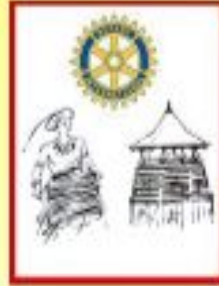


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Project Sri Lanka, has generously donated in providing artificial limbs to poor underprivileged People in our society, to help them walk again.

In this booklet, we have included the photographs of the limb recipients, both before and after the provision of artificial limbs, together with brief details about how they have lost their limbs. It is because of the generosity of donors like Project Sri Lanka that we, at the Centre for Handicapped are able to continue the service that is required so desperately by a large number of poor physically handicapped persons in Sri Lanka. There are so many others who will walk once again if the cost of the limb to be provided to them could be sponsored by a generous donor.

Thank you once again for your kindness and humanitarian concern .

Introduction

Project Sri Lanka



Project Sri Lanka was registered with the Charity Commission in October 2010 as Charity number 1138333. The Charity's origins lie in Durham University's Project Sri Lanka which was established after the 2004 tsunami disaster.

The Charity's partnerships and various forms of support are designed to withstand the test of time. This is a project that has already made significant impact. In the long term, as an independent Registered Charity, Project Sri Lanka will provide continuing opportunities for the reawakening and renewal of communities that endured the great tsunami tragedy and also for inland villages with significant humanitarian needs.

Centre for Handicapped

The Centre for Handicapped has been working towards the rehabilitation of people with disabilities since 1971, under different names such as the "Kandy Orthopedic Centre" and the "Colombo Friend In Need Society, Kandy Branch". It acquired its present identity as the "Centre for Handicapped" in 2001. The Centre receives technical and financial support from national and international governmental and non-governmental bodies. It also receives funds through corporate and individual donations.



Project Budget

Device	Cost of the Device	No. of Devices	Total
Above Knee type limb	Rs.45,000.00	3	Rs.135,000.00
Below knee type limb	Rs.20,000.00	30	Rs.600,000.00
Wheelchairs	Rs.10,500.00	18	Rs.189,000.00
Total		51	Rs. 924,000.00

Limb Recipients- Stage 1

S/N	Name	Address	Age	Device	Cost of the Device
1	Mr. J. A. Jayawardhana	24 th Mile post, Ampara	48	Above Knee	Rs.45,000.00
2	Mr.S.Kukenthiran	Panichchayadi, Batticaloa	35	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
3	Mr.M.Maheswaran	Kinnaiyadi, Walachchenei, Batticaloa	33	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
4	Mr.K.Ponnambalam	Pilleyar Kovil Road, Walachchenei	60	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
5	Mr.S.Paramanatham	Kalmadu Road, Mardanagar, Walachchenei	34	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
6	Mr.V.Sankar	Pennelei, Walachchenei	38	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
7	Mr.P.Niranjana	Karukolichalai, Peththale, Walachchenei	23	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
8	Mr.T.Sivaprakasham	Wattawan, Walachchenei	26	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
9	Mr.D.Mosas	Winayagauram, Walachchenei	39	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
10	Mrs.S.Selvarthnam	Kovil Kuduiruppu, Panichchankeri	55	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
11	Mr.S.Thiyagarasa	Thoni Kattamadu, Puchchakeni	63	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
12	Mr.S.Udayan	Muhuduwerala Road, Kadiraweli	35	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
13	Mr.J.Nanthapalan	Puliyankandalad, Wakarei	29	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
14	Mr.I.Edirmanasinghe	Puchchakeni, Kadiraweli	50	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
15	Mr.V.Vikneswaran Rasa	Hospital Road, Kadiraweli	38	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
16	Mr.K.Weerasingam	School Road, Kadiraweli, Vakarei	44	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
17	Mr.S.Ireshalingam	Nagapuram, Kadiraweli, Wakarei	49	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
18	Mr.S.Sajendran	Paththale, Walachchenei	29	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
19	Mrs.Thilakarani Gangadharam	Ilangeithurei, Mugattuwarem, Ichchalampatru	34	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
20	Mr.S.Udaya Mogan	Mawadibidei, Mankeni	33	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00

