

Annual Report

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BRIDGE OF LOVE TRUST

Registered UK Charity

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Soup, Soap & Salvation

Reaching out to the oppressed in their struggles with our King's love and building a BRDIGE to the afflicted from the Church is our ultimate goal.

We reach out to ...

Widows & Orphans

Poor, Sick & Needy

Child labour victims

War/ Tsunami Victims

Persecuted

Christians

Slum-dwellers /

Children of prostitutes

Dalits/Outcaste/

Untouchable

AIM & PURPOSE

Bridge of Love Trust (BOL) is a non-profit organisation and a registered UK Charity (Charity No: 1096302). It is a community based Christian outreach work of Emmanuel Tamil Christian Fellowship (ETCF), Manor Park, London E12. Our chairman is Rev G I Ebenezer.

The Trust was started for the purpose of protecting and supporting those who are oppressed, especially widows and orphans. The trustees have been involved themselves in various issues to safeguard the interests of poor people who are often the victims of civil war and present developmental trends.

Activities

Bridge of Love confines itself to community development in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka and the tribal areas in Tamil Nadu, South India. Over the past seven and a half years we have been financially supporting registered local organisations and Churches who work among the oppressed, broken & abandoned, poor & needy, widows, orphans/ semi orphans, child labour victims and war victims in Sri Lanka and India.

We are providing regular monthly financial support to most of our projects. 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 then channel these funds to different trustworthy organisations to meet their needs. We try our best to ensure that the organisations we support are genuine.

Over the past twelve years, we have been financially supporting registered local organisations and churches in Sri Lanka and India that work among the broken & abandoned, poor & needy, widows, orphans, semi orphans, child labour victims, street children, the underprivileged, young offenders, and the persecuted. We help people regardless of race or religion.

Charity Framework

Charity name: Bridge of Love Trust

Other names: BRIDGE OF LOVE (Working Name)

Address: 735 Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex IG2 6RJ

Governing document: DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 02/02/03

Date of registration: 03 Mar 2003

Organisation type: STANDARD REGISTRATION

Charitable Objects: THE TRUSTEES SHALL HOLD THE TRUST FUND AND ITS INCOME UPON TRUST TO APPLY THEM FOR THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") IN INDIA, SRI-LANKA, AFRICA, UK. ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT") TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR THROUGH PROVIDING OR ASSISTING WITH THE PROVISION OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND GRANTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES. TO RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS IN PARTICULAR AMONGST CHILDREN, WIDOWS AND PERSONS BEING PERSECUTED AS A RESULT OF THEIR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

Charity Classification

What

- GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES
- EDUCATION/TRAINING
- THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR SAVING OF LIVES
- DISABILITY
- THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY
- OVERSEAS AID/FAMINE RELIEF
- ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING
- RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
- ARTS/CULTURE/HERITAGE/SCIENCE
- AMATEUR SPORT
- ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/EMPLOYMENT
- OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Who

- CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE
- ELDERLY/OLD PEOPLE
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- PEOPLE OF A PARTICULAR ETHNIC OR RACIAL ORIGIN
- OTHER CHARITIES OR VOLUNTARY BODIES

How

- MAKES GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS
- MAKES GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS
- PROVIDES SERVICES
- PROVIDES ADVOCACY/ADVICE/INFORMATION
- OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Financial Summary

Over the past twelve years we sent more than £425,000 for our projects. In 2013, we received £38,669 and sent £41,923 for our projects.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2013		
RECEIPTS:		
Donations received from organisations and individuals <i>(including Standing Orders/ Other Gift Aids)</i>	£38,609	
Bank mistake/adjustment	£60	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£38,669
PAYMENTS:		
Educational / Extra curricular		£3,545
Relief		£3,067
Poor/ Sick & Needy		£10,142
Persecuted		£595
Orphanage / Residential School		£14,037
Christmas Gifts		£4,223
Widows and Children		£6,214
Admin Expenses/ Bank charges		£100
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£41,923
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		(3,254)

Summary of Achievements

Orphans, Widows and Children

In 2013, we sent more than £19,000 for orphans and widows.

- Canaan Children's Home, Vaddukoddai, Sri Lanka
- Bethany Children's Home, Anaicoddai, Sri Lanka
- Canaan Children's Home, Badulla, Sri Lanka
- Happy Home, Kotagala, Sri Lanka
- Anpusahotharar Illam, Mannar, Sri Lanka (ASI)

Mr Luke Mahendra, Treasurer of Bridge of Love (BOL), is the coordinator and main sponsor of the Canaan children's homes (listed above). Luke's brother Ravi and his wife Shirani also contribute towards the running cost of these children homes.

Mr Veeman Masillamany is the BOL coordinator of ASI while Mrs Jeeva Algendran is the BOL coordinator of Happy Home in Katagala.

- Widows and Children, Dehiwela, Sri Lanka
- Widows and Children, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
- Widows and Children, Pitakotte, Sri Lanka

In 2013, we donated more than £2,250 for the widows and children in Dehiwela. Mr & Mrs Amirtharaja are the BOL local coordinators of this project.

