unit are very useful to the disabled community

Transit Hostel.

Free hostel facilities are being provided to the disabled during their stay for fitting of limbs and subsequent gait training

Revolving Loan.

In order to be independent and less burden to the relatives in particular and the community in general, the disabled are given an interest free loan of Rs. 2500/= for income generating purpose. Initially funds for this purpose were made available by the 'World Vision'. At present, the loan is being given from the funds received from Local and foreign associations and individuals.

Educational Grant.

42 needy school going children are being given a monthly grant of Rs. 250/-. This grant is an incentive to the disabled children to pursue their studies. The progress report of the disabled children are perused. Further, the attendance in the school being confirmed by obtaining letter to this effect from the principal at the beginning of the academic year. Since no funds are specially given by the main donors, well wishers are encouraged to donate for this worthy cause.

Project Proposals.

The project funded by 'NORAD' was over in 1997. Project proposals for the years 1999-2001 have already been submitted to the USAID through the parent body. The project proposals seek for enhanced grant for limbs, materials, mobility devices, training of personnel, Educational grant and interest free Revolving loans.

The assistance of the ICRC was sought for the supply of a 10KV generator and replacement of the lost items for the polypropylene component equipment. We are happy to state of the receipt of a 15 KV generator donated by the ICRC. On receipt of the lost items needed for the polypropylene. the equipment would be put into operation

Our thanks are due to the entire staff for the dedicated service to the disabled community. We thank the major donors - NORAD, USAID, ICRC, YMCA, Rotary International, Local donors and Sri Lankans abroad, the Government Agent and the other administrators. Our thanks are also due to the parent Body for all assistance and cooperation extended at all times to this Branch.

Dr.(Mrs.) J. Ganeshamoorthy
Project Secretary.
1998. 12. 31.

Care of the Amputated Limb

The goals in caring for the stump are to maintain a good shape and good position for fitting an artificial limb. This means taking active steps to :

1. avoid swelling
2. keep the full range of motion prevent (Contractures), and
3. maintain strength

WRAPPING THE STUMP

To prevent swelling and keep a good shape for fitting and artificial limb, it is important to wrap the newly amputated limb for a long time after it has been cut off.

The leg should be wrapped in a way that squeezes the liquid in the leg upward (rather than trapping it at the end) Use an elastic bandage in this manner :

ELEVATING THE STUMP

In addition to being wrapped, in a newly amputated limb should be kept lifted high up most of the time. Avoid spending a lot of time, with the arm or leg hanging down.

Statistics of Limbs Fitted For the Period July 1987 to December, 1998

LOWER LIMBS

Above Knee	380
Below Knee	1399
Bi-lateral	23
	<u>1802</u>
Males Fitted	1484
Females Fitted	295
	<u>1779</u>

AGE GROUP

01-10	33
11-20	579
21-30	517
31-40	232
41-50	185
51-60	147
61-70	63
71-80	23
	<u>1779</u>

CAUSE OF AMPUTATION

Bomb blast	104
Shell blast	266
Gun shot	112
Pressure mine	939
Road accident	96
Industrial accident	02
Diabetic Ulcer	130
Leprosy	20
Gangrene	53
Fall from elevation	17
Knife cut	04
Congenital	11
Cancer	20
Cyclone	02
Attack by animals	04
	<u>1780</u>

UPPER LIMBS

Above Elbow	38
Below Elbow	68
Bi-lateral	03
	<u>109</u>
Males Fitted	89
Females Fitted	17
	<u>106</u>

AGE GROUP

01-10	01
11-20	48
21-30	37
31-40	13
41-50	04
51-60	02
61-70	01
71-80	NIL
	<u>106</u>

CAUSE OF AMPUTATION

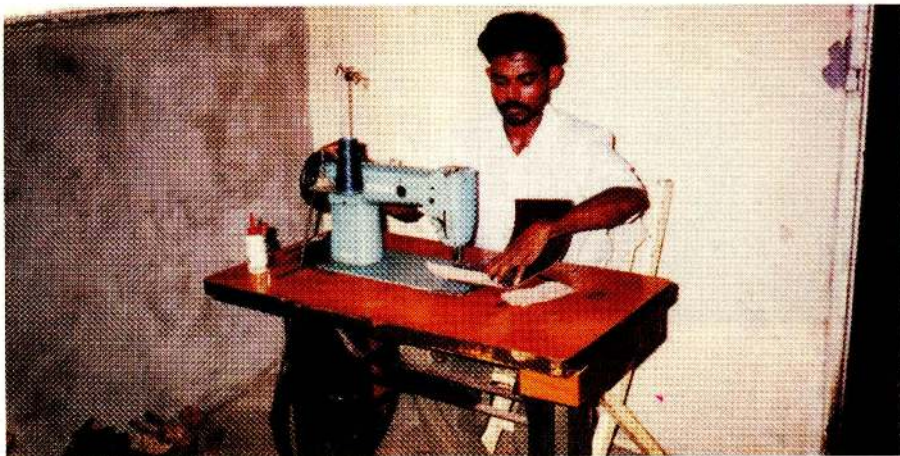
Bomb blast	08
Shell blast	40
Congenital	21
Gun shot	20
Accident	15
Pressure mine	02
	<u>106</u>



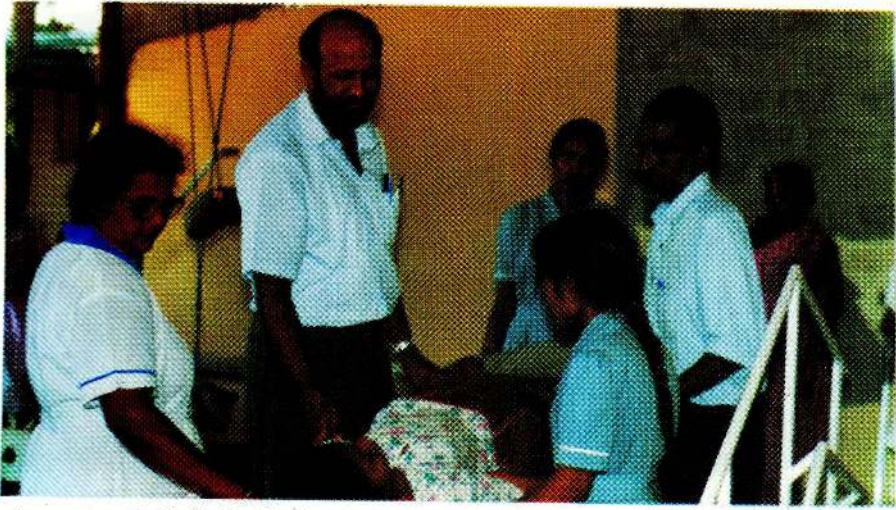
Technicians while at work in the Limb Fitting Workshop where upper limbs, lower limbs and calipers are turned out.



