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About the Artisans

Golden Palm International

Golden Palm was founded with the goal of creating employment opportunities in rural areas of Sri Lanka where jobs are rare. Golden Palm has woodworking and painting workshops in numerous villages. Artisans receive worker's compensation, pension contributions and assistance with schooling costs. Fair wages enable families to improve their standards of living with better food, clothing and housing. Rather than thatched houses, most have been able to move to brick homes with galvanized steel roofs. Profits from the business are reinvested in new machinery, tools and training to improve working conditions and create more jobs. A percentage is also placed in a welfare fund used to help families during times of hardship.

Recycling Truck Sorting Toy

Help little ones learn to recycle with this wooden truck toy. Makers from Sri Lanka carve and paint the wood to create the truck and the “paper,” “metal” and “plastic” blocks to be sorted by the driver. Many of the toy's makers have been able to move to brick homes with galvanized steel roofs and leave their flimsy homes with thatched roofs behind. This truck delivers hope.



Special Details:

Non Toxic. Lead and Cadmium free.

For ages 3 and up.

Materials:

wood

Travel the world with each visit to Ten Thousand Villages.

Learn how Fair Trade really makes a difference. Our goal is to provide vital, fair income to artisans by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages sells product from more than 30 countries, providing work for nearly 60,000 people around the world.

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