Stage-1

Name : Mr. J. A. Jayawardhana

Age : 48 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to a gun shot



Name : Mr.S.Kukenthiran

Age : 35 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to stepping on a land mine



Name : Mr.M.Maheswaran

Age : 33 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the Left leg due to a shell attack



Name : Mr.K.Ponnambalam

Age : 60 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to a road accident



Name : Mr.S.Paramanatham

Age : 34 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.V.Sankar

Age : 38 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the right leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.P.Niranjana

Age : 23 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.T.Sivaprakasham

Age : 26 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.D.Mosas

Age : 39 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the right leg due to a land mine



Name : Mrs.S.Selvarthnam

Age : 55 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.S.Thiyagarasa

Age : 63 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the right leg due to a Land mine



Name : Mr.S.Udayan

Age : 35 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation of the left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.J.Nanthapalan

Age : 29 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.V.Vikneswaran Rasa

Age : 38 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the right leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.I.Edirmanasinghe

Age : 50 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the left leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.K.Weerasingam

Age : 44 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation o the right leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.S.Ireshalingam

Age : 49 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the right leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.S.Sajendran

Age : 29 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the left leg due to a shell attack



Name : Mrs.Thilakarani Gangadharam

Age : 34 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the right leg due to a land mine



Name : Mr.S.Udaya Mogan

Age : 33 years

Cause of Amputation : Amputation on the right leg due to a land mine



Limbs Recipients Stage -2

S/N	Name	Address	Age	Device	Cost of the Device
1	Mr.J.M.S.P.Jayasundara	Track 2/55, Kanduketiya, Badulla	35	Above Knee	Rs.45,000.00
2	Mr.K.M.Udayakumara	Waralhinna, Munwatta	38	Above Knee	Rs.45,000.00
3	Mr.H.M.Waruna Kulasooriya	Dumunugasmulla, Kahataliyadda	19	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
4	Mr.Lakmal Thisera	Wettaragoda, Doratiyawa	18	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
5	Mr.M.Saranadasa	No.32, Henepola, Udupihilla, Matale	70	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
6	Ms.D.D.Malkanathi	No.108/5, Diyasenapura, Polonnaruwa	43	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
7	Mr.A.M.G.Muthubanda	No.152/A, kapukotuva Godamunna	71	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
8	Mr.Paul Raj	No.120/1, Matale Road, Wattegama	62	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
9	Mr. M.P.N.Bandara	No.98/B, Aluthgama road Mailpitiya	54	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
10	Mr.T.M.Kudabanda	No.95/C, Aluthgama, Jambugahapitiya	64	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
11	Mr.D.P.Kumaradasa	No.9, Kalalpitiya, Ukuwela	63	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
12	Mrs.P.P.Premawathie	Lewella, Bulathkohupitiya	56	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
13	Mr.G.P.G.Dhanapala	No.19, Deltota Watta, Galaha	63	Below Knee	Rs.20,000.00
14	Mr.G.G.Premadasa	Dombagamuwa, Malsiripura	76	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
15	Mr.B.G.Jayarathne	No.54.4, Ihalakobbakaduwa	54	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
16	Mr.M.Rosairo	No.493, Meekanuwa, Ampitiya	33	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
17	Mr.K.A.G.Jinadasa	No.96, Ruwanpura, Warallagama	74	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
18	Mr.N.Arumugam	No.26/2, Senarathwela, Rajawella	75	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
19	Mr.Abdul Lathif	No.31/1, Mahaiyawa, Kandy	60	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
20	Mr.K.G.Siril	No.10/6, Buwalikada, Kandy	62	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
21	Mr.L.P.Sisiilin	Muwanwella, Padeniya	83	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00