Technicians while at work in the Handicap International Workshop where low cost wheel chairs, tricycles and other items are turned out.



Belt maker while at work where, belts of various kinds for limbs corsettes, orthotic and surgical shoes are turned out.



Dr. D. C. Ambalavanar, F. R. C. S. Senior Lecturer, Govt. Teaching Hospital Jaffna examines a polio affected child in the Physiotherapy Unit. The Rehab workers in uniform keenly listen to his advice.



Master Arulanandan Sujan 10 years of age. polio affected child was carried to the workshop by his father with knee contraction on both legs.

He underwent physiotherapy treatment at our unit, for a period of five months and on correction was fitted a bucket top caliper.

Work Performance Statement For the Period July 1987 to December, 1998

PROSTHETIC SECTION :

Fitting Limbs	- Lower Limbs	1802
	- Upper Limbs	109
Foot Pieces Manufactured		1444
Leather Belts Manufactured		4668
Repairs Done		6235

ORTHOTIC SECTION :

Calipers	Fitted	46
Tricycles	Issued	217
Wheel Chairs	Issued	62
Arm Crutches	Issued	50
Elbow Crutches	Issued	875
Foot Drop Belts	Issued	189
Special Belts	Issued	20
Steel Walkers	Issued	05
Other Walking Aids	Issued	03
Splints	Issued	35
Perambulators	Issued	02
Exercise Cycles	Issued	03
White Canes	Issued	110
Shoe Elevations	Done	154

PHYSIOTHERAPY SECTION:

No. of Patients attended to	603
No. of Visits	5902

OTHER REHABILITATION SERVICES

Revolving Loans given to Limb users (For Income Generating activities)	248
Student's Educational Grant given	42
Counselling Beneficiaries	1431
Counselling Services	4218

Donation From July 1997 to December 1998.

July 1997

Dr. (Miss) P. Chinnappah Teaching Hospital Jaffna.	1000.00
NORAD (2nd. Instalment of Project)-	1249750.00
LEO Club (Sponsor) Jaffna Central College	3000.00
USAID	217500.00

August 1997

ZION'S Church (Sponsor) 24, Ramiah Chettiyar Lane, Jaffna	5000.00
EVANGETION (Detail Particulars not available - of address)	58982.29

September 1997

Miss. V, Shanmugaratnam, Dept.of Medicine, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna	1000.00
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October 1997

Y. M. C. A. Jaffna	396500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nalliah, Australia - 35A Lamomeier Street, Joongabbie NSW. 2146	4000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arasasingam C/o. Mrs. Nalliah Australia Joongabbie NSW 2146	2000.00

November 1997

Dr. M. Gunaratnam, Punkankulam Road, Jaffna.	2000.00
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December 1997

Education Department Jaffna.	1000.00
Lions Club of Nallur (Sponsor)	12000.00
Mrs. V. Tharmarajah Kalvayal Road, Chavakachcheri	3500.00
Mrs. V. Pathmanathan Kalvayal Road, Chavakachcheri	3500.00
Mrs. K. Chellappah Kalvayal Road, Chavakachcheri	3500.00

January 1998

Lions Club of Nallur (Sponsor)	7000.00
USAID	65815.00
USAID	122875.00
Shropshire/Staffordshire Tamil Association U.K.	50042.00

March 1998

USAID	44740.00
Miss. S. Shamini, Chunnakam South, Chunnakam	1000.00
Mr. N. Sritharan & Friends Germany Stelzer Gasse - 38 91719 HEIDENHEIM	8412.00

April 1998

USAID	48969.00
Dr. (Miss) P. Chinnappah, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.	1000.00
Mr. ILKKA Uusitalo Ambassador/Head of Delegation European Union Delegation in Sri Lanka	5000.00
USAID	61656.00

June 1998

Mast. K. Naguleswaran, G/11 St. James Flats, Colombo 15.	1000.00
Mr. S. Rasa C/o. Mr. T. Thavarajah, P. O. Box 9432, DOHA,	10,000.00
Mr. V. Ehamparanathan, Maruthanamadam, Chunnakam. (In memory of Mrs. R. Vettivetpillai)	3000.00
USAID	132441.00

July 1998

Mr. & Mrs. V. Rajah, Jaffna Road, Udupidy	1000.00
Dr. M. Gunaratnam, Punkankulam Road, Jaffna.	2000.00
Mrs. Daisy Kumaraiyah, 98/6, Kachcheri East Lane, Jaffna	2000.00

August 1998

Mr. Francis Daniel, St. Francis Xavier's Church, Thirunelveli, Jaffna.	5000.00
North Carolinians For Peace, U. S. A.	9600.00

September 1998

USAID	242441.00
The Womens Fellowship, Australia.	75620.00
Mr. L. Dhayalan, United Kingdom.	4000.00
Mr. T. Thavarajah, Doha	9979.00

October 1998

Dr. (Miss) P. Chinnappah, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna	1000.00
Dr. (Miss) S. Nagendra, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna	3000.00

November 1998

USAID	375616.00
Director Social Services, Trincomalee	4200.00
Mr. R. Rajendra, 218, Kanagaratnam Road, Ariyalai	100.00
Mrs. S. Peter, 01, Somasundaram Avenue, Chudikuli.	10000.00
Shropshire / Stafford shire Tamil Association, U. K.	33092.00

December 1998

USAID	50748.00
Mr. Ilkka Uusitalo, Ambassodor European Union, Colombo	5000.00
Mr. Pavinuppillai Stanislaus Pilendran, Germany	2000.00

