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Launch of Mobile Library for children

Helplanka is launching its mobile library with a special interfaith service and awards ceremony followed by a performance by its Patrons Bathiya and Santhush in Rathgama Galle on 13 July.

The launch will mark the culmination of fundraising in London including a pop concert and the donation of 4000 books shipped by schools and libraries in the UK. The event will be held at a local school in Rathgama that Helplanka have been assisting. Also attending will be eighteen volunteer students from Richard Huish College Taunton, Somerset, UK who have joined the Helplanka programme. Students and donors from the UK have also raised money to buy equipment for local schools and book vouchers will be supplied to Helplanka projects in the South and East of the country.

Commenting on the forthcoming event, Mr Sam Goonetillake, Chief Executive said: "This is hugely exciting for Helplanka as after months of hard work we can now officially launch the mobile library which has been extended to include video, DVD and music learning. We will start in the Galle area and then proceed as far as Batticaloa. I want to thank everyone who has supported this initiative to fruition and hope that the library will improve the lives and learning of children in Sri Lanka."

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ABOUT HELPLANKA

HelpLanka is a charity (Reg no 1110306) which was formed in January 2005 to specifically help children affected by the tsunami. Chief Executive, Sam Goonetillake and 6 other Trustees, all living in the UK, have sent aid to affected areas and have started a programme of educational assistance and rebuilding.

For further information, please visit: www.helplanka.co.uk