

# Newsletter

## 2020 January - June

*From the Beginning of this year Our Lord Jesus gave us His unconditional LOVE & STRENGTH, so first of all we want to say Amen...*

**(1 Samuel – 2:8)** *“He raised up the poor out of the dust, and lifted up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.”*

***Together we grow, with  
the Grace of God...***

**JUNE – 15/2020**

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**Farm of Nambikay**

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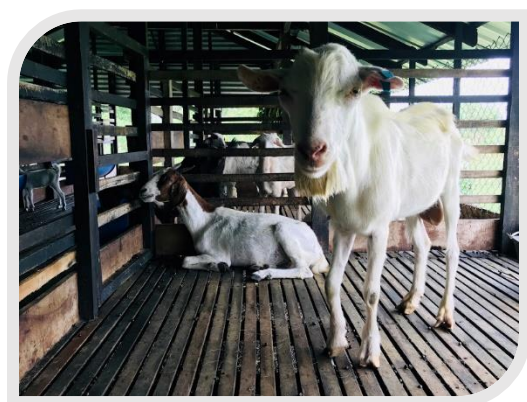
## Goats & Sales...

This 2020 we are happy with the goats at Farm of Nambikay compared to last year. However, our farm income is also affected by the global coronavirus, and the demand for goats is still lacking in the market and we have faced several difficulties in this half year. Yet we continue to travel with the hope that God will change all these things for the better.

At present we have 90 goats at our farm. So far, we have sold 16 goats, and we are ready to sale 15 to 20 more. And also 24 kids born in this first half year.

Our farm specialises in producing hybrid goats, its aim is to produce fertile goats for dairy production, based on it, the Saanan and Jamunapari male goats are using to our farm goat breed production. At this moment we have two Saanan male goats for production.

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# Organic gardening...

We have started with a small scale organic gardening project at our farm in 2018 by Mr. Prathaban. Last December we decided to expand the distribution of our products to the local market, also with the aim to promote the awareness on organic agricultural products among the people. This aim is not yet reached, and due to the corona pandemic it came temporarily to a standstill. We plan to continue this project on a limited scale on our farm again, and see how the awareness among the people can be developed. Pastor Vasanthan has taken over this project from Mr. Prathaban.



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# Developments...

We are step by step improving to achieve our goal!

- Partnership with OpeNe (local NGO) has started for the organic gardening in the communities.
- Our piece of land for grazing by the goats, is replanted with Super Napier grass, so in future we will get more fodder from this.
- We use the goat droppings as a fertilizer for our grasslands and organic garden beds.
- At our farm we introduced a new green fodder especially for cows and goats from India: Velimasaal. This is a high protein fodder and we can get 8-10 years yield of a plant.
- At our farm we started to plant Aloe Vera plants at a small scale.
- We are selling some of our organic farm products at the local market, mostly banana, cassava, variety of vegetables, papaya and guava.
- Live fencing as farm boundary is increased since last year, in this year we plan to have our fence completed with green trees.
- Our Guesthouse is open, few international and Sri Lankan guests we could welcome before the lockdown.
- Our training hall construction is for 90% completed, we have some minor works which will be finished this year.
- End of last year the first solar panels were placed. It is green energy and it will help to increase our monthly income part as we can give the surplus to the Ceylon Electricity Board.
- Our internal road is repaired, and we hope that the government will improve the public road.



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## Farm Voice...

We thank the Lord God for His grace from the beginning of this year, and we, the Farm of Nambikay-family, have made some progress this year, and we need to change a few things more.

Since March it was not easy as our country was crippled by the corona pandemic.

As we mentioned, we have made significant progress in the matter of goats. Our production goats have so far produced about 25 pups. All the kids look very healthy.

We then shared with you the shortcomings of our Organic garden, but this year we have also made a significant improvement on it, and we have planted fruit trees and harvesting the fruits, because they too are a small part in our farm income. We have planted 20 to 30 new fruit trees at our farm.

All the employees on the farm have contributed their best, especially during the time when travel was not allowed due to the lockdown. We especially thank the church members who helped us as volunteers during the lockdown together with our farm staff who living nearby. Despite a few shortcomings, we always carry out the operations of the farm under the unanimous position of being a farm family.

Uthayan Anna, who arrived in the Netherlands earlier this year, has been a great mentor to us and continues to support us in many ways. We extend our thanks to him. We also extend our thanks and prayers to all those who continue to extend their love and support to us from the Netherlands.

Always with love,  
S. Suhirthan (Kanna – Coördinator)

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## Visitors...



Nusia and her friends from Poland



Uthayan, Pastor Vikraman (India), Pastor Chris (USA)

## Memories...



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