Donations in Kind

I. C. R. C. Sub - Delegation, Jaffna	One Roll of Plastic Sheet. 360 Cakes Lifebuoy Soap.
Rasa Diesels. Jaffna.	One Infra Red Lamp for Physiotherapy Unit.
Mr. K. Raveenthirarasa, Kailayapillaiyar Kovilady, Jaffna.	One Wall Clock
Colombo Friend - In - Need Society, Colombo 02.	25 Kgs. of Plaster of Paris Three Walker Frames
New Uthayan Publication (Private) Ltd, Jaffna	Copy of Newspaper "Uthayan"
Social Service Club Chundikuli Girl's College, Jaffna.	Supply of Lunch on 26.05.1998 to the Hostel inmates and staff.
Sri Sai Samithy, Columbuthurai, Jaffna.	Two Lunch Packets.
Dr. M. Ganesharathnam, Punkankulam Road, Jaffna	One Pair of Arm crutches.
I.C.R.C. Colombo	One 15KV Generator.

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE JAIPUR FOOT PROGRAMME - JAFFNA (C. F. I. N. S. JAFFNA BRANCH).

Re- Financial Statement for the year ending 1997

We have examined the accounts of Colombo Friend - In - Need Society, Jaffna branch (Jaipur Foot Project) exhibited on page 1 - 5 with schedule. Our examination made in accordance with the Sri Lankan Auditing standard. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief where necessary for the purpose of our auditing.

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examinations, proper books of accounts have been maintained by the institution to the best of our information and according to explanation given to us, the Balance sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with, read together with the notes referred to therein, and give true and fair view of the state of affairs of the institution as at 31st December, 1997 and operation period for the period then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basic considered,

Sgd./ S. Vettivelautham.

Accountant.
S. Vettivelautham & Co.,
Jaffna.
06th October, 1998.

The Board of Management has decided that the financial period to be from April to March, instead of the present period from January to December, Hence the financial statement for the period January 1998 to March, 1999, would be published along with the next annual report,

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT,
JAIPUR FOOT PROGRAMME, JAFFNA.
(C. F. I. N. S. JAFFNA BRANCH)

Chronology of events since (1987 to 1998)

September 1986

A resolution was passed by the central committee of the Mothers Front on 15th September to appoint a board of Management, who will form the branch of the Colombo Friend - in - Need society. The Jaffna Branch should work out a project proposal in setting up of a limb fitting unit in the North in collaboration with the Colombo Office.

The Committee Comprised of the following :-

Chairman	-	Mrs. T. Gunanayagam.
Vice Chairman	-	Mrs. Eta Mather
Project Secretary	-	Mrs. Reenie Yoganathan.
Joint Treasurers	-	Dr. (Mrs.) Senki. Theivendran & Dr. (Mrs.) Jeya Ganeshamoorthy
Admn. Secretary	-	Rev. Sr. Lourdes Joseph.

December 1986

On 6th of December, 1986 the inaugural meeting was held at Y. M. C. A. Hall. On the request of Mr. Hutchinsion of NORAD of the feasibility of starting a branch in Jaffna, Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand Project Secretary, C. F. I. N. S. Colombo visited Jaffna and addressed a large gathering. Mr. Loganathan a bilateral amputee accompanied her from Colombo displayed his ability to walk on his Jaipur legs. They paid a visit to the Government General Hospital, and the necessity to start a branch in Jaffna was discussed with the Medical Superintendent and the consultants of the hospital. Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand met Dr. S. Ponnampalam, Surgeon, Dr. Malathi - Senior House Officer, Surgery and the Joint Treasurers - Dr.(Mrs.) S. Theivendran and Dr. (Mrs.) J. Ganeshamoorthy. On submission of her report to NORAD the project was approved. M/s. M. L. Johnson and P. Paramakumar, who are disabled persons were selected as trainees and sent to Jaffna Technical Institute under the guidance of Mr. George Pillainayagam for a preliminary training in tinkering, welding and Metal work.

January 1987.

The two disabled trainees, Johnson and Paramakumar left for Colombo on the first of January for a six months training. On completion of the training Johnson a polio victim was gifted with a knee caliper by the staff of the British High Commission, while Paramakumar was gifted with a pylon above knee limb by Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand.

March 1987.

The works Manager Mr. X. S. Y. Francis was selected out of 20 applicants and was sent to Colombo for Training on 15th March He returned on 20th May after loading our machinery and equipment and raw materials.

May 1987.

A lease agreement was signed between Mrs. Komathy Vanniyasingam, the Land lady and Mrs. T. Gunanayagam the Chairman of the Board of Management from the 15th of may 1987 for a period of 05 years.



The first visit of the Project Secretary, Colombo Friend in Need Society Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand to Jaffna is seen in discussion with the surgeon Dr. S. Ponnambalam. Dr. Seermaran, Dr. (Mrs.) Senki Theivendran and Dr. (Mrs.) Jeya Ganeshamoorthy



At the formal opening of our work shop Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand is garlanded, The traditional Allathu ceremony is performed by Dr. (Mrs.) Senki Theivendran and Dr. (Mrs.) Jeya Ganeshamoorthy and sandalwood pottu being put.



The limb users conference is being held in our premises on the First Anniversary Day. Addressing the gathering is Mrs. Eta Mather and Rev. Sr. Lourdes Joseph



The limb users association is formed and the limb users are enrolling themselves



The limb users all lined up for the start of the Cycle Race.

July 1987

On 1st July 1987, the workshop commenced production with the Works Manager, helper cum peon T. Devarajan, Miss. Rathika Somasundaram (a B. K. Amputee) a trainee typist clerk and Mrs. Gnaneshwary employed as a cook cum matron. The Board of Management supervised the work. Oxygen and Acetylene were banned to be brought to Jaffna. The works Manager introduced the riveting method of making sockets. On the 15th, the two trainees after completion of training returned to Jaffna. 20th, July. Alain Rovillois of M. S. F. the Medical co-ordinator of Colombo visited our Workshop and donated a sum of Rs. 100, 000/-

August 1987.