22	Mrs.Rosalin Nona	Idiripitiya watha kobeingan, Kurunegala	84	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
23	Ms.K.L.I.Gunasekara	No.11, Palleweragama, Kaikawela	63	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
24	Mr.Murali Krishnan	3/14 Mc Mahaiyawa, Kandy	46	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
25	Mrs.S.Vijeratnam	No.16, Stella Nivasa Gurudeniya	76	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
26	Baby Fathima Jamila	No.9/A, Mallanda, Kandy	13	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
27	Mr.Samarakoon Banda	No.52, Hureekaduwa, Menikhinna	79	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
28	Mr.E.M.Premarathne	No.11, Thurunusaviyagama, Kundasale	81	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
29	Mr.W.A.M.Waseem	227,Hapugasthalawa, Kothmale	55	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
30	Mr.T.G.S.Gunawardhana	No.A/60, Kandehena, Diyasuththana	74	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00
31	Mr.U.G.Premarathne	No.34, Hathamuna, Pilawala	73	Wheelchair	Rs.10,500.00

Stage 2



A few life experiences of some of the recipients.

Mr.Premasiri Jayasundara, 35, married with two children and lives with his family in Kandakatiya, which is located in the Badulla District. He was a farmer before he lost his leg.

This is his story:



"I had an accident while I was on my way home after working in a paddy field. I was travelling by tractor when it collided with another tractor. I was badly injured and was taken to the Badulla Hospital by the other farmers. I had been unconscious for quite some time and during that time I was given medication. I was at the hospital for two days and the doctors told me my left leg should be amputated from above the knee as it was badly injured. I underwent an operation the next day.

I returned home after nearly two months. I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through a friend of my mine and after I visited the Centre I explained my difficulty in obtaining an artificial leg as I was going through a lot of financial problems. After sometime the officials informed me that a donor was willing to sponsor the artificial limb. I was very happy when I heard this. After the required measurements were taken an artificial limb was fitted and they trained me to walk.

I feel very happy now; I can walk as before. I don't feel disabled anymore. I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor and also the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken by them to help me walk again"



Mr.K.M.Udayakumara, 38, married with a son and lives in a village called Munwatta, which is located in the Nuwara Eliya District. He lost his left leg from above the knee due to a road accident. He was a bus driver before he lost his leg.

This is his story:



“This accident happened in Walapane, while I was driving a bus which broke down and turned on its side. I was badly injured and was admitted to the Kandy General Hospital immediately. My left leg was severely damaged and the doctors told me that it should be amputated from above the knee in order to save my life. An operation was performed and my leg was amputated. I was given treatment for nearly one month and discharged.

I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through the Department of Social Services. I heard that the Centre was giving t artificial limbs to the poor, physically handicapped people. I visited the Centre and explained my financial difficulties to the officials. They took the required measurements and as there was a donor, gave me a date to come back. Once the limb was ready, the officials fitted the artificial leg and trained me to walk.

I want to express my appreciation for the generosity displayed by **Project Sri Lanka** – the donor and Centre for Handicapped. Your commitment was incredibly helpful at a time when I had lost all hope.



Mr. Waruna Kulasooriya, 19, lost his leg after a road accident.

He lives with his parents and two brothers in a village called, Kahataliyadda which is located in the Kandy District. As soon as he finished his studies he joined a company in Negombo, which sells vehicles, as a driver.

This is his tragic story:



"07th December, 2013 is the most unforgettable and horrible day of my life. I met with an accident on this day while I was on my way home from work. I was travelling by bicycle and all of a sudden I was hit by a container vehicle travelling very fast. I was badly injured, and immediately admitted to the Negombo Hospital, by the people who were around me. The doctors there informed me that my right leg was fractured and I should be immediately transferred to the Colombo General Hospital. There the doctors informed me that my right leg should be amputated from below the knee. I underwent surgery and stayed at the Hospital for nearly one month.

I was feeling sad and frustrated after the amputation of my leg. I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through a person who is known to me and I was told that I could obtain an artificial leg from this Centre. I felt very happy knowing that I would be able to walk again with the help of an artificial limb. I visited the Centre for Handicapped and I was warmly welcomed by the officials. I explained my difficulty in obtaining an artificial limb since I was going through a lot of financial difficulties. The officials understood my situation and they decided to give me an artificial leg since there was sponsor. They took the required measurements and gave me a date to come back. When I visited the Centre again, I was fitted with an artificial leg which was made for me and they trained me to walk. I felt very happy when I walked with the help of the artificial leg.

