

CHURCH OF THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION

DIAKONAL MINISTRIES

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- "WE ARE CAUGHT UP IN AN INESCAPABLE NET OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY. WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY, AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY"
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

CHURCH OF THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION

• CHURCH OF THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION (CACM) ROOTED IN THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION FOUNDED IN 1816



EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL PROGRAMS

 WORKING TO REDRESS SOCIAL INEQUALITY IN WAR AFFECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NORTH AND EAST SRI LANKA





Program Areas

- Education Children and Youth
- Children's Homes
- Women's Programs
- Centre for Children with Mental Disabilities













Educational Programs

- Pre-Schools
- After School Programs
- Leadership Development
- Teacher Support
- Vocational Training







Pre-Schools –Seek to alleviate the impact of child poverty

- Nutritional support
- Early Learning
- Teacher Empowerment







35 centres in Batticaloa, Jaffna, Wanni and Up Country serving 1000 kids







After School Programs

 Supporting children and youth with a hunger to learn but no access to good schools or committed teachers and resources







Constituency

• Rural children and youth





After School Impact Data

Grade 10 Students (2015) - 37 total students

Total Subject Pass/Fail (end of Year 1):

Tamil:	86.5% of students passed (up from 62.2% beforehand)	+24.300 increase
Math:	81.1% of students passed (up from 27.0% beforehand)	+54.1% increase
English:	64.5% of students passed (up from 35.1% beforehand)	+29.4% increase
Science:	89.2% of students passed (up from 43.2% beforehand)	+46.0% increase
History:	89.2% of students passed (up from 67.6% beforehand)	+21.6% increase

Subject Test Scores Improvement (end of Year 1):

Tamil:	83.8% of students improved their test scores from previous year	
Math:	83.8% of students improved their test scores from previous year	
English:	62.2% of students improved their test scores from previous year	
Science:	86.5% of students improved their test scores from previous year	
History:	70.3% of students improved their test scores from previous year	

Goals

Ongoing educational support

• Empowerment and leadership development





Activities

- After school tutoring
- Leadership development
- Youth Camps





4 centres in Jaffna, Wanni and Batticaloa UP Country, helping 350 children





Youth Leadership Program 2018-

- CONSTITUENCY:
- Rural and vulnerable youth
- Particular focus on young women

GOALS:

- Support youth to develop strong academic and social skills, critical thinking, ethics and a commitment to social justice and social change
- Train and develop youth workers with expertise in education, English teaching, arts, counselling, sports, social work and social justice who will provide sustainable leadership for the program

Activities

- Youth Workers:
- 1. Identify and train committed youth workers to lead the program.
- 2. Professional development and academic support up to post-graduate level
- 3. Develop partnerships and collaborative work with other organizations.

- YOUTH LEADERSHIP:
- 1. Year round leadership, life skills and academic support programs for youth in rural communities and Batticaloa centre.
- 2. Scholarships to support youth in technical, professional and academic studies up to post-graduate level.
- 3.Residential English language programs

• 4. Exposure programs to engage with diverse communities and critical social issues

• 5. Residential support for vulnerable students at OL/AL

Children's Homes





Children

- Sent by Probation Department and Courts
- Without parent/s, lack a safe home or chronic vulnerability due to poverty





Homes

• 1 girls homes with 18 children

• 1 boys home with 18 children







Goals

- Safe space and home
- Education
- Vocational support





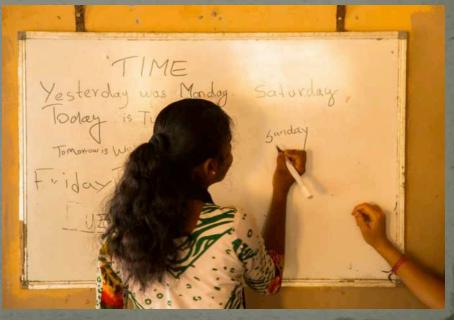
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Current University Students

- 3 students in university in Sri Lanka: Peradeniya and Eastern. 2 graduate in 2018
- 2 students at Madras Christian College
- 5 students to go to college in India in 2019
- 2 students pursuing MA's in India in 2019
- 3 students in German Tech, Kilinochchi for Technical Studies





VOCATIONAL TRAINING

ST. JOHN'S VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE



Constituency

• Youth from rural communities and economically disadvantaged families





GOAL

• To provide professional skill training which is **increasingly important** as the <u>majority</u> of rural students <u>do not go</u> on to post-secondary education and as the countries economy tries to develop.





STUDENTS & TRAINING AREAS

- 200 students a year (boys and girls)
- Masonry, carpentry, electrical wiring, computer hardware, IT, tailoring, printing, and refrigeration/air conditioning
- Additional 10 fields including machining, lathe, plumbing and electronics can be added







LONG TERM PLANS

• TO DEVELOP SJVTC INTO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROVIDING A BROAD RANGE OF PROGRAMS FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH.











