

We, Plus CLC, Leunis CLC and Loyola CLC which are functioning under Batticaloa

Region, usually select a family that finds it difficult to celebrate the Christmas and New

Year during the Christmas eve and provide some economical support as sharing of joy

and the good message of new born king, the Jesus with the family. All of our community

members are involved in this sharing through their contribution and presence.

We did the same thing for the year during the Christmas season. We selected a family that didn't prepare for the celebration of Christmas and the New Year because of the poverty and lack of support. It is a women headed family with a 12 years old daughter **Mary Roshani** and an 11 years old son **Vincent Paul**. Mother **Mary Francesca 47 years** old is breadwinner of the family and is managing the needs through her small earning from her house maid work. **Her husband was killed in an incident Vavuniya which north part of Sri Lanka when he was went for business. She is living with her kids at Kumarapuram in Batticaloa.** During this Christmas season, her family had double joy as the elder daughter attained puberty. Age attainment is an important event according to the local custom & tradition.

Though mother hasn't had the capacity to celebrate it according to the local custom & tradition, they organized the ceremony.

We collected these details through our field visits and decided to support them.

Our members contribute for the coast from their personal income and bought some dry food items. Some our community members & friends collected over 3000 SL Rupees to give them. Finally 25<sup>th</sup> morning, our members who were able to participate, made the visit to their home and had a short stay there. During that time, we had chat with the mother and explain of our reason for sharing the items and money. We shared the Christmas message too.

We usually avoid taking any photographs when we visit and share things with families.

We want to show the respect and keep privacy of the family. Even though this is not an apostolic mission but it is our way of sharing the Christmas joy and practice the CLC way of sharing.