I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor for giving me another chance to walk again by providing an artificial limb and also the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their enormous support and kindness. "



Mr. Lakmal Thisera is 18 years old and has one brother. He lives in a village called Mallavapitiya, which is located in the Kurunegala District. A few months ago, after a train accident, Lakmal had his right leg amputated from below the knee.

This is his story:



“As soon as I finished my studies I started helping my older brother to run his small business. On that unfortunate day, I met with a train accident while returning home from Gattuwana. The accident took place at the Kurunegala railway station. I was trying to get into a moving train, but I slipped and fell off. I was badly injured and was admitted to the Kurunegala General Hospital. I was given medication and a few days later the doctors told me that my right leg should be amputated as it was very badly injured. I underwent surgery and had to stay in Hospital getting treatment for nearly one year.

After returning home I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through one of my relatives. I visited the Centre and after explaining my financial difficulties to the officers, they told me that they had a donor and took the required measurements/ assessments and gave me a date to come again. After a few days they fitted the artificial limb and trained me to walk.

I was so happy to be back on my feet. I had lost all hope of walking again. I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor for sponsoring the artificial limb and the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken by them to help me walk again.



Mr.Saranadasa is a 70 year old father of a son and daughter and lives in Matala. He was a clerk before he lost his leg.

This is his story:



"I had a blister on the little toe of my right foot. I did not take much care of it and it didn't heal. Then I went to the Matala General Hospital to get treatment. The doctors took some tests and told me that I was suffering from diabetes. They said that my right leg should be amputated as soon as possible before the infection could spread. I was transferred to the Colombo General Hospital to get my right leg amputated and I returned home after one month.

I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through a person who works at Centre. He told me that I could obtain an artificial limb there. Then I visited the Centre with my wife and explained the financial difficulties we were facing since I lost my leg. The officials at the Centre told me that they will provide me an artificial limb as they had a donor. I was requested to come for the assessment where they took the measurements and gave me another date to call over. They then fitted me with the artificial leg and trained me to walk.

I sincerely thank **Project Sri Lanka** , the donor who made it possible for me to walk again and I also appreciate the kindness and concern of the staff at Centre for Handicapped."



Ms.D.D.Malkanthi, 43, is unmarried, and lives with her mother in Diyasenapura, Polonnaruwa.



“I had a small wound on my right leg. I did not take much care of it since it was not a very serious one. Although I applied a home remedy, the wound did not seem to heal. Then after a few days I went to the Colombo General Hospital to get treatment. The doctors conducted some tests and revealed that I was suffering from diabetes. They said that my right leg should be amputated from below the knee before the infection spreads all over my body. I underwent surgery and returned home with only one leg after four months.

I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped in Kundasale through one of my friends and visited the Centre and explained my financial difficulties to them. I was very happy when they told me that they could give me an artificial leg free of charge, since there was a generous donor who had come forward as a sponsor. After obtaining the necessary measurements, the leg was fitted and they trained me to walk.

I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor, for the artificial limb, and also the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken by them to help me walk again,” she said happily.



Mr.Muthubanda, 71, is married with four children and lives in a village called Godamunna, which is located in the Kandy District. He was a vegetable seller before he lost his right leg.

This is his story:



There was a blister in my right leg and a few days later it developed into a wound. I was under medical treatment for nearly a month at the Kandy General Hospital, but it wasn't getting better. Tests conducted revealed that I was a diabetic; hence my wound was not healing. I was thereafter admitted to the Colombo General Hospital and was treated for twenty days. But there were no signs of the wound healing; it was getting worse, so the doctor decided to amputate my leg from below the knee.

During this period I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped in Kundasale, and visited the Centre. The staff there took the required measurements and gave me a date to come back as they had a donor who was paying for my limb. They made a suitable limb for me which was then fitted and I was trained to walk.