On 15th of August, the Workshop was formally declared opened by Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand, Project Manager of C. F. I. N. S. Colombo. A large distinguished gathering was present at the opening ceremony, which was highlighted over the national T. V. the Rupavahini. Dr. R. Parsons Director S. C. F. (U. K.) attended the opening and donated a sum of Rs. 100, 000/- for the Workshop.

After the signing of the peace accord, oxygen, acetylene cylinders along with more stocks of aluminium sheets were received from Colombo.

On 21st of August, Major General A. Senagal DDMS, HBSC of Pune of Indian Red Cross paid a visit to the Workshop.

September 1987

Mr. D. F. Emmert and Mr. Mahesan of USAID Colombo paid a visit to the Workshop.

On 3rd of September Mr. Pan Hohnen of the Australian High Commission paid a visit to our Workshop.

October - December. 1987

Workshop ceased to function due to I. P. K. F. Operations.

Project Secretary Reenie Yoganathan migrated to Australia and Dr. (Mrs.) J. Ganesha moorthy assumed duties as Project Secretary.

February, 1988

The chairman of Rajasthan state Red Cross Society of Jaipur Dr. Pitambar Dayal F. R. C. P. and Senior Prosthetist Mr. Mohamed Khan visited our Workshop. Dr. Dayal recommends the Works Manager to be sent to Jaipur for a refresher course.

May, 1988.

Dr. Kingsley Seevaratnam Head Asia & Pacific Dept. of Red Cross of Geneva. visited our Workshop. Chairman Mrs. T. Gunanayagam left for the States and Vice-Chairman. Eta Mather takes over temporarily.

June, 1988.

Mr. Ilkka Uusitalo delegate of League of Red Cross and Red Crescent society visited our workshop.

July, 1988

On 1st of July our first anniversary was celebrated with more than 100 limb users participating and the limb users association was formed.

From Colombo, Diakonia representative M/s. Shirin Persson, British High Commission First Secretary Mr. Jack Jones and Second Secretary Michael Foord, Colombo FINS Project Secretary Mrs. Swarna Ferdinand and Mr. Kennet Ferdinand attended the function.

A seminar and a cycle race was held in the morning, for the amputees, followed by lunch to all participants, and the relay events were held at St. Johns college grounds. The events came to an end with the prize distribution for the winners and a small cash reward for all participants.

August, 1988.

Mr. S. Sivanathan Retired class one clerical public officer is appointed as the Administrative Secretary.

September, 1988.

Dominique Gerard, Head of Handicap International visited our workshop and was pleased with our work and was keen to collaborate and work with us for the disabled.

The Indian Red cross donates eight upper limb units on 19th, September 1988. With no formal training the Works Manager and Technicians were able to fit the upper limbs for eight deserving cases.

October, 1988.

A Bajaj three wheeler auto was gifted from Diakonia

November, 1988.

Marion Birch of S. C. F. (U. K.) visited our workshop

December, 1988.

The Hydro Power Supply goes off in Jaffna and half an hour supply of electricity was supplied by generator. Work was disrupted to a greater extent.

January 1989

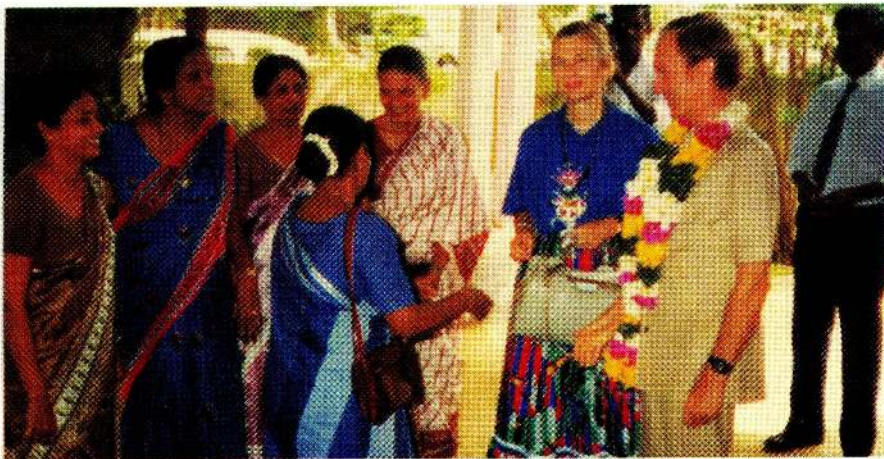
On 10th, Mr. Peter Berry of World Vision Lanka along with his officials paid a visit to our workshop and donated Rs. 270,000/- to rehabilitate the limb users. A date was fixed to have a full day programme, to implement the scheme.



The implementing of the revolving loan scheme. Present are Dr. (Mrs.) Senki Theivendran, Mrs. T. Gunanayagam, Rev Sr. Lourdes Joseph, Mrs. Kamala Sivasithamparam.



The signing of the OHI Agreement From right Handicap International Dominique Gerard and Fitz Gardjeon. Present also are Mrs. Eta Mather, Dr. (Mrs.) Jeya Ganeshamoorthy and Ad/sec. Mr. S. Sivanathan.



Welcoming the British High Commissioner Mr. David Gladstone and his wife.

Also present are Mrs. Peace Pooranampillai, Dr. (Mrs.) Theivendran, Mrs. Eta Mather, Dr. (Mrs.) Jeya Ganeshamoorthy and Mrs. Yoga Sivanesan



Mr. Peter Berry of world Vision. on his first visit to the work shop. to initiate the revolving loan scheme for the limb Users.



The one day seminar held at our Work Shop. Present on the occasion are officials of the world vision. Mrs. Kamala Sivasithamparam, Mr. S. P. Balasingham. Mrs. T. Gunanayagam. & Mrs. Gnanapragasam

On 31st, Mr. Kirsti Digerud, Head of Royal Norwegian Embassy, NORAD of Sri Lanka was able to visit our workshop after sponsoring us in 1986.

March 1989

Mr. X. S. Y. Francis Works Manager was sent to Jaipur India for a three weeks training, at the S. M. S. Medical centre. He also had the opportunity of meeting Dr. P. K. Sethi and to discuss finer points on limb fitting and was able to highlight the work done in our workshop.

On 12th representatives from World Vision and limb users had a full day get together, to implement the revolving loan scheme

An agreement signed with Handicap International represented by Mr. Fitz Xavier Gardjeon to turn out low cost wheel chairs and tricycles. A temporary building was put to house this project.

