

New CD

Following the huge success of "WHY" CD, an extremely talented musician and BOL donor, Prashan Jeyatheepam released his second wonderful Album called "Who" in May, 2010. Packed with beautiful melodious songs Tami songs, surely this CD is a real treat for the youth. 1000s of pounds were raised through this CD to provide practical help for the oppressed in their distress.

Skydiving for a cause

In June 2012, 17 year old Michael Nathan of ETCF skydived and raised more than £5,000 for a library building fund for the underprivileged children in Trichy, South India. Lydia Sriyoheswaren of ETCF also went from London to Trichy and served these underprivileged children in June 2011.



Tuition for Untouchables



Dalit, also called Outcaste, is a self-designation for a group of people traditionally regarded as Untouchables. While the discrimination based on caste system (not caste system itself) has been abolished under the Indian constitution, there is still discrimination and prejudice against Dalits.

Jeyakumar, a social worker, and his wife have been providing free evening tuition for the poor outcaste children in Trichy for more than five years. We contribute a small monthly financial assistance towards the running of this excellent community service.

You can make a difference !

Please pray earnestly for us so that we can continue to support the current BOL projects and, if possible, take up new challenges. Bridge of Love has received applications from reliable contacts for some critical projects which include Sheltering, Caring, Nurturing and Educating Orphans/semi Orphans, Child labour victims and neglected & underprivileged children.



♦ £18 - £24 would provide care & education for an orphan for a month. Your contribution could change a child's future & have a positive impact on society. You could contribute the whole or part of this amount. £1200 would support a child for five (5) years and £750 would support a child for three (3) years.

♦ £20 - £24 would support a widow with two children for a month. £120 - £130 would provide a Singer Sewing Machine for a widow.

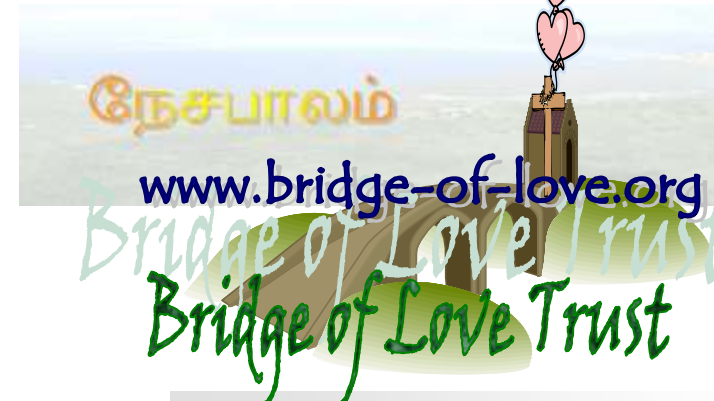
If you personally know of any individual or organisation that can make grants to any of our projects, kindly let us know.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world — James 1: 27

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Men build too many walls and not enough bridges!

- Sir Isaac Newton



UK Reg. Charity No: 1096302 Our Lord has graciously blessed Bridge of Love ministry and now we are providing regular monthly financial support to many children and widows. Over the past nine years we sent more than £325,000 for our projects. We sincerely thank you for your invaluable prayers and financial support which have enabled us to be in this position. May the Lord Almighty abundantly bless you and may He enlarge our territory through your support!

Pitakotte, Colombo

Bridge of Love provides monthly financial support for poor widows and their children who live in a slum, where there is no electricity or proper sanitation facilities. We also run an evening study programme for these slum children.

Sis Nalayini Sarvananthan and Mrs Jennifer Shiromi Amirtharaja of Emmanuel Tamil Christian Fellow (ETCF) are the main sponsors of this project. Pastor Kathireson is the local project coordinator.

Rev G I Ebenezer, chairman of Bridge of Love, and his wife Sis Soma Ebenezer met these widows during their visit to Sri Lanka in February 2012.

