

## **Who Are We,**

Service Civil International (SCI) is one of the world's largest volunteering organizations with more than 90 years of experience in conducting short and long term voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds. It has 43 branches and groups worldwide and an ever growing number of partner organizations. The network spans 5 continents, but is based mainly in Europe and Asia.

SCI was introduced to Sri Lanka in the early 1960's (June 30, 1963) and the organization has been active ever since. SCI has played a significant role in the promotion of peace and national integration in Sri Lanka. It has organized countless work camps, short term projects, long term projects, and international projects from the time it was established until now.

## **Our Mission Is,**

"Promote peace, international understanding, and solidarity, social justice, sustainable development, and respect for the environment."!

## **Our Vision Is,**

"A world peace: social justice and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without resource to any form of violence to solve conflict."!

## **Project Name:** Peace center

**Project description:** Mutur Peace center was established in 2009 to cater specially the children of the area. Mutur is situated in Trincomalee district in the Eastern cost of Sri lanka. The area was affected by the war and tsunami while flooding time to time. Mutur is dominated by Muslim communities living together with some Tamil and Sinhala people. The main language use in the area is Tamil. We have been placing volunteers from the begging of the project along with a Local volunteer. The main objective of the project is to promote peace, international understanding, intercultural and inter ethnic understanding. We hope to achieve this e through the teaching of English which serves as a link language for different ethnic groups living in Sri Lanka. Volunteers would be Ambassadors of Peace.



***Teaching English for the children***

**Work:** The volunteers have to engage with English teaching in different levels. Mainly they will teach English language for the students in the schools in the area. Additionally they will be engaging with some extra classes for the youth and A/L students after the school. Interaction with the local population to create intercultural understanding also a one of the assignment that the volunteers will engage. There are some



***Painting the wall around the center***

other possibilities/opportunities if someone is interested to work in a hospital just helping the hospital staff or doing some manual work in a milk processing factory.

**Project Address:** Peace center /3 Cd, Baticaloa Road, Mutur-05.

### **Accommodation & Food:**

The peace center is a big house with 3 bed rooms, big living area and a well equipped kitchen. Simple food & accommodation would be provided. Volunteers will have a shared bedroom with twin beds, fan, and mosquito nets. Some occasions the volunteers would cook their own food, with the help of local volunteer. Food most of the time would be rice, curry, vegetables, fruits and fish or meat occasionally.

**Local Language:** Tamil would be the most common language use in the area. The staff of our partner organization ( 3CD) and the local volunteer will speak good English.

**Currency:** The currency we use in Sri Lanka is Sri Lankan rupees.

1 €= 175 LKR     1\$= 130 LKR

There are many facilities to exchange your money in banks or take money using your bank cards in every city of the country.

**Holidays & free time:** There are few holidays except the weekends in a month. Normally schools are closed in April (for 2 weeks to celebrate the Sinhala & Hindu new year), August ( 4 weeks), December ( 4 weeks). Since there are a lot of things to see in the country you can plan to travel in these free days. Weekends are free for volunteers.

**Working days and hours:** Monday to Friday and six hours per day. Working hours/days could be adjusted through mutual agreement/arrangement.

**Needed skills (inc. language requirement):** Basic competency in English Language. Ability to understand other cultures and be tolerant.

**What to bring:** Personal needs. First aid, torch light, pen knife, rain coat, mosquito repellents/mosquito nets. Musical instruments – if any. Books, material relating to the teaching of Basic English as a second language. Simple game ,cotton clothing, long trousers, shirts/blouses with sleeves (could be bought locally – rather cheap)and a great sense of humour would be very useful.

**Travel directions:** The Mutur Peace center is located in the Eastern cost of the country. There are plenty of busses from the capital (Colombo, 257 Km) and few trains run between two cities. There are 182 Km to the project from SCI Sri Lanka office in Kandy.

**Map of the area:**

