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36,300+	3,632	195	2,951	160+	212	$2.4M+	3,415
lives impacted	leadership students & teachers trained	scholarships awarded	students attended after-school programs	leadership & teacher trainings conducted	international volunteers traveled abroad	invested in education programs	students trained thru e-learning programs

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This year marks 15 years of Visions empowering the next generation of community leaders! It has been an incredible journey to watch Visions grow and mature over the years, thanks in large part to the support and generosity of people like you. With you behind us, we have been able to impact the lives of more than 36,300 individuals through educational initiatives across Sri Lanka, India, Ethiopia, and Nicaragua since 2003!

In honor of this milestone, we are hosting a benefit concert ("Chasing Dreams") on Saturday, October 13th from 4-7pm at a private residence in Orange County (*2140 Mesa Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660*) featuring "The Musical Doc" (*Varshini Muralikrishnan*). In addition to her performance and updates on our global education efforts, we will have 2 food trucks, open bar (*beer, wine, water, etc.*), opportunity drawing, and more. We sincerely hope you will help us mark this momentous occasion by joining us for this special event!

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"BLOOM" Intern Program: *Supporting Interns in Sri Lanka's Growing IT Sector*

Employment in Jaffna remains a top priority in the post-war context of today. In response, Visions has created an internship program called 'BLOOM' to support skills development that will enable youth to participate in training programs and get placed in paid internships, ideally leading to full-time employment.

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Sponsor an Entire Village After-School Program in India:
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per month

Sponsor an IT Intern in Sri Lanka:
$200/intern
per month
(*6-month program)

Become a Visions "Angel Donor" and keep us going

In partnership with Vetri Holdings, a Northern CA technology company, Visions has so far supported 5 A/L graduates in Jaffna with 6-month paid internships. Two students, pictured above, Thanusiya Nesarajan and Tharma Thavaratnam, are now full-time employees at Vetri Holdings office in Colombo. They are working with a start-up team that is developing an Electronic Medical Records software called Arogya.life, to be implemented at Hemas Hospitals in Colombo. One of the five students also received a scholarship for the 6-month Accelerator Program for coding conducted by Uki, a joint initiative of Yarl IT Hub and SERVE Foundation.

The BLOOM Intern Program was initiated in commemoration of Vasundra Pathmarajah. The cost for sponsoring each 6-month internship is $1,200. Our goal is to secure spots for at least another **4 interns** this year, so please contact us at visionseducation@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a sponsor or simply sign up **HERE**.

Preserving Tamil-Language Texts: *Supporting the Efforts of the Noolaham Foundation*

The burning of the Jaffna Library in 1981 not only caused the destruction of 97,000 texts, it also erased a large part of Sri Lanka's history and heritage. To ensure this never happens again, the Noolaham Foundation has been diligently working for years in building a 'virtual library' of Tamil-language texts which consists of an online open-access database of documents, books, manuscripts, videos and photos.

The globally-based Noolaham Foundation Board volunteer their time and skills to actualizing their vision of a digital library that can never again be destroyed. So far over 55,000 texts have been uploaded. Visions helped Noolaham establish their Colombo branch office over five years ago. Today, Visions has started placing BLOOM interns with the foundation as well. Thanks to the support of a generous sponsor, Visions recently supported a promising young IT professional (Ms. R. Sangeetha) to do a 6-month internship there. Sangeetha has a blog (in Tamil) that you can follow here: http://sangeethajob.blogspot.com/

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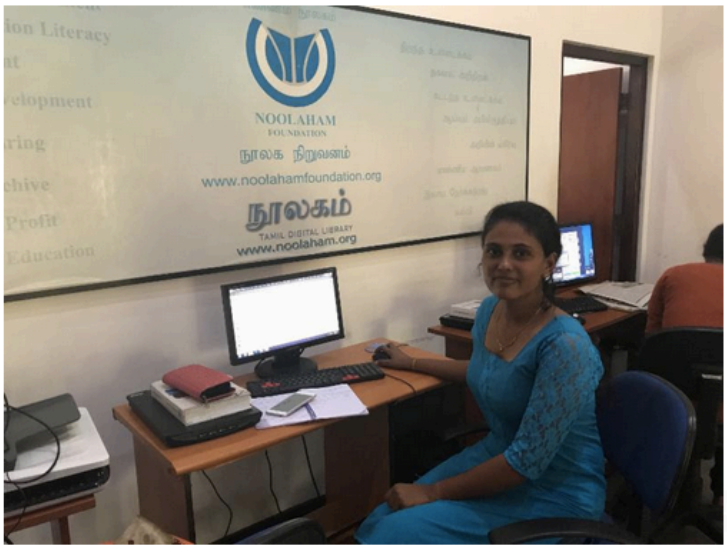

Training English Teachers in Northern Sri Lanka

Responding to the deplorable situation of English proficiency among teachers in Northern Sri Lanka, four organizations are joining hands to implement a large-scale English teacher-training program. The UK-based Standing Committee of Tamils (SCOT), British Council, Education Development Forum For Sri Lanka (EDFSL) and the Education Department of the Ministry of Education for the Northern Province will train 20 Master trainers, who will in turn train 730 teachers by 2020. Visions is supporting this effort that is estimated to benefit more than 300,000 students in Grades 2 - 11.

Upgrading the St. John's College Jaffna Computer Lab

In 2012, Visions established a primary school IT lab at St. John's College in Jaffa, Northern Sri Lanka in memory of Dr. Rex T. Arulanantham. The St. John's College Principal, Reverend Gnanaponrajah, recently commended the lab's donors, stating "*countless students have benefitted from the IT lab over the years.*" Given heavy use of the lab, the same donors generously agreed to support the principal's request for upgrading and relocating the primary school lab. The donors are also enabling Visions to improve the lab by introducing English and Math desktop digital learning programs powered by the Mumbai-based educational IT company, Zaya Learning Labs, which has been Visions IT partner in India for the last several years.

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