



Reflections

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Artificial Limbs to 11 Deserving Persons

With part of the funds raised from Charity Dinner 2015, together with funds from a generous donor, Lak Saviya Foundation Australia provided artificial limbs to 11 deserving recipients, through the Centre for Handicapped, Kandy, Sri Lanka (<http://cfhsrilanka.org/>), between March and May 2016.

For these recipients, reasons for losing a leg were: Vehicle accidents (3 recipients); Work related accidents (3 recipients); Vascular disease (2 recipients); Diabetes (2 recipients); and, Birth defect (1 recipient).

We would like to share with you the story of one of those recipients.

"I am a 56 years old cattle farmer from Rathnapura District. While working I went to the woods to cut grass for cattle and accidentally trampled on a trap gun which shot me below my right knee. I was rushed to Rathnapura General Hospital, where the doctors informed that my right leg is severely damaged and has to be removed from below the knee. I was transferred to Colombo General Hospital for surgery, hospitalized for nearly 06 months, and went back home with only one leg.

When I was home, a friend of mine told me about the Centre for Handicapped. I visited the Centre and the officials listened to my problems. They agreed to fit an artificial limb as there was a Donor willing to sponsor a limb to a needy person. Thereafter, I was referred for necessary measurements and after fitting the artificial leg they trained me to walk. Now I am ready to go home, and can continue my routine work (cattle farming) and take care of my family. My sincere thanks and gratitude to the generous donor, and the members of the Centre for Handicapped for giving me a new life."

Photos of 5 out of the 11 Recipients below – published with their consent.



Funds raised from Charity Dinner 2015 was also used for following projects:

1. Rehabilitation of gender abused females through Center for Disadvantaged Women, Dummalasooriya, Sri Lanka.
2. Teacher salaries for Lak Aruna IT Education Centre, Passara, Sri Lanka.

Thank You for Your Continuing Support