July 1989

Mr. Fitz X. Gardjeon was recalled to France on another mission and Mr. Eric Lecorre takes his place. The workshop commenced production of low cost wheel chairs and tricycles.

August - December 1989

Political unrest in Jaffna, due to conscription etc., work was interrupted.

December 1989.

On 10. 12. 1989, we sponsor the formation of AROD. Association for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled. The inaugural meeting was held in the premises of our workshop.

January 1990

On 7th January, the I. C. R. C. pays the first visit to our workshop. It has to be recalled, that the staff of our workshop were the first from the North to meet the I. C. R. C. delegates, when they first arrived in Colombo at Hotel Inter Continental in August, 1989.

On 12th January, Mr. Eric Lacorre leaves our workshop, and Jaffna for good, as the representative was recalled due to political unrest. He leaves our workshop unwillingly. promising to return once normalcy was restored. Our staff takes over the section and continue the work.

February 1990

Mr. Peter Berry of world vision pays his second visit to our workshop and donated another instalment of cash to be utilised for the revolving loan of limb users.

March 1990

On 29/03 officials of the Embassy of Sweden pays a visit to our workshop.

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Marie And Ersson, Programme officer (SIDA)

Mr. Gunilla Von Bahr TDBECK (First Secretary) Swedish Embassy.

April 1990

On 4th Mr. G. Herbert of the Australian High Commission pays a visit to our workshop and was full of admiration and promised to recommend further assistance by way of Australian Aid.

On 06th Ms. Jane Confield, Third Secretary of British High Commission pays a visit to our workshop.

On 27th, a Fund raising musical event titled "A Night in April " was held at St. Johns College hall compeered by Joe Ekerton.,

May, 1990.

On 25/05, the British High Commissioner in Sri Lanka Mr. Das Gladstone and his wife pays a visit to our workshop. He was highly impressed and assured that he would help us to put up a building and equip it, provided a land of our own was available.

December, 1990.

Mrs. Eta Mather leaves Jaffna and acts as Liaison officer from Colombo. Mrs. L. Sivaramalingam takes over as Acting Chairman.

January, 1991.

Two Nos. Patient wheel chair coupled to push bicycles were manufactured in the O. H. I. Workshop and handed over to Sri Lanka Red Cross to transport the sick to the hospital.

April, 1992.

On 20th April Mrs. Mather leaves to India to purchase 300 foot pieces, as there was a shortage of foot pieces. the cost of which was borne by the S. C. F. She brings 100 foot pieces along with her

May, 1992

Mrs. T. Yoganathan leaves for Colombo to have discussions with CFINS about the ground situation of the Jaffna workshop.

July, 1993

At the request of S.C.F. Mrs. Yoganathan goes to Madras India to get cleared the balance 200 foot pieces

December, 1993.

On 14/12, Ms. Jean Samuel allocates Rs. 15000/- to be given to poor children as Educational Grant. The second quarter instalment was to follow.

February, 1994

Mrs. Yoga Sivanesan, a member of the Board of Management and Mr. Gunanayagam, husband of Mrs. T. Gunanayagam the Chairperson passed away.

July, 1994

The Physiotherapy unit sponsored by S. C. F. was formerly opened by Mr. Jonathan Goodhand, the Resident co - ordinator of S. C. F. Jaffna.

On the 22nd of July, the 7th Anniversary was celebrated with a Festival of Sports for the limb users. The sports meet was held at St. John's College Grounds, Jaffna. A memorable event was a tug -O- war between the Limb users and the public. The event was won by limb users which proved the capabilities of the Jaipur Limb users. A nerve thrilling 'Chembu' dance by one of the amputees whilst balancing a 'Chembu' on his head and dancing inside a round tray kept the spectators spell bound. the Chief Guest of the event was Ms. Mary Perkins, the Head of Sub delegation Jaffna I C R C.

August, 1994

On 20th of August, Mrs.Mather migrates to Australia .

Mr. X. S. Y. Francis our Works Manager left to Addis Abeba to be trained on Polypropylene limb making sponsored by the International Committee of Red. Cross, for a period of five weeks.

September, 1994

Our visiting Surgeon Dr. S. Ponnampalam passes away in Colombo. He was a person who admired our work, helped us in many ways, and a guide and solace to us. When we were confronted with any problems in fitting of limbs or braces, he was ready to help and guide us. Though he is no more with us today, his guidance and advice will never be erased from our minds. May he rest in Peace.

On 17th September, a paper was presented by Dr. (Mrs.) S. Theivendran, the Hony. Treasurer, at the International Conference of Health held in London. The theme of it was "Victims of war in Sri Lanka." A quest for Health service.

March, 1995.

The gift of polypropylene Component Equipment consisting of Oven, Aluminium moulds, Dies, Press, Scales, Welders and Polypropylene Sheets were received from International Comittee of Red Cross.

May, 1995 .

On a project proposal submitted to NORAD soliciting a 04 year financial assistance, the Norwegian Ambassador visits our work shop for assessment they approve our proposal. I.C.R.C. volunteers to monitor our project.

August, 1995.

A 3 phase current 440 volts electricity was supplied to our work shop from Jaffna I. C. R. C. delegation.

October, 1995.

On 30th, the unexpected exodus of the Jaffna population to Vadamarachchi and Thenmaradchchi. Once the public moved out of Jaffna, we took some of the important items from our workshop and stored them at Kamalasanı Vıdyalayam in Chavakachcheri. Most of our employees were scattered and action taken to locate them.

January, 1996

With a few staff available, we commenced a repair unit in a class room of Kamalasanı Vıdyalayam, Chavakachcheri.

March, 1996

We moved to a spacious house at Kachchai, in Chavakachcheri and commenced fitting of new limbs. and work was almost normal.

April, 1996.

The second operation "Rivirasa" by the Sri Lankan Security forces took place. Once again the staff got scattered and moved to Vadamarachchy and Vanni. During this period the workshop was looted and we lost most of raw materials and equipment.

May, 1996.

With whatever left over, the staff who remained in Vadamarachchi brought the remnant items to our former workshop at 5, Old Park Road, Jaffna. The building was badly damaged and none of the items which we left in October, 1995 were found. All items lost.

