



## Development of the Thunaivi Village in Northern Sri Lanka primarily through **Educational Activities**– by becoming part of the Thunaivi Community which considered itself to be a disenfranchised part of Northern Sri Lanka

Thunaivi is a small village within the District of Vattukottai in Northern Sri Lanka – made up largely of descendants of those by tradition were toddy-tappers. Today, many young ones of Thunaivi have put themselves through formal education and are seeking higher standards of living.

Owner-Managers of Australian Tamil Management Service are part of the Community of Thunaivi due to their ancestral Temple at Thunaivi-Sangarathai junction. This Vairavar-Kali temple was founded by Manickam Aachi of Arali of the family of Dharma Udayar. The temple was taken care of by Mr. Visvalingam Navaratnam – the youngest son of Manickam Aachi, his wife Sironmani and their children. During the war years, Mr. Shanmugalingam, nephew of Mr. Paramasivam who married into the Navaratnam family, oversaw the affairs of the Temple, until he passed away on 18 July 2006. The People of Thunaivi wrote and asked us as follows on 09.09.2005:

***Respected owner of Thunaivi-Kali temple,***

***We the residents residing close to the Kali temple, in the property of 'Maavaddi Addaikalamthottam Kanthaswami Temple' write to you as follows:***

***We live under the line of poverty and have a difficult life. For 40 years we have lived in this Maavaddi Addaikalamthottam Kanthaswami Temple' property in a crowded manner. We do not have lawful access to transport. We use the Kali temple access to access the main road. Now, NECORD organization is Reconstructing Thunaivi village. If you would donate part of Kali Temple land for a path that would join your access path, we could have electricity, transport and water facilities through this program. Therefore we are asking you kindly, humbly and prayerfully to allocate land for us to have a lane.***

Accordingly, land was allocated for this Public purpose.

Today, Thunaivi has progressed to include the following :

1. School of Human Values
2. Training facilities in English and Computers
3. Facilities to support self-employment for women – especially those more seriously affected by war
4. Counseling services
5. Improved and more regulated use of common facilities.

From this in 2005



Through this in 2008



To Now

