

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 thirteen 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 thirteen years we sent more than £450,000 for our projects. In 2014, we received £34,991 and sent £30,675 for our projects.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2014		
RECEIPTS:		
Donations received from organisations and individuals (including Standing Orders/ Other Gift Aids)	£34,990.68	
HMRC CHARITIES Tax repayment	£8,066.17	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£34,991
PAYMENTS:		
Educational / Extra curricular		2345.23
Poor/ Sick & Needy		6109.10
Relief		2031.23
Widows and Children		7370.95
Orphanage / Residential School		8805.49
Christmas Gifts		3880.23
Admin Expenses/ Bank charges		132.64
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£30,675
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		£4,316

Summary of Achievements

Orphans, Widows and Children

In 2014, we sent more than £8,800 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

We donated more than £2,225 for the widows and children in Dehiwela. Mr & Mrs Amirtharaja are the BOL local coordinators of this project.

We donated more than £600 for the widows and children in Urnai, Batticaloa. Rev Karunanithi is the BOL local coordinator of this project.

We donated more than £3000 for the widows and children in Pitakotte. Rev Kathireson is the BOL local coordinator of this project.

We donated more than £1200 for the widows and children in Puthukudiyirruppu, Kilinochchi and Mannar. Rev Vasanthan Stephen is the BOL local coordinator of this project.

Relief Projects

Bridge of Love has donated more than £15,000 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 £1100 worth relief projects for BOL in 2014. Sis Shanthi Ponnu organised and carried out more than £225 relief projects for BOL in 2014.

Rev Karunanithi coordinated around £500 flood relief projects in Batticaloa in December 2014. Bridge of Love donated £110 towards setting up a small shop for a poor family and Rev Vasanthan Stephen coordinated this project.

In total, we sent more than £2,000 in 2014 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 £828 for this project in 2014. Sis Nalayini Sarvananthan and Mrs Jennifer Shiromi Amirtharaja of ETCF are the main sponsors of this project.

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 more than £550 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 more than £900 for this project in 2014.

In total, we sent more than £2,340 in 2014 for educational projects.

Poor, Sick & Needy and Other

In 2014, Bridge of Love donated more than £1,300 for the poor & needy / war victims in Eravur, Batticaloa. Rev Karunathi is the BOL local coordinator of this project. We donated more than £300 for Dr Muthu's ministry amongst poor & needy in Trichy.

Bridge of Love donated £472 towards medical expenses for the poor and needy in Polgahawela. We also donated £105 towards medical expenses for a poor evangelist in Chennai.

Bridge of Love has been providing a small monthly financial support to 10 underprivileged pastors in Batticaloa for more than eight years. Mr & Mrs Watherstone of Transform Newham are the main sponsors of this project. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator. Mr Luke Mahendra, Treasurer of Bridge of Love (BOL), is the coordinator and the sponsor of Cannan poor pastors. In 2014, Luke donated £2783 for these underprivileged pastors.

In total, we sent more than £6,100 in 2014 for educational projects.

Christmas Gifts

We annually provide study material as Christmas presents for more than 800 - 1000 poor children. In December 2014, we sent more than £3,880 worth Christmas presents to more than 950 children in Puthukudiyirrupu, Batticaloa, Valaichchennai, Pitakotte and Trichy. Rev Karunanithi, Bro Yoganathan, Rev Kathireson and Jayakumar coordinated these projects for Bridge of Love. Emmanuel Tamil Church Fellowship members donated generously for these projects.

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