Celebrating a Bond Beyond Borders



We were delighted to warmly welcome our German sponsors, Mr. Frank Elbe and Mrs. Caroline Elbe, to our Scholarship Centre on Saturday morning. This visit was especially meaningful as it was the first time, after many years, that they had the opportunity to meet the child they have been generously supporting through our sponsorship programme.

Upon their arrival at around **9.00 a.m.**, they received a heartfelt welcome from their sponsored child. The emotional reunion created a memorable beginning to a day filled with warmth, friendship, and cultural exchange.

Following the welcome, the visitors were guided around the temple premises. Together with the Chief Venerable Monk, they visited the Shrine Room, the Sacred Bodhi Tree, the Stupa, and other important places within the temple, learning more about the spiritual and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka.

After the temple tour, the guests were invited to the office for morning tea before joining the regular Saturday classes. They visited each classroom, spending time with the children, engaging in friendly conversations, and encouraging them with their warm smiles and kind words. As a special gesture of affection, they distributed sweets to every child.

The children warmly welcomed the visitors and proudly presented songs in both English and German, creating a joyful and lively atmosphere. Their confidence and enthusiasm reflected the positive impact of the educational opportunities provided through the sponsorship programme.

The sponsors also spent time with the parents who voluntarily prepare lunch for the children every Saturday. Friendly conversations were shared, allowing both sides to learn more about each other's cultures and experiences.

One of the most heartwarming moments of the day took place during lunchtime. Mr. Frank Elbe and Mrs. Caroline Elbe voluntarily joined the lunch service, personally serving rice, curry, and other food items to the children before having their lunch. Their humble participation brought great happiness to both the children and the volunteers.

Later in the afternoon, following the arrival of the Chief Venerable Monk, gifts and souvenirs prepared by both the sponsors and the child were exchanged as tokens of friendship and appreciation. The meaningful exchange reflected the strong bond that has grown through the sponsorship programme over the years.

At around **2.00 p.m.**, the sponsors concluded their visit and returned to their accommodation after spending a truly memorable day with the children, parents, volunteers, and staff. Before leaving, they expressed their happiness and appreciation for the warm hospitality they had received and looked forward to meeting everyone again on Monday, 26 October, for another special gathering.

The visit was a wonderful reminder that the sponsorship programme is much more than financial assistance—it is a relationship built on kindness, compassion, friendship, and mutual respect. It created lasting memories for everyone and further strengthened the bond between our sponsors and the children they lovingly support.





Exploring the temple and experiencing the spiritual heritage of Sri Lanka.







Sharing warm conversations over traditional Sri Lankan hospitality.



Meeting the children and witnessing their enthusiasm for learning.



Students proudly presenting songs in English and German to welcome our special guests.



Serving lunch with love—an inspiring moment of humility, kindness, and togetherness.



Exchanging gifts and treasured memories as symbols of lasting friendship.

- Tesheema Chammi -