

LADANI PEACE PROJECT

Theme : South Meeting North – Peace between the Sinhala and Tamil children.

Dates : 13th to 15th of December 2019

Place : at Mullaitivu, 3rd Mile Post, Silawattai Road,

Participants : Ladani Sinhala children – One Hundred and Eighty

Sixty local children from Mullaitivu

Mullaitivu – Uduppukulam Parish

Alampil Parish



Rev. Fr. Director is explaining the purpose of the programme

Altogether more than 300 children – The priests of Mullaitivu Parish also participated.

13th December at 5.00 p.m. – Inauguration of the programme

- # The Sinhala children were warmly welcomed by the local Tamil children and the - Mullaitivu Ladani children received them with a warm kiss and offers a lighted candle.
- # A welcome drink and biscuits were offered.
- # There was very cordial union.



Marching towards the Ladani Home



Children arriving from 3 buses



Welcoming Pottu



All what we need is peace



Serving welcome drinks and biscuits



May all our hearts fill with peace

14th December - Cleaning Programme

- # At 7.45 a.m. the city cleaning began.
- # The police gave a very good support.
- # The people – the shop owners were extremely happy and on their own they volunteered - to treat all the children with cool drinks and biscuits etc.
- # The people of the area were emotionally overwhelmed to see the Southern children - coming all the way from that far to clean their streets. Some elders said that they do not want any big talk and seminars and what they wanted is the programme of such nature - and they are ready to bring the Northern children in April to do such a cleaning - programme etc. At 11.45 a.m. the shramadana ended and that little work was a tremendous success.



Instructing the children on road safety



Scattered garbage is collected



Cleaning the streets in various positions



All the children played together in a very high spirit.





15th December Evening - Afternoon

- # Sinhala and Tamil children from Ladani – the children from Alampil – the children from - Uduppukulam displayed their talents.
- # The army – 591 Brigade Commander and the whole team (about 35 soldiers) gave their full support for three days as a sign of appreciation of the concept.
- # Then the Air Force too gave a tremendous support. All want to live in union with others. They provided short-eats to the participants.
- # All joined in high spirit happily.
- # The Southern children beautifully danced to the Tamil music of Tamil Baila.
- # The elder children and the youth were there from Mullitivu - Alampil and Uduppukulam - parishes with their Parish Priests
- # OMI fathers' participation made an added beauty.



Ladani Band



Ladani children are performing carols



A child from Uduppukulam Parish



Ladani children are performing their items



The children from Alampil Parish



Tamil children from the locality