Women's Programs



Goals

- Empowerment in the community
- Leadership Development
- Livelihoods
- Security









WOMENS SHELTER

- Requested New Program from Department of Probation and Child Care Services
- To provide transitional shelter for victims of sexual abuse, who need a place to live and deliver a child
- Place for older women who also have unwanted pregnacies.
- Womens organizations also have asked for such a space to be created.

NEEDS FOR SHELTER

- Long Term Support so that we can confidently develop and sustain such a program.
- Scholarships for victims of sexual violence to support them with education or vocational training opportunities.

Centre for children with disabilities



Constituents

 Children with Downe's Syndrome and Autism and their parents





Goals

- Mainstreaming into schools
- Capacity and skill development
- Support for parents





Activities

- Day Care Support
- Remedial Teaching
- Art, craft teaching









Partnerships

• CACM welcomes partnerships with institutions and individuals who share its goals of empowering individuals and communities from rural war affected and economically disadvantaged regions. We specially encourage those interested in long term engagements in our areas of work though short term partnerships and engagements are also welcome



Thank You



"She Will Rise!" YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Orientation & Sessions 2-3: March – June, 2019

14 Participants



Goals:

- **❖Self-Directed Learning from Lived Experiences**
- Develop Critical Thinking & Understanding
- **❖Promote Intellectual Curiosity**
- Develop Capacities & Skill Sets in Work Placements
- Build Body Awareness & Physical Strength
- ❖Frame Everything in a Women's Rights & Feminist Perspective

BODY WORK ...





Activities:

- **∜**Yoga
- **⇔** Capoeira
- Stretching
- **⇔**Games
- **❖Volleyball**
- **❖**Team Frisbee with Jay



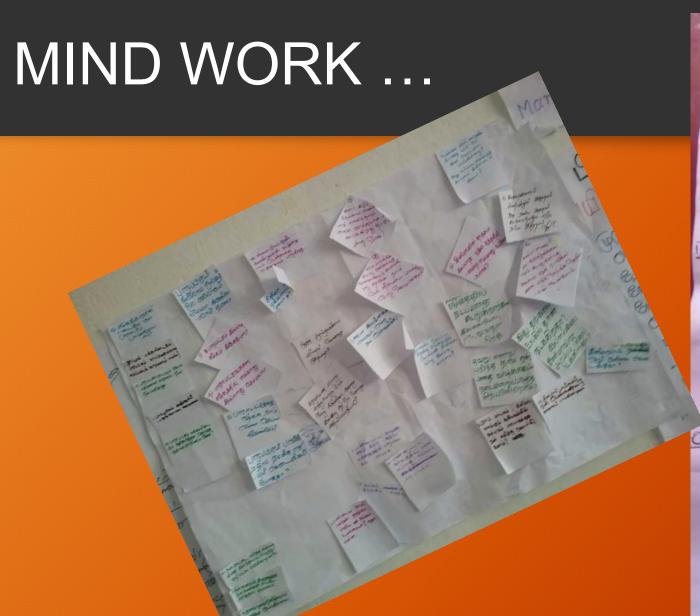




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Activities: Orientation & Session Two

- Economic Rights IWD
- Gender & Culture
- Gender Equality, Stereotyping, Power Relations
- Healthy Relationships
- Historical Context of Place: CACM & Batticaloa
- English Class
- Computer Class
- Non-Violent Communication

IWD: Manacholai & Naripulthottam







Activities: Session Three

- Women's Histories During the War
- Stories of Tamil Muslim Sinhala Sisters Group
- The Search for Truth and Justice:
 Mothers of the Disappeared & Memorialization
- Historical Change in Religious Communities
- Women's Labour Struggles
- Environmental Activism & Challenges
- **❖** Barefoot Economists: Informal & Care Economies



Batticaloa Main Market









Sathurukondan Massacre Memorial September 9, 1990











Computer Classes: Vocational Training Centre (VTC)







ART WORK ...



Activities:

- Eco-Friendly Newspaper Bags
- Body Mapping
- **❖Who Am I?**
- **❖**Parai Drumming Performance











HEART WORK ...



"River of Life"



Activities:

- River of Life Sharing
- My Story & Journaling
- Reflections of Easter Sunday Bomb Attack
- Building a Culture of Care, Respect & Responsibility







Women's Parai Drumming Performance

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Activities:



- **❖Dance Party**
- Birthdays & Farewell Dinners
- **❖Boat Ride from Lighthouse**
- Dormitory Life
- **❖**Meal Time
- Film Nights











COSTS FOR THE PROGRAM

6 MONTH ENGLISH PREPARATORY PROGRAM \$680 Per Student/ \$11,000 for 15 students

4-MONTH EZHUVAZHL \$830 Per Student/ \$12,500 for 15 students

Costs cover: accomodation, meals, travel, resource persons, learning materials

ACCOUNTABILITY

REPORTS EVERY 6 MONTHS

- 450 hours of practical and theoretical and theoretical training
- completion of martial arts training
- completion of English and IT training
- community project