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THE POWER
OF KINDNESS
Sri Lanka Update.



2006 AT A GLANCE
Service International's
Upcoming Trips and Projects



GET INVOLVED
Your Participation is
Needed to Help People.

The Power of Kindness.

Tsunami Relief Project: Sri Lanka.

Since April 2005, Service International (SI) has sent seven volunteer teams to work with local Sri Lankans impacted by the devastating tsunami that hit in December of 2004. Recently, a team of 15 volunteers returned to the States after building the walls of eight houses during their twelve-day trip.

Volunteer Ray Zepp, tells of an elderly woman who had been sleeping outside by the edge of a trail. Everything she had was washed out to sea. "I wish you could have seen the delight on her face when we brought her food, invited her to eat with us, and began building her a house. It's amazing to be able to bring so much joy to these gentle, loving people."



Bringing Joy.

SI Touches People's Lives With The Love Of Jesus.



Rebuilding Lives.

SI Helps Provide Some Of The First Permanent Housing.

SI's work in Sri Lanka has brought tangible hope to the people and it has also boosted the local economy. SI has hired local workers to make bricks; contracted professional stonemasons to train these workers; and purchased two brick-making machines to increase productivity and efficiency.

To date, SI has completed 59 homes, and 33 more are under construction. These houses are being built without consideration for religion, race, or caste barriers, and the people of Sri Lanka are experiencing the hands-on love and kindness of Jesus Christ!

A Volunteer's Thoughts: "I knew I would learn a lot about Sri Lanka and the people there, but I had no idea I would learn so much about myself."

Service International Profile.

For more than a decade, Service International has been coordinating relief efforts locally, nationally, and around the globe—mobilizing volunteers to alleviate suffering caused by floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and war.



Get Involved.

Volunteer.

SI volunteers are quick to say how helping people has changed them deeply. You, too, can make a difference in people's lives. Contact SI to ask how you can get involved.

Pray.

Pray for health, courage, civil order, and relief for the hurting people who have been affected by recent disasters. Also, please pray for the leadership of SI as they continue to organize and facilitate rebuilding and hope-building.

Give.

Help fund SI's continued relief efforts in Sri Lanka and around the world. Donate online at serviceinternational.org or use the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

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Hurricane Katrina Relief: Gulf Coast.

Work trips will continue to serve the people in Mississippi and Louisiana for the foreseeable future. Groups or individuals are welcome to participate.

Vacation Bible School: Kosovo.

Nine hundred kids attended each day of this high energy, three-day event. 2006 trip dates: June 28 – July 10.

Medical Mission: Kosovo.

Last year, more than 400 Kosovar widows and orphans received free medical care. 2006 trip dates: July 21 – 30.

Tsunami Relief: Sri Lanka

Next trip: June 1 – 10.

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