Mr. S. Sivananthan the administrative secretary tenders his resignation, to be effective from June, 1996. Mr. P. Balenthran is appointed as the accounting officer

June to December, 1996.

Repairs effected to existing building. In order to restart work again. Procurement of raw materials and tools commenced. Mrs. Yoganathan on behalf of the Board sends a memorandum to the President of Sri Lanka, in her capacity as Patron of CFINS to lift the ban on raw materials being sent to Jaffna. Mrs. Poornampillai a former member of the Board collects funds in UK and sends to us.

January - February, 1997

Raw materials & Tools from Colombo were received. We were able to commence normal work, by riveting limbs.

March, 1997.

O. H. I. Workshop too commenced production on small Scale.

April, 1997.

The second batch of raw materials and tools including welding gas were received from Colombo, and were able to work smoothly.



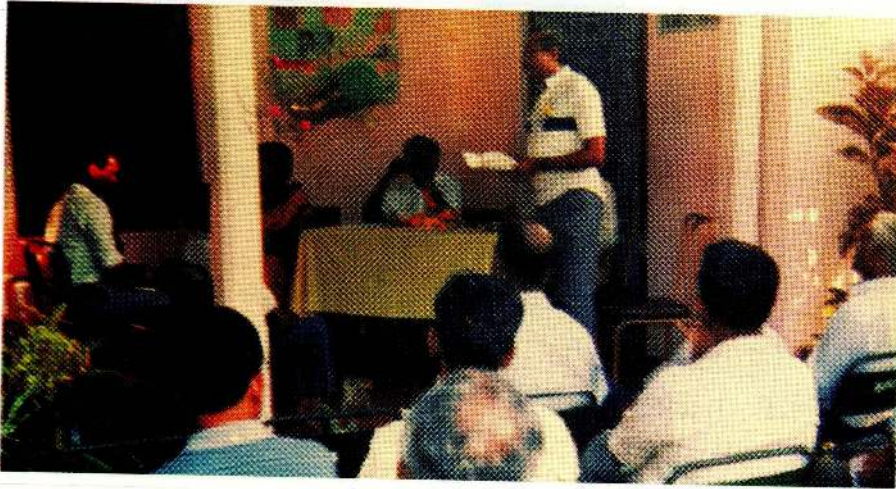
Patients Transport Joint Venture

A Joint venture programme to transport the sick and old to Hospital was inaugurated in 1980 with the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, Jaffna and Jaipur foot Work Shop. The Bicycles and the volunteer riders were provided by Red Cross and the coupled Wheel Chairs were designed and turned out at our Work Shop.

This idea initiated the public to turn out the Cycle rickshaws which became very popular and handy at a time when fuel was scarce and transport expensive.

Disabled Children - If Allowed often show Great Imagination and Energy. This is in Effect, 'Therapy'. with a little Help, Encouragement and Freedom the Disabled child can often become her own best Therapist. The best Therapy is built into everyday Activities: Play, Work. Relationship. Rest and Adventure. Appropriate Therapy helps the child to Enjoy Himself, be Useful, and take part with Others, while Mastering the Skills for Daily Living.

The inauguration of the Association for the Re-Habilitation of the Disabled (AROD) in our Work Shop premises in 1989



The meeting is chaired by Dr. R. Ganeshamoorthy and Vice Chairman Mrs. Eta Mather Mr. S. Sothirajah is seen addressing the gathering. Seated in front are Dr. Sivarajah. Dr. Krishnarajah Mr. Sivanandarajah, and Dr. R. Theivendran



Mr. Sivanandarajah addressing the gathering present.

May, 1997

Project Director has discussions with Mr. Henry De Mel, The Resident representative of NORAD in Sri Lanka in Colombo. Time extension sought for the extension of the project. The request to release the 2nd instalment of the financial aid accepted.

July, 1997

Project Director and Works Manager has discussions with the representatives of the war victims Fund from Washington regarding Jaffna Jaipur foot programme

October, 1997.

Mr. R. Shanmuganathan is appointed as store - keeper

November, 1997.

Electric welding plant purchased locally and OHI Workshop production increased .

January, 1998.

Mr. N. Sivanathan, a retired investigating inspector of the Dept of posts is appointed as the administrative officer. Two rehabilitation workers Miss. S. Suganthy and Mrs. J. Ratnaverny were sent for training to Government Teaching Hospital, Jaffna under the guidance of the Chief Physiotherapist.

March, 1998.

3rd Batch of raw materials and equipment arrived from Colombo.

April, 1998.

Mr. Ilkka Uusitala Ambassador - Head of Delegation European Union in Sri Lanka visited after 10 years of his first visit.

July, 1998.

The damaged Physiotherapy unit was renovated and newly purchased rehabilitation equipment from Colombo were installed

Project Director and Hony. Treasurer has discussion with USAID on extension of aid to Programme

September, 1998.

Visit of Mr. Andrew Smith Prosthetist -Orthotist ICRC Cambodia. to our workshop

December, 1998

Received one 15 KV Zerdan Generator from the ICRC Colombo through the Sub - Delegation ICRC Jaffna.

ABOLISH WAR

(Sri Swami Sivananda)

War is the highest barbarism.

It is the most horrible crime.

It is monstrous and horrible villainy.

It is man's crowning stupidity.

It leads to disaster and destruction.

O Scientists ! Abandon Bomb manufacturing

Try sincerely to make Peace among nations.

O Dictators ! O Presidents !

Attempt to effect World Peace.

You will not gain anything through wars.

You have rejected the Sermon on the Mount.

You preach against religion and God.

This indeed is a grave, great blunder

Establish Peace, Brotherhood and Unity Centres

everywhere.

Invite men of goodness, holiness and love from

everywhere.

And they will guide you and show you the way to
world welfare and happiness.

O ye all men. you are my brothers in the Spirit.

O ye my global brothers, Abolish war. Stop wars.

Put an end to all wars.