"I would like to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor who made it possible for me to walk again. Also the staff members of the Centre for Handicapped for their kind concern to the patients like me in our time of difficulty"



Mr. Vincent Paul Raj, 62, is unmarried and lives with his younger brother in Wattegama which is located in the Kandy District. He met with an accident and lost his left leg from below the knee. He was a draper before he lost his leg.

This is his story:



“On that unfortunate day, I was waiting at the bus stop in Wattegama. This accident was caused by a drunken bus driver who lost control of his vehicle and knocked me down, injuring me badly. I was immediately admitted to the Wattegama General hospital by the people who were around me and the doctors recommended that I should be immediately transferred to the Peradeniya Hospital, since my condition was very serious. There, I was given medication, and after a week my left leg started to rot away. Then the doctors said that my left leg should be amputated in order to save my life. I underwent surgery and had to stay at the Peradeniya Hospital for nearly two months until I was fully recovered.

While at home I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through a person who is known to me, and visited the Centre. After having explained my present financial situation to the officials at the Centre they agreed to fix an artificial limb free of charge as they had a donor who was paying for my limb. Accordingly they referred me for the necessary measurements and fitted me with an artificial limb.

“I don’t feel disabled anymore. I attend to all my work as I did previously. I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor, and also the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken by them to help me walk again.”



Mr.M.P.N.Bandara is a 54 year old unmarried person who lives with his mother in Mailapitiya which is located in the Matale District. He worked under a contractor as a helper before he lost his leg.

This is his story:

“A small wound appeared on the bottom of my left foot and I suffered in pain for days. Then I went to the Matale General Hospital to get medicine. The doctors conducted an X-Ray test which revealed that the bones had started decaying. . They told me that my left leg should be amputated from below the knee before it spreads any further. Two days later I underwent surgery and I had to stay at the Hospital for three weeks.



After I returned home, it took nearly nine months to recover completely. During this period I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through a person who has been given an artificial limb from this Centre. I felt very happy knowing that I may be able to walk again.

When I visited the Centre for handicapped and explained my financial difficulties to the officials they said that they have a donor who will sponsor my limb and gave me a date to come again. When I visited the Centre again, my measurements were taken and I stayed at the Centre for Handicapped until the fitting of the artificial limb. I was given training in how to use the limb and I cannot express how happy I am.

“This is all because of **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor who came forward to sponsor an artificial limb for me. I thank Project Sri Lanka very much for the kindness shown to poor handicapped persons like me, and also the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their humanitarian service”.



Mr.T.M.Kudabanda, 64, married with four children and lives in Jambugahapitiya, which is located in the Kandy District. He was a mason before he lost his leg.

This is his story:



“On that unfortunate day, I was working with a machine and my leg got caught in it. I was admitted to the Peradeniya Teaching Hospital and the doctors informed me that my leg was severely damaged and it had to be amputated from below the knee. Accordingly they performed the operation. I was treated at the Hospital for nearly a month. I felt so helpless and upset that I had lost my leg.

During this period I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped through a friend and visited the Centre and appealed for help from them. The officials at this Centre told me that they have a donor and gave me a date to come again. They took the required measurements and fabricated a leg for me. A few days later an artificial leg was fitted.

“I feel very happy, because I don’t feel disabled anymore. I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor, for the limb. I also thank the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken by them.”



Mr.D.Kumaradasa, 63, is married with two children and lives in a village called Ukuwela, which is located in the Matale District.

This is his story:



“There was a small wound on my right foot and even though I treated it, the wound did not heal. Then I went to the Matale General Hospital and the doctors took some tests which revealed that I was suffering from Diabetes. I was told that my right leg from below the knee should be amputated in order to save my life. I was transferred to the Badulla General Hospital and I underwent surgery. I had to stay at the Badulla Hospital for nearly eight months and returned home after I was fully recovered.

I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped in Kundasale, through a person who is known to me and visited the Centre and explained my financial difficulties to them. I was indeed very happy when they informed me that an artificial leg could be given to me, free of charge, as there was a generous donor who had come forward as a sponsor. After obtaining the necessary measurements, a leg was fitted and they trained me to walk.

