

Project update - December 2005



Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Over the past three and a half years, we have been financially supporting registered local organisations and churches who work amongst the broken & abandoned, poor & needy including widows, orphans, semi orphans, child labour victims, children of lepers, street children, underprivileged, young offenders, and persecuted Christians. We function regardless of race and religion.

As we informed you last year our Lord has graciously blessed Bridge of Love ministry and now we are providing regular monthly financial support to **seventy two (72) children and nine (9) widows**. We feel that a regular gift to organisations is the most valuable aid. Regular gift means that the organisations we support can plan ahead their short term and long-term development needs. In addition to our regular financial support, whenever there is a specific need, we assess it and approach individuals & organisations for aid and financial help. We also organise special programmes to raise money. We then channel these funds to different organisations to meet their need. We try our best to ensure that the organisations we support are genuine through various ways.

In 2004 we received £13,310.73 and sent £11,989.97 for our projects. This year we have already sent around £12,000 for these projects. We sincerely thank you for your invaluable prayers and financial support which has enabled us to be in this position. May the Lord Almighty abundantly bless you and may He enlarge our territory through your support !

TSUNAMI IN NORTH & EAST OF SRI LANKA

The Asian Tsunami has killed more than 20,000 people in Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka alone. The massive undersea quake triggered a huge Tsunami, leaving thousands dead and millions homeless. Bridge of Love has already sent £28,379 for our Tsunami Relief projects. We have carried out a wide range of relief work in the most affected areas: Mulaitheevu, Amprai, Batticolow and Jaffana districts. BOL Event coordinator Mr Ranjan Jeyarajasingam went to Sri Lanka and coordinated projects in Point Pedro and Batticoloa. Mr Maran Stephen is our Sri Lankan Tsunami Relief coordinator and Pas Karunanithi and Raja worked very hard as a team. Please see attached sheet for project details. Mr Devi and Dr Mrs Devi are coordinating Indian Tsunami Relief work.



Please visit <http://www.bridge-of-love.org/nesam/TsunamiReliefMain.aspx> for more info.



Canaan Children's Home, Vaddukodai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

Bridge of Love (BOL) financially has been supporting this home for more than two and a half years. Now there are around 50 children, and among them are street children, orphans, semi orphans and young offenders. Children are lovingly cared for kept by Miss Praba Thanjaratnam who has devoted her life for these children.



The standard of discipline and the love and affection among the children are so high that even the government sends young offenders here. And there are about a hundred children still on the waiting list.

BOL is financially supporting ten (10) children in this orphanage. Mr Luke Mahendra, treasurer of Bridge of Love, is the Project Coordinator of this project. Please see his visit to Canaan children's home <http://www.bridge-of-love.org/media/canaan.aspx>.

Widows - Dehiwela, Sri Lanka

Bridge of Love provides **regular monthly** financial support for **nine (9)** widows and **ten (10)** children. This aid is given through Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwela.

Rev G I Ebenezer, Chairman of BOL and pastor of Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, met with some of the widows during his visit to Sri Lanka in June 2004. Four of these widows' houses were destroyed in the Asian Tsunami and now they, with their five children, live in Tsunami Relief Camps.



Bethany Children Home, Anaicoddai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

- There are 20 girls and 14 boys in this orphanage and the total number of children under BOL regular monthly financial support is now **nineteen (19)**.

- Mrs Joyce Mailvaganam is the BOL coordinator of this project. She herself

coordinates and collects money for 10 children

- BOL contributed Rs 2,29,920/= for the building fund of a Study Hall for the children. The building work has been completed now.

BOL Events Coordinator, Mr Ranjan Jeyarajasingam went to this orphanage during his Tsunami Relief visit in February 2005 and witnessed the love and affection shown by the care takers.





Bethany Children Home - Erode, Tamil Nadu, South India

Lepers in this area get medical support from Bethany Ministries. And their children who are separated from their parents, along with other

orphans reside at Bethany Children Home. BOL provides monthly financial support to five (5) children. Mr Johnson Ganapathy is the BOL coordinator of this project.



Ruth Girls Home , Killinochi, Sri Lanka

Ruth Girls Home is situated in a very remote area in Killinochchi, Sri Lanka. There are 19 - 24 orphan girls at this home. Bridge of Love is providing regular monthly financial support for 10 children. Mr Sam Nesan Duraisamy, BOL Trustee and Accountant, is the project coordinator of this project. He is also the major contributor towards this project. Apart from the regular monthly support, Mr Nadaraja Balachandran and Mr Sam Nesan Duraisamy on behalf of Bridge of Love, donated money to build toilets and a

bathroom last year.

