

**Child Friendly Safe Place in Sinnapaduwa by Good Shepherd Sisters
in Partnership with Kindernothilfe**



**Inauguration of the Project
Child Friendly Safe space at Sinnapaduwa.**

The long awaited remarkable day dawned on 31st July 2017. This day is memorable to us Good Shepherd sisters, as it marks the 220th birthday of our dear Foundress St. Mary Euphrasia. The project was inaugurated with a simple ceremony that marked the beginning of our Good Shepherd sisters wanting to move into a deeper dimension of Sinnapaduwa Community making an effort to uplift the life patterns of children in a holistic approach.

Our dream is to pave the way to create a child friendly space for the children of the community of Sinnapaduwa where they would be enabled to bring out their inborn talents. This effort of ours will ensure the rights and the protection of the child. We believe that creating a space for children would enhance their rapid growth and bring about change in their lives. We hope to interact with the parents specially the mothers, to be more sensitive to uplift the lives of their children. In addition we too hope to form self-help groups to empower the mothers in the village, to take responsibility for the wellbeing of their village and the safety of their children. As we take this initiative to empower this community, it is the partnership of KNH that has strengthened to journey together and make our dream a reality.



The inauguration took place in the presence of his Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Valence Mendis, the Bishop of Chilaw, Rev. Sr. Francine the Province Leader of Good Shepherd Sisters and Mr.Vimalan the Country Coordinator of KNH. There were religious leaders, KNH Staff Members and other Government Officials who graced this occasion. The parents and other members of the community of Sinnapaduwa gave their fullest cooperation. We extend our heartfelt sentiments to all present.



After the hoisting of the flags and unveiling of the plaque a Prayer Service followed. It was a great day, as we wished our Foundress St. M. Euphrasia on her birthday.



Thereafter the gathering was addressed by his Lordship Bishop Valence Mendis, Bishop of Chilaw, our Province Leader and the Country Coordinator of KNH, Mr. T. A. S. Vimalan. The colorful performance of the girls of Kandalaya Vidyalaya added beauty and meaning to the ceremony.

We pray and rely on God's blessings for the success of this project and wish that the children enjoy freedom and protection.