Bridge of Love donors Saren and Stella also met these widows during their visit to Sri Lanka.

Education to break the poverty cycle.





During the final stages of the recent war, Rev Andrews of Vavuniya lost his wife and four of their children. One of his son was badly injured and another is now disabled. Despite this, Rev Andrews is doing God's ministry. On Esther Thavanesan's request, we bought him a 3-Wheeler (Auto).



WAR RELIEF



Bridge of Love has donated more than £8,000 for the War orphans at Canaan IDP Children's Home in Jaffna. Luke Mahendra, BOL Trustee & Treasurer of Bridge of Love, is the coordinator and main donor of this project.



In September 2011, Sis Joyce Mailvaganam, Trustee of Bridge of Love coordinated more than £2,400 worth relief projects in Vavuniya. In the previous year, she also coordinated more than £12,000 worth relief projects in the war affected areas, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi. Sis Joyce herself raised more than 25% of the relief fund for these projects. Mr & Mrs Nathan and Mr Logathas donated £1000, £2000 respectively.



Br David Ratnasingam of Emmanuel Tamil Christian Fellowship (ETCF) carried out relief projects in war affected areas for Bridge of Love during his visits to Sri Lanka in 2011 and 2012. Sis

Suseela, wife of BOL donor Br Logathas also carried out relief projects in Mannar during her visit to Sri Lanka in May 2012. We contributed £1,250 for the relief projects initiated, coordinated and carried out by Miss Shanty Ponnu's prayer group in remote war affected areas in 2011 and 2012.



In June 2012, we organised and carried out more than £2,250 worth relief to around 260 internally displaced families in Mavaddapuram, Jaffna. Some of these people still carry pieces of shell in their bodies. Rev Nixon and Rev Kathireson coordinated this project with the assistance of Mr Panchu and Shanthekaran.

In total, Bridge love has carried out more £50,000 war relief projects since September 2006.



Christmas Gifts

We annually provide study material as Christmas presents for more than 800 poor children in Batticaloa, Valaichchenai and Pitakotte in Sri Lanka. In December 2011, we sent over Rs 580,000 worth Christmas presents to more than 1000 children. In the previous year, we sent over Rs 500,000 worth Christmas presents to more than 900 children. Rev Karunanithi, Bro Yoganathan and Rev Kathireson coordinated these projects for Bridge of Love.



In December 2011, Rev Joseph Ratnasingham, cousin of Bridge of Love donor, Mr Logathas, also coordinated Christmas presents and relief worth more than Rs 80,000 for the poor children in the war affects areas, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi. In the previous year he coordinated Christmas presents and relief worth more than Rs 100,000 for the poor children who live in the war affected areas.



In December 2011, we also donated Rs 80,000 worth school bags as Christmas presents to internally displaced

children in Mavaddapuram, Jaffna.

In December 2011, we also sent Rs 7,000 worth Christmas presents to the untouchable children in Trichy, South India.



In December 2011, Sis Soma, Bro Chenthuran, Bro Immanuel, Sis Christina, Sis Sheila, Sis Shami and Sis Joy of Emmanuel Christian Tamil Fellowship (ETCF), London E12, planned and organised Christmas cards making workshop for "Seniors" Sunday school children. Children utilised their creativity and made more than 200 fabulous cards which were sold for more than £500. Our sincere thanks to ETCF members for their kind and generous donations. Mr Sam Nesan Duraisamy, Trustee of Bridge of Love, donated more than £1500 and Mr Logathas donated £1000 pounds for these projects.



Canaan Children's Home, Vaddukoddai, Sri Lanka

Bridge of Love (BOL) has been financially supporting this home for more than seven and a half years. There are around fifty children, and among them are street children, orphans, semi orphans and young offenders. Children are lovingly cared for by Miss Praba Thanjaratnam who has devoted her life to supporting these children. Luke Mahendra, BOL Trustee & Treasurer is the project coordinator. Luke, Ravi and Shirani are the main sponsors of this project. Luke met these children during his visit to Sri Lanka.

