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Dear Donor to the Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief Fund

It is six months ago now that we made an appeal for funds to purchase water purification systems in response to an overwhelming need of the populated and less populated and more remote regions of Sri Lanka.

Not knowing what kind of financial response we would receive we set out to contract with Agua Sun Systems to provide a solar powered water purification system that could be rapidly deployed and for the most part, easily installed and maintained to help these less fortunate, smaller communities, of Sri Lanka.



Roland Wanigatunga, member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Sunnyvale, Ca. and Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief organizer, for the Club, returned from visiting Sri Lanka on March 31, 2005. Roland was able to report that during this trip he personally supervised the delivery and installation of most of the Aqua Sun Water Purification Systems and assisted with finalizing plans for the installation of the others.

Upon completion of the installation of these systems Roland was able to witness the production, distribution and consumption of clean water. He was also able to experience the reaction from the local residents as they tasted, locally produced, clean water. These systems will serve these communities well for years to come.





We have received information that all the systems have now been installed and are performing as expected. Local technicians have been trained and a plan for maintenance has been established.

The unanticipated response and your unselfish generosity, brought in funds far exceeding the cost of the original twenty Aqua Sun Systems we had contracted for.

As a result, other areas of need were being identified and we considered a request from the Colombo West Rotary Club, Sri Lanka, for funds for a housing project for fishermen who lost their homes and boats to the Tsunami. The Colombo West Rotay Club had obtained the land and had made plans to begin construction but unfortunately had to give back the land, at the government's request. An alternate site has been recently allocated and we are waiting to hear if this project will go forward.

Meanwhile, a request from Assist International was received by our Rotary District 5170 Governor for financial help in the procurement of additional water purification equipment for Sri Lanka. This is a large humanitarian organization founded by Rotarian Bob Paget and headquartered in Scotts Valley, Calif.



In February 2005 Bob visited Sri Lanka and found that the most urgent need was for very large water purification systems, similar to what they had sent to Oche, Indonesia, which are capable of producing over 430,000 gallons of purified water per day. Since our District, in support of the Sri Lanka Tsunami relief effort had funds committed to "water purification" it was decided that funds would be donated to Assist International for the purchase of four of these large water purification systems from General Electric for use in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. Each of these units cost \$30,000. We have been notified that these have been shipped and will be in operation soon.



We believe we have made the best use of the generous donations received from several hundred well-wishers. You should know that 100% of the money received has been spent on water purification systems, large and small. All expenditure for printing, postage, travel, etc. has been donated from Sunnyvale Sunrise Rotary Club, Rotary District 5170 and/or personal funds.





Please accept this picture “The Elephant Never Forgets” as a token of our appreciation of your support.

Sincerely, in Rotary Service.

Paul Reed, President 2004-2005
Rotary Club of Sunnyvale Sunrise

2004-2005 Theme



Meeting:
Wednesday's 7:15am
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