Father Lester WEJESORIYA is the director of 3 orphanages which are under the direct preview of Archbishop of Colombo.
1 - Sirihada Girls Home at Baduraliya - 17 girls.
2 - Arklow Boys Home at Katana – 31 boys
3 - Newbridge Boys Home at Wewaldeniya – 23 boys.

Father Lester is 45 years old. He has been a priest for 16 years and he has served in 4 parishes as an assistant Parish Priest. He has also served as a Parish Priest in 4 Parishes. He has obtained 2 degrees:
Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Theology (Rome)

He has also followed a youth counseling course.

What he tells us!

« I have special talents to conduct praise and worship for the people. Even at present, I involve myself in the Healing ministry »

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STUDIES AND EXAMS

Charithree, Asha, Lasanthy and Isuri have sat for the General Certificate of Ordinary Level Examination last December 2014. They are waiting for the results in April or May!
Two more girls will sit for the same exam in December 2015. All the other children have got through their year-end exams.
Some of the girls have shown their colours in sports at their school sports meeting this year:
Sherani : 1st place in 200 m
Dilshani : 1st place in 400
Naleesha : 1st place in long jump & 3rd place in 75 m and 100m.
Maleesha : 2nd place in 200 m & long jump.

Malki, who is 20 years old and who has been at the orphanage since the day it was created, has successfully finished her school studies and got through the Advanced Level Examination.
She successfully completed 3 months residential English course.
She is now seeking for a job and is teaching English to the children in her village.

She tells her sponsor

« Uncle, I thank you for your help! I now have a good training for teaching.
You have done so much for our happiness! I will never forget it “
Your loving daughter,
Malki.

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IN SRI LANKA

1st term: January 5th – April 8th
2nd term: April 22nd – July 31st
3rd term: August 31st – Dec 4th
Beatrice was born on 10th December 1956, so she is 59 years old. She is very good in English and can also speak in Tamil, Hindi and Arabic.
She has skills in dancing, playing musical instruments and singing... so she is a perfect matron with “more than one on string to her bow!”
She has also work experiences as a Nursery teacher, in charge of a Girls hostel and as a nanny for 15 years!

Improvement of the study room

It consisted in replacing old pieces of furniture in need of repair, as can be seen on the pictures, by some modern ones:

1 – Individual folding desks
2 – Metallic cupboards more appropriate for the pupils

As the new desks can be folded the room can be used for other activities.
The study room has been fully renovated with the money given by Montagu Lion’s Club.
Thank to them.

A Word from Father Lester

« Girls are really grateful and thankful to their godparents and members of Martial Caillaud for their generosity, love, concern and unceasing support for the betterment of girls future”

RITA PERERA, FOUNDERESS OF MARC SRI, WAS CALLED TO ETERNAL REST IN THE LORD *

Rita Perera, Foundress of Marc Sri Home, was called to Eternal Rest in the Lord on 27th May 2015. Funeral was held on Thursday, 28th May at Marc Sri Home, Katukurunda, Kalutara.

Ms. Rita Perera who founded Marc Sri 30 years ago, in 1983 said she never planned her home to be turned into a shelter for orphans and the homeless.

When the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home, not made by human hands, in the heavens “[2 Cor .5/1 ]

• Article taken from the website of the Archdiocese of Colombo