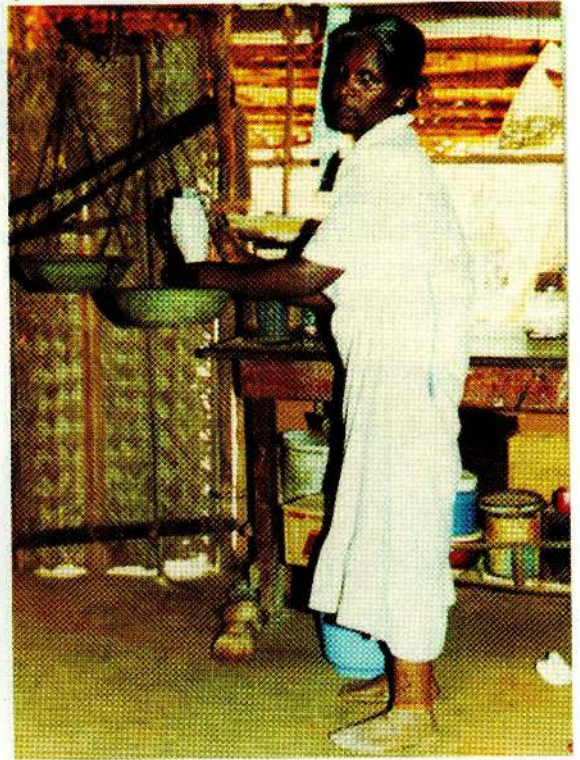
Peace, Peace, Peace be unto all, everywhere.

REHABILITATION OF THE JAIPUR FOOT PROGRAMME OF THE (CFINS) JAFFNA BRANCH



S. Thedchanamoorthy is 29 years old, and a resident of Karaveddy. He lost both his limbs above the Knee. due to gun shot injury sustained during Indian peace keeping forces time. He was fitted with bilateral above knee limbs and was given training at our " Jaipur Farm" at Maniam Thottam in poultry keeping and, chair rattaning.

He is seen above rattaning a chair and supports himself and his mother.



Mrs. Ratnam Sinnathamby is 40 years old and a resident of Tellipallai. She lost both her limbs below the knee due to a train accident. She was fitted with bilateral below knee Jaipur Limbs

Today she owns a small grocery shop, and stock things to the shop on her own, going on a tricycle manufactured by us.

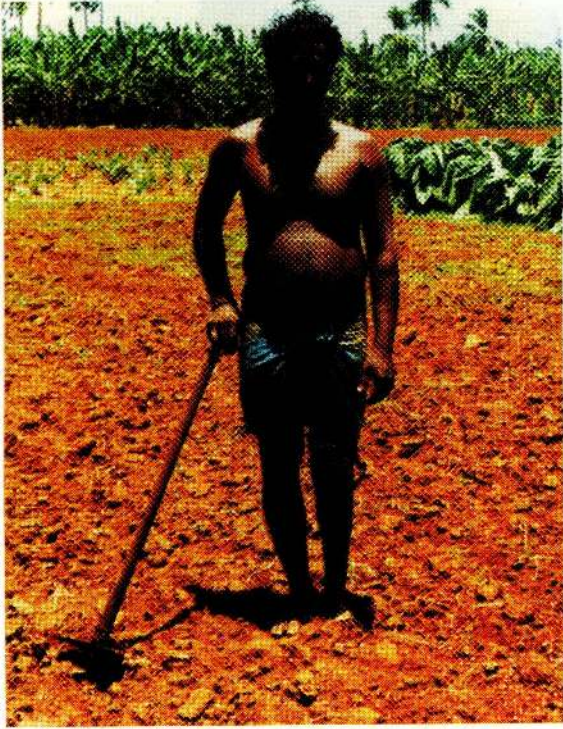


Elayavan Karunamoorthy, is 24 years old and a resident of Tellipallai. He trod on a pressure mine and lost his left leg below the knee in 1991 and was fitted a Jaipur limb. Today he is seen here having his own cycle repair Shop. He was also a winner of the cycle race held in Jaffna on account of the 7th year anniversary of our Work Shop.



Mrs. Pachaiyammah Ramayah, mother, lost her left leg above knee, Mrs, P. Selvanayagi, daughter lost her right hand above elbow and right leg below knee. Miss. Selvaranee lost her right hand above elbow (And her right eye sight) They were all victims of one family due to aerial bombing at Nachchikuda in Kilinochchi District. on 16-03-96. Both girls lost their husbands in the incident. They were both refugees from the uncleared area.

All three of them were fitted with artificial limbs and are seen engaged in twisting coir rope. as a cottage industry to sustain their living



Nadarajah Rathineswaran is 34 years old married and having two children. He is a farmer and a resident of Neervely North. He lost his left leg below the knee on 20-07-96 due to a pressure mine. and was fitted with a Jaipur limb.

Today he is seen back in his field, cultivating tobacco and other cash crops and supports his school going children.



Gabrielpillai Gymor is 48 years old, married, and a resident of Beach road Pasaiyoor Jaffna. He lost his right leg below the knee on 5-12-93 due to aerial bombing. His wife succumbed to her injuries on the same day.

He was fitted with a Jaipur limb and today he is back in his fishing profession to support him self and his three children. He is seen above mending his fishing gear.

A man must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest.

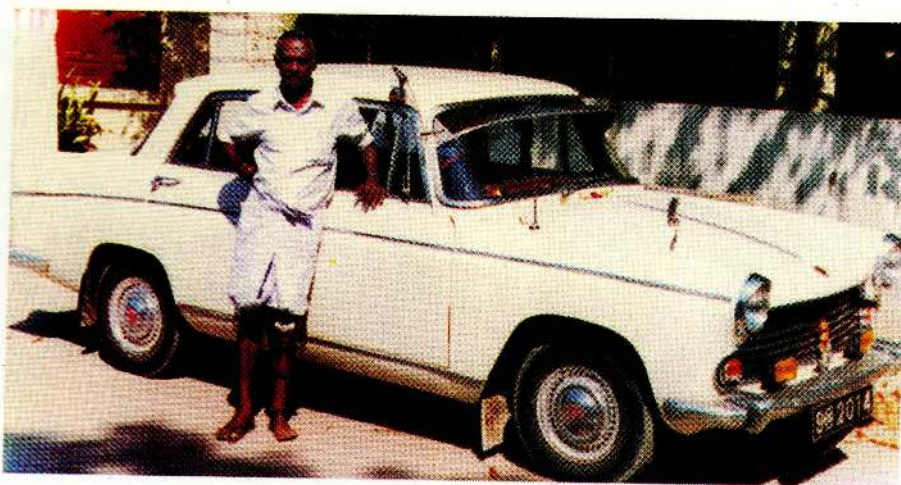
-Havelock Ellis

There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your hearts desire. The other is to get it.