In 2013, we donated more than £650 for the widows and children in Urnai, Batticaloa. Rev Karunanithi is the BOL local coordinator of this project.

In 2013, we donated more than £2750 for the widows and children in Pitakotte. Rev Kathireson is the BOL local coordinator of this project. Mr Luke Mahendra, Treasurer of BOL, met these widows and children during his visit to Sri Lanka in December 2013.

Relief Projects

Bridge of Love has donated more than £12,900 within the last four years 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.

Mr Rameshkumar of Elim ministry initiated, organised and carried out more than £2200 worth relief projects in Jaffna district. Mr & Mrs Daniel Duraisamy of ETCF, donated £1500 for these projects.

In July 2013, we organised and carried out more than £190 worth relief to internally displaced families in Mavaddapuram, Jaffna. Rev Nixon coordinated this project with the assistance of Mr Panchu and Shanthheekaran. Mr & Mrs Chelli and children during their visit to Sri Lanka oversaw this event.

Rev Vasanthan Stephen of Canaan ministries, coordinated £103 flood relief projects in Batticaloa, Amparai district. Bridge of Love donated £249 towards setting up a small shop for a poor family and £120 to purchase a secondhand computer for a war victim in Mullaitheevu district. Rev Vasanthan Stephen also coordinated these projects.

We donated £198 for the war widows in Thevipuram in Apr 2013. Rev Pakiyaraj and Bro Arun of AOG coordinated this project for Bridge of Love.

In total, we sent more than £3,067 in 2013 for relief projects.

Educational Projects

We run an Evening Study programme for the Slum children in Pittakodde, Colombo. We are renting a hall to conduct educational and religious activities for these people who live in a slum area where there is neither electricity nor educational care available. Bridge of Love donated £668 for this project in 2013. Sis Nalayini Sarvananthan and Mrs Jennifer Shiromi Amirtharaja of ETCF are the main sponsors of this project. Sis Nalayini also donated £3,000 towards rental cost/ building fund in 2013. Mr Luke Mahendra met these children during his visit to Sri Lanka in December 2013.

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 the caste system itself) has been abolished under the Indian constitution, there is still discrimination and prejudice against Dalits. Jayakumar, a social worker, and his wife have been providing free evening tuition for the poor outcaste children in Trichy, South India for more than five years. We contributed £360 financial assistance towards the running of this excellent community service.

Due to the closest local government school being situated 4 Km away, most kids in two remote villages in Puthukkuthiyirrupu had to walk to school and they only go to school 2 or 3 days a week. Some didn't go to school at all due to lack of transport. Transportation using a Three wheeler (3 to 4 trips in the morning and afternoon - each trip can take 8 to 10 kids) was initiated and organised by the Hope Centre and Bridge of Love to financially support this worthwhile project. More than 60 kids have now benefited from this project. Bridge of Love donated £1009 for this project in 2013. In addition, we donated £998 for the vocational bible school (VBS) held in July 2013 for the children in Puthukkuthiyirrupu and Mullitheevu area.

Sis. Glaydis Jayaratnam of Ruth mission coordinated £510 worth educational projects for the deprived children in Killionchchi, Amparai and Jaffna.

In total, we sent more than £3,545 in 2013 for educational projects.

Christmas Gifts

We annually provide study material as Christmas presents for more than 800 - 1000 poor children. In December 2013, we sent more than £4,000 worth Christmas presents to more than 1000 children in Puthukudiyirrupu, Batticaloa, Valaichchennai, Pitakotte. Sis Dinah, Bro Arun, Rev Karunanithi, Bro Yoganathan, Rev Kathireson coordinated these projects for Bridge of Love. Emmanuel Tamil Church Fellowship members donated generously for these projects. We also donated £124 to the Widows in Dehiwela and Pitokotte. Mr & Mrs Amirtharaja and Rev Kathireson coordinated this project.

Poor, Sick & Needy and Other

Bridge of Love has been financially supporting disabled children and their parents for more than seven years in Eravur, Batticaloa. Bridge of Love has been providing a small monthly financial support to 10 underprivileged pastors in Batticaloa for more than seven years. Mr & Mrs Watherstone of Transform Newham are the main sponsors of this project. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator. We also donated £543 towards medical expenses for the poor and needy in Batticaloa and Dehiwela. Rev Vasanthan of Canaan ministries and Rev Kathireson coordinated these projects. He also coordinated financial assistance of £2489 donated by Mr Luke Mehendra for Canaan underprivileged pastors.

We donated £595 to Release International for their work amongst the persecuted Christians. Mr & Mrs Sarvanathan donated more than £3000 towards Pitakotte rental cost/ building project. We bought a motor bike for a deprived church worker.

Bro Enoch George of Kingdom Business Ministries (KBM) organised and coordinated £250 worth projects for the poor, sick and needy in Dharmapuri, South India in Nov 2013.

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