

Guideline for Visitors and Volunteers

About Ceylon Christian Care (CCC)

The Ceylon Christian Care foundation, mission and fundamentals

CCC is a Dutch Christian charity foundation and is founded by business people who felt the need to help their distant neighbors. They are directly involved in the execution of the projects.

The mission of CCC is to provide help to the people of Sri Lanka with a special focus on orphans and widows and to bring through this help the message of the Gospel.

The fundamentals of CCC are based on the Bible, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dordt.

The projects of the Ceylon Christian Care

The projects of CCC are located in Periyaneelavanai, a village on the east coast of Sri Lanka. The following projects can be distinguished:

- A boys and a girls orphanage (60 children)
- A widows' project (50 widows)
- A day care center for children of widows and poor people
- A day care centre for handicapped children
- A health centre
- Bible distribution
- Translation, printing and distribution of the Children's Bible of H. van Dam and other Christian books
- Theological workshops

Focus of Ceylon Christian Care

The focus of CCC is to provide help to the people for:

- This life
- After life

Help for this life

As a result of the civil war and the tsunami in Dec. 2004 there are a lot of orphans and widows on Sri Lanka. The community does not take care of them.

In the orphanages the children get food, clothes, shelter and education.

For the widows we have a training program to teach them how to act independently and to learn how to start a small business to generate income.

With micro credits we help them get started. During daytime we have a day care center that takes care of their children.

Help for after life

In these projects we tell these children and widows about the Gospel.

Volunteers

What is the added value of volunteers?

The quality of education on the eastern part of Sri Lanka is very poor. Well educated people have a better position to get a job. Especially when they speak English and are able to work with a computer.

All the children have their own (sad) background. It is important to talk with them and to listen to them. If they have questions about life to read the Bible with them and to pray with them.

Volunteers who are willing to stay for some time on location can add value in these areas.

Permission required from Ceylon Christian Care

Upfront permission of CCC is required to stay and work on the project as volunteer. Request can be sent to email address: contact@ceylonchristiancare.nl.

About costs:

- Volunteers are responsible for:
 - Return airplane ticket to Sri Lanka
 - Medical insurance
 - Other insurances
- Ceylon Christian Care will pay:
 - Transport from airport to the project (8 hours drive)
 - Lodging
 - Food, drinks, etc.

Communication:

On the project of CCC are available a telephone and a computer with internet connection.

What do we expect of the Visitors and Volunteers?

1. A Christian standpoint

That means that they endorse the fundamentals of CCC and that they base their life and work on the Bible, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dordt.

2. No consumption of Alcoholic Drinks

Several children in the project come from families with dramatic alcohol problems. Some have fathers who hit their mother, brothers and sisters.

As CCC we have a no-alcohol policy. This means that we expect that the volunteers and visitors do not drink alcohol during their stay on the projects.

3. No Smoking

Christians on Sri Lanka do not smoke.

As CCC we expect that the volunteers and visitors do not smoke during their stay on the projects.

4. Keep the visiting times for the Boys and Girls orphanage

On Sri Lanka there is a strong separation between men and women. For an adult man to walk with a lady and kiss her etc. is absolutely not done.

Consequently on the CCC projects it is not allowed that a man visits the girls' orphanage after 20:00 in the evening. The same holds for women; they should not visit the boys' orphanage after 20:00 in the evening.

5. Commitment to the Dress Code

Male and female dress in Sri Lanka is different from what is seen as common in the western countries. Certain kinds of dress which are accepted in Europe or North America are not in Sri Lanka.

As a Christian organization Ceylon Christian Care is very careful on how volunteers and visitors on its projects present themselves.

Therefore, together with Rev Jeyanesan, we have set up a dress code.

Volunteers and visitors have to commit themselves to this dress code.

Dress code for Male Volunteers

Men in Sri Lanka wear a saram or trousers with blouse or shirt. A saram is a kind of long skirt for a man. For an adult man it is uncommon to wear shorts or trunks.

We expect that our male volunteers and visitors respect this and do not wear shorts or trunks.

Dress code for Female Volunteers

In Sri Lanka ladies normally wear a sari, pajama dress, a long frock or long skirt with blouse or shirt. Western dress such as jeans or pants is not common.

Swimming in a swim suit or bikini is not done.

We expect that our female volunteers and visitors respect this and do not wear:

- Pants or Shorts
- Swim suits or bikinis
- Dresses or skirts above the knee
- Sleeveless tops

- Blouses or shirts with low necklines

To get an impression of how people are dressed on Sri Lanka you can visit the website of Ceylon Christian Care (www.ceylonchristiancare.org).