-Bernard Shaw-

Necessity is the mother of invention

- Wordsworth-

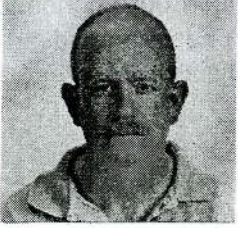


Ponnuthurai Thanabalachandran is 54 years old and a resident of Kandar madam, Jaffna. He lost his left leg below the knee on 20-05-89 due to aerial bombing and was fitted with a Jaipur Limb

Today he is back again as a hiring car driver and supports his wife and four school going children.

**Please give the handicapped the highest consideration to
subsist without poverty by providing job opportunities**

HANDS OF SUPPORT.



Due to unforeseen delay in the publication of our 11th year Anniversary issue, I am happy that an opportunity has been provided for me at the most opportune hour to express our gratitude and appreciation to the International Committee of the Red Cross for furthering their assistance to our programme by making available to us the services of one of their very eminent prosthetic specialist Mr. Gerald Fitz Patrick.

At present there is a semblance of peace plenty and normalcy in our part of the country. In reality it is not exactly so. We have still not recovered from the shocking effects of military operations and mass exodus. We are still battling against difficulties in the procurement of raw materials from Colombo. We have difficulty in material and patient transport. We experience high cost in production. We still live in proximity to military activities. We are still prone to landmine dangers. We are still uncertain of our future. The plight of the disabled and amputee population in our midst is very pathetic. Many are still separated from their near and dear ones. Their mental anguish is more than their physical disability. We at our Jaipur centre strive to do our very best for them physically mentally and economically. We look forward to furthering our social mobilisation grant programme. We are eager to improve our skills and techniques. We want to enhance our production. We consider the advent of Mr. Fitz in the arena of our workshop as the panacea to many of our immediate needs.

The ICRC as we all know is an independent impartial, neutral humanitarian organisation mandated to protect and assist victims of armed conflict and internal violence in any country. Their services were obtained by the Sri Lankan Government as early as in 1989. The physically disabled in war torn areas. They operate about 26 limb fitting and rehabilitating centres in about 10 countries badly affected by war. They manufacture artificial limbs of high quality, crutches and wheel chairs by thousands. So quite naturally the ICRC delegation in Sri Lanka Associated with our physical and economic rehabilitation projects. They assist us in all possible ways. They helped us morally and materialy when we had our festival of sports for our limb users. They went even to the extent of monitoring our project when funding agencies or institutions were a little hesitant to give us financial support for want of a suitable monitoring body. They helped us in the transport of raw materials from Colombo. They even provided our Works Manager training in the poly propylene technology in one of their limb fitting centres at Addis Ababa. In addition they equipped our workshop with machinery and tools necessary for the production of poly propylene limb. Unfortunately this went astray late in the year 1995 and 1996.

Mr. Fitz's timely arrival in March this year signals a new dawn for our hopes and aspirations. An American by birth with a university degree he is a prosthetist specialist attached to the ICRC Medical Division serving as one of the directors in their orthopaedic centres. By his caring concern for the amputees, his simplicity and charming manners and readiness to cope with language difficulty at times with our technical staff he has already won the hearts of all at our Jaffna centre. While working with our team, he proposes to manufacture about 100 prosthesis for the year. He also hopes to start patient transport from difficult areas. He plans to provide university training for about ten persons in anatomy and physiology and has already drawn up the teaching material. In short he hopes to upgrade our workshop and start work on the new technology once the missing tools and materials are re-equipped. The ICRC has also loaned us a 15KV Generator to ensure that work will go on as planned on the new lines without any disruption.

We are confident that with sharing of Mr. Fitz's expertise in the prosthetic field and with the training our local technicians will get, we will be better equipped with material, machinery and guidance to develop new techniques and find components that will be appropriate and within our economic standards. The poly propylene technology which the ICRC proposes to bring in has many advantages. It will go a long way in providing a better tomorrow for those needing artificial limbs.

Thank you ICRC. Thank you Mr. Fitz.

Mrs. T. Yoganathan.
Project Director.

An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous -**Henry Ford**-

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the Principal difference between a dog and a man - **Mark Twain**-

You have no more right to conserve happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it -**Bernard Shaw**-

Nature never did betray the heart that loved her - **Wordsworth**-

We do not count a man's years, until he has nothing else to count -**Emerson**-

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be
Chewed and digested - **Bacon**-

Money is like an arm or a leg - Use it or loose it - **Henry Ford**-

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it

-**Old Testament**-

No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach - **W. C. Brann**-

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**NARA YAJNA. - Service to mankind is known as Nara Yajna.
Treating man with dignity is a mark of culture and civilization.
Treating foreigners with contempt is the way of the semi-refined people.
Exploiting the poverty-stricken people for low living wage is the mark of greed.
Doling out charity to the idle indicates false sense of generosity.
Helping man to help himself is right service.**

**SERVICE- Beings are intrinsically interlinked though they are not aware of it.
Warm service to one another sanctifies that relationship.
Opportunity presents itself to us to be of some service to the fellow being.
Do not miss that rare occasion.
Politely place yourself at the disposal of the person requiring your help.
Do your bit and withdraw instantly.
You evolve in divinity thereby.
All beings have come from the Cosmic Reality.
Service to them is therefore equivalent to the adoration of the Almighty.**

**SERVICE- The perfume of a life of sacrifice.
Life fulfills its supreme purpose when it is imbued with the spirit of service.
Service is the very perfume of a true life of love and sacrifice.
Real service is work done out of pure love which fills it with the joys of the Eternal.
Our activities should be performed as pure offerings of love and for the fulfillment of love, because love is God and God is love.
Action, knowledge and love mingle together into an indistinguishable life of perfection.**