



**Name:**

Nevedita Jeevabalan

**Location:**

Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Home town:**

Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Mission programme:**

Children's Ministry

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**The Mission Field:**

My mission is to show God's love to children who have gone through trauma and abuse. Most children who are referred to LEADS (community development organization) for assistance have been abused, abandoned at a young age or been through various traumatic situations. All through their lives, they may have never encountered a loving, trustworthy adult. Being an ambassador of God's love for such children is the greatest difference I would like to make in their lives.

I feel the need to serve in my own country as there is a great need in Sri Lanka.

**My Mission Calling:**

Help the disadvantaged, the voiceless and traumatised children of Sri Lanka. Improve the conditions and care given to children living in Sri Lanka and children in need of justice.

**My Role:**

Managing all aspects of the Child Protection Department of LEADS. This includes therapy centres in Colombo, Badulla and Jaffna; respite centres in Colombo and Jaffna; and provision of technical support to all programmes on child protection.

**My Story:**

I was born into a Christian family and my father was a doctor working in the government sector. During my childhood, I changed schools every few years due to my father being transferred to different hospitals around Sri Lanka.

I have a background in Psychology and have gained experience working under the Council of National Mental Health Institution in Sri Lanka. When I started working at LEADS, my motivation was towards serving children in Sri Lanka. Initially, I did not have long term plans of working at LEADS. As I started working directly with children, I felt a great need to work with children who were sexually abused. I have been working at LEADS for the past 14 years as I felt that this is my calling to work with children. As I progressed in my role, I felt that my calling was to equip people who would be able to work in a similar capacity. I also enjoy my role in supporting and training staff as I equip more people to serve children.