

MEMBERS FORUM

Jungle Tide, Udawela, Kandy

<https://www.jungletide.com>

This guest house is located 30 minutes from Kandy, on the Hanthana tea plantation, in the Hanthana mountain range. Plenty of hiking and walking available in the mountains and local villages and tea plantations.



Members will remember this delicious image from Sarah Callaghan's list of Places to Stay in the Tea Country (Summer Newsletter). Well now you can not only sit on that lovely veranda as a guest, there is now an opportunity to make it your own!

Sally and Jerry Smith have reluctantly decided to retire and, while they will continue to welcome guests for the foreseeable future, they are putting Jungle Tide up either for sale, or perhaps as a semi-permanent house exchange (probably in the UK) or long term rental.

Whatever happens, their excellent staff will be staying on in their own accommodation separate from, but close to, the house so that, if you wanted to employ them, the smooth running of Jungle Tide is assured.

Do have a look at their website and write directly to them at jungletide@gmail.com or telephone +94779810631

Funding appeal by Mohan Samarasinhe on behalf of We Are One Sri Lanka

With the Third Wave infection rate of the Indian variant rising and the vaccination programme lagging, it is inevitable that the death rate will increase. We are receiving urgent requests for vital equipment such as ventilators and oximeters, particularly from those hospitals where our former medical students are now working diligently as doctors.

We Are One Sri Lanka donated 4 Dyson style hand dryers for the COVID-19 Unit at Karapitiya unit at a cost of Rs.86,000 (£320) each and, with the help of our partner charity, CandleAid Sri Lanka, within one week of having received an urgent request by the Covid-19 Unit at Mullaitivu Hospital, ventilators were donated both there and to the COVID-19 Units at Kilinochchi, Nawalapitiya, Karapitiya and Matara Hospitals where these and other vital pieces of equipment are desperately needed.

We wouldn't have been able to provide this help without the generosity of our donors to whom we extend our grateful thanks. Every penny of all donations goes towards the purchase of these items and we thank CandleAid Lanka for waiving all administration costs for this and all our previous disaster relief programmes.

On receipt of the ventilators donated to the Mullaitivu Hospital and the Matara Covid-19 Unit, the Director of Mullaitivu Hospital wrote: "We received the High Flow Oxygen Device last night and it's going to be used for an infant with respiratory condition today morning itself. We are so grateful on behalf of the Hospital & Community. It's indeed a great coincidence that we got the device yesterday. If we didn't have this, our Paediatric Team would be calling several hospitals, sometimes even to Colombo or Kandy, to transfer the infant - Dr Soban, Director". It was particularly gratifying to hear that the ventilator donated to the District General Hospital in Mullaitivu was delivered just in time to save the life of an infant.

Anyone wishing to donate towards our appeal can send their cheques, made payable to We Are One Sri Lanka, to the following address with a letter stating that they are UK taxpayers - or directly to our bank account, details of which are also given below.

We Are One Sri Lanka,
Flat 10, Halyard Court,
267 Lymington Road,
Highcliffe-on-Sea, Dorset, BH23 5FW

Barclays Bank
We Are One Sri Lanka Account no. 23944778 Sort Code 20-54-11

If you prefer to donate via bank transfer, please email the Gift Aid letter to me at mohan@samarasinhe.com

Please give what you can afford. No amount is too little. Even £10 (£12:50 under Gift Aid) will be greatly appreciated.

Blessings

Mohan Samarasinhe
Chairman, Board of Trustees



"We received the BiPAP machine with all accessories today". This is Dr Anoja Rodrigo (Director of TH Rathnapura) receiving it at his office.