Widows and Children, Dehiwela, Sri Lanka

Bridge of Love (BOL) provides monthly financial support to twelve poor Widows. Mr & Mrs Edwin Amirtharaja are the local coordinators of this project. Rev G I Ebenezer, Chairman of BOL and senior pastor of Emmanuel Christian Fellowship and his wife, Sis Soma, met these widows during their visit to Sri Lanka in February 2012.



Batticaloa, Sri Lanka

Bridge of Love (BOL) has been financially supporting three disabled children and their poor mother for more than four years in Batticaloa. BOL also provides monthly support to four poor widows and their children in the same area. BOL has been providing a small monthly financial support to 10 poor pastors in Batticaloa for more than five years. Mr & Mrs Watherstone of Transform Newham are the main sponsors of this project. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator.



Canaan Children's Home, Badulla, Sri Lanka

Bridge of Love started supporting this home in October 2007. There are around fifty orphans/ semi orphans in this home. Children are lovingly cared for by Rev Harry Kandiah and his team. Mr Luke Mahendra, BOL Trustee & Treasurer, is the coordinator and sponsor of this project. Bridge of Love also donated Rs100,000 towards the purchasing of a school van for these children in February 2011.



Happy Home, Kotagala, Sri Lanka

There are now 19 children in this home who are being sheltered, cared for and educated. Bridge of Love provides a small regular monthly support for this project. Rev Alagendran and his wife Mrs Jeeva Alagendran, the founding members of this orphanage, met these widows during their visit to Sri Lanka in 2011.



Bethany Children's Home, Anaicoddai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

There are 20 boys and 18 girls in this orphanage. Bridge of Love has been providing regular monthly financial support for more than 7 years. Mrs Joyce Mailvaganam is the coordinator of this project. She met these children during her visit to Sri Lanka in March 2012.



Anpusahotharar Illam, Mannar, Sri Lanka

Anpusahotharar Illam, a UK registered charity, runs an orphanage in Mannar and there are around twenty boys who are being cared for and educated. Bridge of Love provides monthly financial support for five of these children. Sis Suseela Logathas, wife of BOL donor Mr Logathas, met these children during her visit to Sri Lanka in February 2012. Mr Dharmadeva Masillamany is the BOL coordinator of this project.



Education programmes in Mannar, Sri Lanka



During this recent war, many of the students were forced to flee their homes and due to lack of education, there is 80% failure in GCE(O/L) in Mannar. Last year we ran an education programme, providing GCE (O/L) free tuition for the affected children. This course was conducted in Adampon Mahavithiyalayam and more than 80 students benefited from it. Dharmadeva Masillamany is the Bridge of Love coordinator of this project.

From Mar 2012, Bridge of love started helping a tuition centre in a remote village called Olaitheevu in Mannar for the underprivileged children, many of whom are affected by the wars in Sri Lanka. Sis Suseela, wife of BOL donor Mr Logathas, met these children during her visit to Sri Lanka in March 2012. We provide monthly financial support for this educational project. Mr Dharmadeva Masillamany is the BOL coordinator of this project.



Child labour victims, Manduvil, Jaffna, Sri Lanka



Children living in this area are forced to work in construction, crushing stones to earn a little money by which the whole family survive. Most of these children are either semi orphans or their fathers' are drunkards. Elim ministries run an evening study and nutrition programme for these children. This ministry also provide equivalent or more amount of money a child earns to their parents so they can send their children to school. From April 2011, Bridge of Love has started financially supporting these Child labour victims. Mr Ramesh of Elim ministry is the local coordinator of this project. Bridge of Love donors Mrs & Mrs Danniell Duraisamy are the U.K.

coordinators of this project.



HIV Victims, Chennai, India

Rev Solomon is running a home in Chennai for orphaned children and women who are HIV positive.