“I take this opportunity to thank **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor, for the artificial limb and also the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken by them to help me walk again.”



Mrs.Premawathi is a 56 year old lady, who has a daughter and two sons. She lives in Lewella which is located in the Kandy District.

This is her story:

“There was a wound on my right leg and I did not take care of it, thinking it was only a small wound, and continued with my usual work. A few days later, I felt severe pain in my leg. I obtained treatment from the Kegalle Hospital, but the wound got worse and there was no sign of healing. After a few tests, the doctors revealed that I was suffering from diabetes. A few days later, the doctors informed me that my right leg had to be amputated from below the knee. They then operated and amputated my leg.



I was at the Kegalle Hospital for three months. During that period, I came to know about the Centre for Handicapped, Kundasale, through a friend of my husband. After returning home, I visited the Centre with my husband. After having explained my financial difficulties to the authorities at the Centre, they subsequently informed me about a donor who was willing to sponsor a limb. The Officials at this Centre took the required measurements and gave me a date to come back, after which an artificial limb was fitted and they trained me to walk.

“I take this opportunity in thanking **Project Sri Lanka**, the generous donor for donating an artificial limb and the staff at the Centre for Handicapped for their kindness and all the efforts taken to help me to walk again.”



Mr.Dhanapala, 63, is married and lives in Galaha, which is located in the Kandy District and lived a happy life with his wife and 14 year old daughter. He was a carpenter before he lost his leg.

This is his story:

“A small wound appeared on my leg and after a few days I could feel a great pain in my left leg which started to swell. I got nervous and went to the Kandy General Hospital to get some medicine. In spite of this, the pain and the swelling in my leg did not get better. Again after a few days, I went to the Kandy General Hospital and there the doctors told me that an infection had got into my leg and my left leg should be amputated before it spread all over my body. The doctors performed an operation and amputated my leg and I had to stay at the Hospital for nearly one month.



One of the doctors who treated me during my stay at the Hospital told me that I could obtain an artificial leg from The Centre for Handicapped. When I visited the Centre, I was warmly welcomed by the officials and when I explained my difficulty in obtaining an artificial limb since I was going through a lot of financial difficulties, they understood my situation and decided to give me an artificial leg since

there was a donor. They took my measurements and gave me an appointment on another date. When I came back to the Centre the officials fitted me with an artificial leg which was made especially for me. I felt very happy when I was able to walk again.

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Name : Mr.G.G.Premadasa
Age : 76 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Mr.B.G.Jayarathne
Age : 54 years
Disability: Weakness



Name :Mr.M.Rosairo
Age : 33 years
Disability: Congenital Deformities



Name : Mr.K.A.G.Jinadasa
Age : 74 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Mr.N.Arumugam
Age : 75 years
Disability: Amputation due to Diabetes



Name : Mr.Abdul Lathif
Age : 60 years
Disability: Weakness



Name : Mr.K.G.Siril
Age : 62 years
Disability: Weakness



Name : Mrs.L.P.Sisilin
Age : 83 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Mrs.Rosalin Nona
Age : 84 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Ms.K.L.I.Gunasekara
Age : 63 years
Disability: Congenital Deformities



Name : Mr.Murali Krishnan
Age : 46 years
Disability: Amputation due to Diabetes



Name : Ms.Fathima Jamila
Age : 13 years
Disability: Congenital Deformities



Name : Mr.Samarakoon Banda
Age : 79 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Mr.E.M.Premarathne
Age : 81 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Mr.W.A.M.Waseem
Age :57 years
Disability: Diabetes



Name : Mr.T.G.S.Gunawardhana
Age : 74 years
Disability: Weakness



Name : Mrs. S.Vijeratnam
Age :76 years
Disability: Paralysis



Name : Mr.U.G.Premarathne
Age : 73 years
Disability: Weakness



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disappear in a second. Those of us who are lucky to have the gift of mobility owe it to our less fortunate brothers and sisters to do all we can to make life for them a little better tomorrow than what it was today.