Visit of Sponsor Parents - Ms. Alexandra Siegel & Mr. Siegel

As part of our scholarship programme, we were honored to welcome sponsor parent Ms. Alexandra Siegel and her husband, Mr. Siegel, to our center during their visit to Sri Lanka. Their visit provided a valuable opportunity to meet their sponsored daughter, interact with other scholarship children, and observe the educational and development activities taking place at our center. The day was filled with meaningful conversations, joyful moments and memorable experiences for everyone involved.



In September, our scholarship center had the pleasure of welcoming sponsor parent Ms. Alexandra Siegel and her husband, Mr. Siegel, who visited Sri Lanka to meet their sponsored daughter and several other scholarship children. Their visit was a memorable occasion for both the children and our staff.

On Saturday, 19 September, regular extra classes were being conducted at our center as scheduled. However, it was a particularly special day because we were eagerly looking forward to welcoming our sponsor parents.

At around 9.00 a.m., Ms. Alexandra Siegel and Mr. Siegel arrived at the center. They received a very warm welcome from their sponsored daughter, 529 - Sithumi Sihathma, who was delighted to meet them in person.

Following the welcome, everyone proceeded to the temple shrine where, according to our tradition, a tray of white lotus flowers was offered to the Lord Buddha. Afterwards, our

guests were taken on a short tour of the temple premises, including the newly constructed Buddha Shrine and several other important areas within the monastery.

After the temple visit, everyone gathered at the office where refreshments were served. During this time, our guests had the opportunity to have a friendly discussion with our Chief Incumbent Monk. They also spent time talking with their sponsored daughter and interacted warmly with several other scholarship children.

Ms. Alexandra Siegel had brought gifts not only for her sponsored daughter but also for a number of other children. In addition, she kindly distributed gifts that had been sent by other sponsor parents to their respective sponsored children. The children were overjoyed to receive these thoughtful presents and sincerely appreciated the love and care shown by their sponsors.

Afterwards, a small group consisting of the visiting sponsors, the resident monk and a member of our staff visited the ongoing supplementary classes. They met the teachers, observed the classroom activities and spent time speaking with the children. The sponsors showed genuine interest in the children's education and encouraged them warmly. At the end of the classroom visits, small refreshments were distributed to the children as a token of love and appreciation.

The visitors were also very interested in learning about the recent development projects at our center. They carefully observed the renovated computer room and received an update on the progress of the Smart Classroom project, including the facilities already completed and the educational opportunities it will provide for the children.

Furthermore, they discussed the proposed dining hall project that is planned for the scholarship children. They were informed about the design, future construction plans and the expected benefits of this project. They also visited the newly completed kitchen, where they spoke with the parents who were preparing meals for the children and learned about the meal preparation process.

Later, back at the office, the sponsors spent more quality time with the selected scholarship children who had received gifts. They enjoyed friendly conversations, shared experiences and created many joyful moments together.

Lunch was then served, which had been lovingly prepared by the children's parents. This provided another valuable opportunity for everyone to enjoy fellowship in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

After spending a meaningful and memorable day with the children, staff members and the temple community, Ms. Alexandra Siegel and Mr. Siegel concluded their visit and departed from the temple premises at around 2.00 p.m.

Their visit brought immense happiness to Sithumi Sihathma and to all the scholarship children who had the opportunity to meet them. The kindness, generosity and genuine care shown throughout the day created lasting memories for everyone involved.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Alexandra Siegel and Mr. Siegel for their generous support, their thoughtful gifts and, above all, for the love and encouragement they shared with our children. We sincerely hope to welcome them again in the future.



Ms. Alexandra Siegel and Mr. Siegel received a warm welcome upon their arrival at the scholarship center.



Offering white lotus flowers at the temple as a symbol of respect and blessings.



Friendly discussions with the Chief Incumbent Monk at the center office.



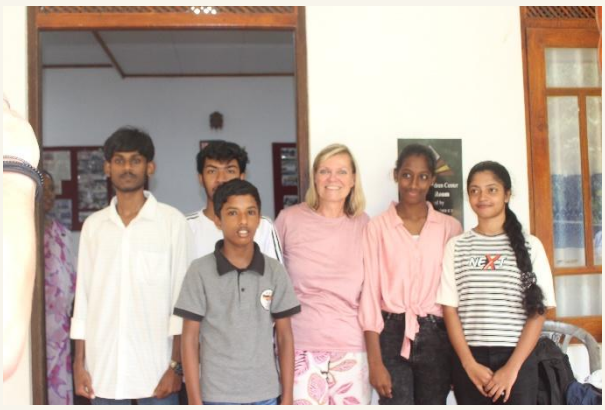
Gifts brought with love for the sponsored children were distributed during the visit.





Visiting the classes and interacting with the children and teachers.





A memorable group photograph taken before the sponsors concluded their visit.

The visit of Ms. Alexandra Siegel and Mr. Siegel was a truly meaningful occasion that strengthened the bond between the sponsors and the scholarship children. Their kindness, generosity and genuine interest in the children's education and well-being brought great happiness to everyone at the center. We sincerely appreciate their continued support and look forward to welcoming them again in the future.

- Tesheema Chammi -