These Aids victims had been asked to vacate the property in March 2010, and were in desperate need for a place to live. Bro Robert Rozario cycled from Cambridge to London and raised around £5000 for the building fund. During his visit to India, Robert met these Aid victims.



In Nov 2011, during her visit to India, Sis Kamalini Sathyendran, Bridge of Love Trustee, along with her Indian friends, met these children and women.



Other Projects

In 2010, we donated prosthetic limbs to a student who lost both legs through Rev Vasanthan Stephen. In April 2012, On Rev Ebenezer's request, Mr Sam Nesan Duraisamy coordinated and collected £3,750 for the poor widow and children of a Pastor who died in an accident in Mannar in December 2011. Rev Vasanthan Stephen is the local project coordinator.

In 2011, we carried out more than Rs 700,000 worth of flood relief to affected people in Batticaloa, Pitakodde, Mannar and Ambalangoda.

Mrs. Mary Arputhasamy, aunt of Jenny Robert has been working amongst the poor and needy in Trichy, South India, for more than 5 years. On behalf of Bridge of Love, she coordinated and carried out more than Rs 12,000 worth educational, poverty relief and rehabilitation projects in 2011.

Since October 2007 BOL has been providing a small monthly financial assistance to a poor evangelist in Bangalore whose two children are struggling with depression. During his visit to India in February 2012, BOL Chairman Rev Ebi met this evangelist who is now recovering from a stroke. In March 2012, we donated 25,000 for a poor evangelist in Chennai through Bro Johnson of ETCF.

Around 500 Gondi (tribal people in Coimbatore) are struggling without any sanitation facilities. BOL donor, Mr Sasi Subbulu coordinated and collected and sent Rs 45,000 for this project. In total, Bridge of Love has donated Rs 75,000 for this project since 2007.



Bridge of Love is still struggling to cope with the loss of Rev Jothy Hoole. He died on the 27th of December 2011 at the age of 56. He was a Christian role model; simple, sincere, dedicated, honest and a man of integrity. He resigned his job as a Mechanical engineer to serve the poor and needy in a remote place called Mannar. He chose to suffer for the sake of Christ's love. He was an extremely caring and compassionate person. He organised and coordinated Tsunami relief and War relief projects for Bridge of Love.

A tribute to Rev Jothy Hoole

Income Generating Projects

In August 2011, we donated sewing machines to three widows in Vavuniya and Kilinochchi areas. Mrs Joyce Mailvaganam, Trustee of Bridge of Love, coordinated this project.

In total, Bridge of love has trained 77 poor widows and donated new sewing machines worth more than Rs 1,670,000 since December 2005.

In June 2011, we provided financial assistance to start a Tea shop for an IDP family in Jaffna. Both father and daughter of this family still carry pieces of shell in their bodies. According to the project coordinator, Rev Jebamohan of Jaffna, the head of this family's mental health suddenly improved as he has now got a job to do.

In August 2011, we donated carpentry machinery equipments to poor and needy in Kilinochchi, a war affected area. Mrs Joyce Mailvaganam, Trustee of Bridge of Love, is the coordinator and donor of this project. According to her, four families and some widows are greatly benefited by this project.

In February 2012, we assisted 4 poor families to start chicken farm in Mannar, Sri Lanka. This project will enable these poor families to earn sustainable livelihood within six months time and the beneficiaries will be able to payback the capital money within this period. The next batch of 4 poor families receives this money as capital for their chicken farm. This cycle will continue enabling more and more poor people to benefit. Mr Nimal and Asok are the local coordinators and Mr Dharmadeva Masillamany is our U.K. coordinator of this project.

We also carried out around Rs 100,000 worth relief projects through Mr Ramesh of Elim ministries in the war affected areas in Dec 2011– Mar 2012 period. Bridge of Love donors Mrs & Mrs Danniell Duraisamy are the U.K. project coordinators of this project.

