A – News of Chandima – matron of the orphanage. (word used in Sri Lanka for a person in charge)

The first steps of Chandima at the orphanage since Duthika left because of health problems went well with the girls. But, because of the first lockdown she couldn’t attend her monthly medical clinics. She found it a bit difficult so she had to go back home. She is still there for her medical treatment. Father Lester has found another lady to take her place till she comes back.

B – The situation of Covid 19 in Sri Lanka

At the moment the situation in the country is getting worse as the number of people affected is increasing daily. By today the people affected are over 30 thousand. Within the last two months the number of people affected by the virus is 25 thousand. There might be a lockdown decided during Christmas time. Our girls are doing well with the sanitary measures taken at the orphanage for their safety and wellbeing.

We have been told by Father Lester that they have been tested on October 19th, and to our great relief the results given on October 22nd were negative. They are confined at the orphanage and unfortunately they probably won’t be allowed to go home for Christmas.

Lessons via television
C – And what about school and lessons?
For our little girls school hasn’t started yet...Some lessons are taught via television as we can see on the photo where all of them are very attentive. And it’s gratifying for us to see them so concerned about their future. Our help here takes all its meaning.
Other schools which had reopened had to close again a few days ago because of the increasing number of the people affected by the Covid 19 in the country.

D – And what about the lockdown at the orphanage?
In their little secure nest our littles girls are together inside the home. Which makes the situation and more friendly. They are doing to keep their the best!
They are cleaning and the house to in a nice and They are doing exercises in the helping in the prepare the meals with the cooks.
And of course they pray daily for all their godparents to be protected from the covid 19.
You can be sure that they love you so much for everything you give them!

We can’t forget, when we visit the orphanage...all the warmth of these little hands in ours... all these smiles given.
We keep these memories in our godparents’ hearts, to share with our families all these loving feelings.
E – And Christmas ?
All excited, they have put up the Christmas tree and the crib! They are so happy to prepare these festivities and in spite of this strange situation they are relaxed and happy!
At the moment they are making the nice Christmas cards that you will receive soon!

F – How many are they now at the orphanage?
These last few months the number of girls has increased with the arrival of 6 new girls in 2020. They are now 20 living safely at the orphanage which will provide them a good education.

Nisansala Sewwandi and Nisandi Shakya,
13 et 10 years old. They are two sisters from a family from Veyangoda. Their father is paralyzed and their mother wants to have a job. They have both been admitted in our home to get protection and a good education.

Salani Kaveesha
Her parents have separated and are remarried. She was brought up by a great-aunt who can’t look after her anymore. She arrived at the home in January.

Manudi Hessaga
Her mother left the family and the father is living with another woman who has two older children. She was illtreated by her step-mother. So she didn’t live in the best conditions to study well. She came to our home on June 21st. Now she is happy and peaceful!

Tharusri Bhagyani and Yasanga Madusri
They are sisters of 7 and 9 years old. Their parents are separated and remarried. They live with their grandparents. They are old and find it difficult to look after them. This is why they both came to our home for their wellbeing.

Since their arrival Father Lester had to replace some broken beds, he did it in August and he also changed the refrigerator which wasn’t « cool enough » anymore!
We wish our six new little ones to get used to their new life at the orphanage, this big family which with your help can provide them with a good protection and a better education for a happy future.

Here are the good news from the orphanage... in spite of the critical situation! We thank warmly Father Lester for his help and investment towards the girls, providing them with some comfort and education, giving them a fatherly love, without forgetting the prayers and masses he shares and lives with them, bringing them the serenity with a religious belief for now and the future.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from all the team of Martial Caillaud Association.

At the dawn of this new year that we wish better for everyone and at the end of this confined one, as we are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus in a manger, in these Christmas days... we, godfathers and godmothers and members of the Association Martial Caillaud, want to send you our best wishes of joy, good health, school successes and love... as little snowflakes gone from France to land and melt in your hands held out towards the sky.... Here is a nice photo chosen for you!

We hope that you will spend happy moments all together with the ladies of the orphanage and Father Lester who look after you so well.

With all our love for you!

Happy Christmas and
Happy New Year