



Guy's Mercy Mission

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A few moments of your time could make the difference of a lifetime to a child and its family.

The Guy's (Paediatric Cardiac surgery) Mercy Mission to Sri Lanka has the clear aim of offering treatment for congenital heart disease for Sri Lankan children. At present, only a minority of children in Sri Lanka have access to such care. By working in conjunction with local medical teams it is hoped there will be a lasting benefit for affected children.



The charity was set up by London resident, Jai Lameer, who underwent open-heart surgery in 2001 at the cardiac unit of London's Guy's hospital. His gratitude for his 'new lease of life' inspired him to mobilise the support of Sri Lankans to bring the paediatric cardiac surgical team from Guy's Hospital to his native town of Colombo. The first mission was at the National Hospital in Colombo in April 2002 and there have been three further visits since then.

The team is led by Conal Austin, one of the UK's leading consultant cardiothoracic surgeons and John Simpson, a top UK paediatric cardiologist. In total, a team of 12 individuals provide comprehensive care from anaesthesia, intra-operative care, and care on the intensive care unit after surgery. Over 100 children are assessed on each mission of whom 14-15 undergo surgery. Undertaking these surgical cases completely free of charge, the Guy's Mercy Mission involve local doctors and nurses in all aspects of care with the aim of leaving a lasting benefit. The intention is to establish an ongoing relationship between the two countries and create a training fellowship at our centre.

The charity has had substantial support from the Sri Lankan business community coupled with generous offers from airlines and hotels to bring down the cost of such missions to a total of around £15,000 for each ten day mission. This is approximately one tenth of the cost of bringing such children to the UK for treatment.

We are grateful for any contributions to permit us to continue our work. We assure you that this will be money well spent on a deserving cause.

Thank you.



Below are the stories of two patients the Guy's Mercy Mission team have operated on.

BABY DHAMMIKA YOSHITHA

Dear Guy's Team,

My little son is everything to me, those who saved his life are divine people who gave us happiness in our life. Yoshitha was the third child after two miscarriages, and he had to be born with a heart defect, if not for your team our third child would also be a dream.

The child is growing well, and there is no difference between him and other children in the village, if not for you we will not be enjoying such happiness.

Please, let us know before you come to Sri Lanka, we would like to see you in front of our eyes, and when he grows up we will let him how he survived and teach him to serve people when he becomes a man. May god protect the doctor who had an accident and give them strength to serve other poor children in the World.

Extracts from a letter written by A.M.A.Ranjit - Father

BABY SILUNI ABEYSHIKA

Prayer being answered.

Father Terrance – Chaplain St Peter & Paul Church, Ragama, conducts a mass every Friday evening, attended by 3-4000 people, at one such mass he prayed to God to save the life of a baby who had Congenital Heart Disease.

Dominic one of our local supporters was at the church that evening, bought the matter to our notice, the parents were instructed to bring their child to Dr John Simpson's Echo Cardiograph Clinic and join the queue. Dr Simpson had a busy clinic, he examined and made assessments of about 150 patients during the six days when operations were in progress in the adjacent theatre. Siluni was a fortunate child to have been selected, it was a prayer answered.

During our second mission we were invited to the Church, only Jai was able to attend and was astounded by the number of devotees who had turned up for the mass. Father Terrance is now an ardent supporter of Guy's Mercy Mission.

Siluni, the youngest of three girls has now got another younger sister, is doing well and is one of our star performers.

In order to make our continuing Mercy Missions possible and fulfil our promise, we are in need of your help and support.

Guy's Mercy Mission Gift Aid Declaration



Please return completed Gift Aid forms and any donations to:

Guy's Mercy Mission 66 Smitham Downs Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 4NF

Thank you for your much valued donation. If you would kindly complete this Gift Aid Declaration the fund can claim back from the Government an additional 28% for every £1.00 donated (UK taxpayers only). Thank you for your support.

This declaration only applies to **GUY'S MERCY MISSION**. For this declaration to be valid you must pay UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax on at least the gross amount of this donation.

Any taxpayer can enhance their donation by completing this gift aid declaration.

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Therefore the total donation the Charity will receive is **£12.80**

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Therefore the total donation the Charity will receive is **£128.00**

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Therefore the total donation the Charity will receive is **£1,280**

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Fund Name: **GUY'S MERCY MISSION**

Charity Name: **British Charity Registration No. 1111275**

Declaration

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Date _____

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