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, South India - Serve the Women and Poor (SWAP)

With BOL's financial help SWAP started two residential schools in July 2004 at Watrap and Paruvakkudi in Tamil Nadu, for the semi orphans, orphans and child labour victims.

The Watrap home is named as "Bridge of Love Home for Children" with a strength of thirteen (13) children, and BOL provides regular monthly support for all the children. Mr Johnson Ganapathy is the BOL coordinator of this project.

Due to insufficient financial aid for this project, BOL will have to reduce the financial support from April 2006. BOL is actively seeking for new donors for this project.



Anpusahotharar Illam, Mannar, Sri Lanka



Anpusahotharar Illam, a UK registered charity, was started about 3 years ago by some brothers from Mannar who now live in the UK. This Charity runs an orphanage in Mannar and there are around 25 children who are being cared for and educated. Bridge of Love provides monthly financial support for five (5) of these children. Bridge of Love prayer partner Mrs Suseela Logathas visited this orphanage in July 2005 and checked the progress.

Anpusahotharar Illam is keen to start a girls' home in the same place. Bridge of Love is keen to

provide regular financial support to this worthwhile project and is approaching organisations to obtain donations.

Happy Home, Kotagala, Sri Lanka

Inspired by a deep burden laid upon their hearts for the poor and desperate children, Happy Home founders have put a lot of hard work over the past year to set up two orphanages in Kotagala: one for 10 boys and another for 10 girls. Kotagala is a town in the heart of the hill Country of Sri Lanka. A suitable property to house the home, has been purchased with the funds initially raised. Mr T Mohanarajan, the Advisor and Trustee of Bridge of Love is the BOL project coordinator of this project. He has, on behalf of Bridge of Love, donated £1500 towards the setup of this home. As Happy Home is financially struggling to raise the necessary funds for the setup, Bridge of love is keen to lend a hand by providing regular financial support to this worthwhile project and is approaching organisations to obtain help.



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Sewing Centre for Widows



Bridge of Love initiated and provided financial support to open a Sewing centre for widows in Dehiwela, Sri Lanka. Initially it was started with widows who were moved from Batticaloa to Colombo after the Tsunami. Some of the widows who receive BOL's monthly financial support have joined now. Quality of the training is of a very high standard which is equivalent to SINGER sewing course. Bridge of Love is not only financially supporting this centre but is also closely in contact

with Transform Newham who are looking into ways to promote and sell items in the UK market. Proceeds from the sale will be sent back to support poor and needy widows.

Mrs Evageline Sathiyendran, BOL trustee, visited this centre in July 2005 and Mr David Ratnasigham and Mrs Christine Ratnansigham also visited this centre in Aug 2005. In order to save running costs this centre has been moved to Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

You can make a difference !

Please pray earnestly for us so that we can continually 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 HIV positive children, orphans and neglected & underprivileged children.

- ✚ With just £15 - £20 of money, a poor, neglected, orphaned child can be looked after, cared for & educated for a month. This will not only change the child's future but will have an impact on society. If you cannot afford this money you still can contribute a small amount of £3 per month and with 5 or 6 similar contributions from others we will be able to support a child for a month.
- ✚ If you would like to make a one off gift and if you allow us to reclaim the tax on your donation, just £850 is enough for us to support a child for 5 years and £510 is enough for 3 years.

If you personally know any individual / organisation which can make grants to any of our projects kindly let us know

Standing Order Forms can be found at

http://www.bridge-of-love.org/images/RegularGift_SL.gif

One off / single payment forms can be found at

<http://www.bridge-of-love.org/images/GiftAid.gif>

Also please remember the Tsunami victims whose lives were shattered and who received nothing or no help with regards to employment. As there is no further hope in the Joint Tsunami Relief mechanism which once was promising to help the most affected, Bridge of Love would like to carry on with its Tsunami relief work concentrating on Income Generating Projects.

- ✚ We badly need money to buy sewing machines to 30 -40 widows who are living in Batticalow camps.
- ✚ With just £2500, four (4) families' lives can be rebuilt by providing motor boats and fishing nets. This will enable them to do deep sea fishing and will make their poverty history.

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Bridge of Love along with Transform Newham provided motor boats and fishing nets to Tsunami Victims in Vakarai, one of the worst affected places, and 20 families are benefited by this. Transform Newham's leaders Peter and Hannah Watherston went to Sri Lanka to donate these boats in July 2005.

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