

# OCEAN STARS TRUST

## BATTICALOA VINCENTS PROGRAMME

### QUESTION & ANSWER SHEET

#### **1. What is the background to the scheme?**

Ocean Stars Trust was introduced to St Vincent Girls School, Batticaloa by Rev David Jebb former Methodist Minister at Farnborough and Aldershot and currently at Gillingham Methodist Church, Kent. His two nieces who lost their mother in the Tsunami attend this school and he wanted to set up a scholarship scheme in her memory to help the poorest girls who attend the school. As the Ocean Stars Trust wants to help the young disadvantaged people of Sri Lanka we decided to take on the project and find 10 sponsors in the UK. During our last visit in October 2005 Dilanee met with the Principal of St Vincent Girls School and agreed to find the sponsors as soon as possible.

#### **2. How does the scheme work?**

All of the 10 children for whom we are seeking sponsorship have an information sheet giving details of the child & their interests. Once we have allocated you a child to sponsor then each donor should pay £10 per month/£120 per year to Ocean Stars Trust. OST will send the money to Sri Lanka in a single transaction in order to minimise the bank charges.

Ocean Stars Trust will transfer the money to St Vincent Girl's School. The School will set up an account for each child and transfer the funds each month. The funds will be administered by the school and be part of the school audit.

#### **3. What will my donation buy for the child?**

The money will go towards the child's education. Paying for any extra lessons they might need after school, the purchase of textbooks and school resources, school uniform and shoes as well as any other extra curricular activity the child may enjoy like music and sport.

#### **4. How long does the scheme run for?**

We ask that individuals commit for a minimum of one year. However it would be great if donors could commit sponsorship until the child is 18 years old. Individuals can withdraw by giving three month's notice in writing to OST. However we would obviously prefer as much notice as possible in order for us to find a new sponsor for the child.

#### **5. How do I find out more information?**

Should you have any further questions then you can contact either Dilanee Bunter on 01252 692248.