

Annual Report

FY 2020

BRIDGE OF LOVE TRUST

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Soup, Soap & Salvation

Our ultimate goal is to reach out with our King's love to the oppressed in their struggles and build a BRIDGE from the church to the afflicted.

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). Rev G I Ebenezer is the chairman of BOL.

The Trust was started with the purpose of protecting and supporting the oppressed in society, especially widows and orphans. The trustees are involved in various welfare initiatives to safeguard the interests of the poor, who are often the victims of civil war in Sri Lanka.

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 fourteen and a half years we have been financially supporting registered local organisations and churches who work among the oppressed, vulnerable & abandoned, poor & needy, widows, orphans, child labour victims, the underprivileged, young offenders, the persecuted and war victims in Sri Lanka and India.

We provide monthly financial support to the vast majority of our projects. In addition to our regular financial support, we identify and assess where there is a specific need, and approach individuals & organisations for aid and financial help. We then channel these funds to trustworthy organisations to meet their needs. We try our best to ensure that the organisations we support are genuine.

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

Fundraising

We raise money for our causes through Standing Orders, Gift Aid/ donations from our friends and family / Church members. We do not raise money from the public. Occasionally, friends raise money (from their friends and family members) for a specific Charity cause through the 'Virgin Money Giving' website.

We do not use any "commercial participator" or professional fund-raiser" and we do not have any fundraising agreement with anyone. Therefore, the following does not apply to us in relations to 'Compliance with the Fundraising Regulator's voluntary regulation scheme'.

- The charity's approach to fundraising activity, and in particular whether a professional fundraiser or commercial participator was used.
- Details of any voluntary fundraising schemes or standards which the charity or anyone fundraising on its behalf has agreed to.
- Any failure to comply with a scheme or standard cited.
- Whether and how the charity monitored fundraising activities carried out on its behalf.
- How many complaints the charity or anyone acting on its behalf has received about fundraising for the charity.
- What the charity has done to protect vulnerable people and others from unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, unreasonably persistent approaches or undue pressure to give, in the course of or in connection with fundraising for the charity.

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Financial Summary

Over the past eighteen years we sent more than £660,000 for our projects. In 2020, we received more than £41,000 and sent over £41,000 for our projects.

RECEIPTS:		
Donations received from organisations and individuals <i>(including Standing Orders/ Other Gift Aids)</i>	£37,429	
HMRC CHARITIES Tax repayment	£4,180	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£41,609
PAYMENTS:		
Abused	<i>Notes 1</i>	£204
Christmas presents for poor & needy	<i>Notes 2</i>	£3,432
Covid19 Relief	<i>Notes 3</i>	£5,993
Educational / Extracurricular	<i>Notes 4</i>	£6,963
Orphanage / Residential School	<i>Notes 5</i>	£7,423
Poor & Needy	<i>Notes 6</i>	£6,126
Sick & Needy	<i>Notes 7</i>	£1,177
Widows and Children	<i>Notes 8</i>	£9,703
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£41,020
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		£589
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2020		

Summary of Achievements

Covid19 Relief Projects

Covid19 has crippled the Sri Lankan economy and has highly impacted the livelihood of the poor & needy, who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Mr Sam Nesan Durasamy, Trustee of Bridge of Love (BOL), organised and sponsored a covid19 relief project worth more than 950 for the poor and needy in Urumpirai, Jaffna. He also sponsored more than £250 for the Covid relief carried out by Rev Vasanthan of Canaan.

Mr Daniel Jebanesan Duraisamy organised covid19 relief projects worth £2500 for the poor and needy in Maruthanarmadam, Jaffna. This was locally coordinated by CHRISTA SEVA ASHRAM Jaffna. A number of ASHRAM well-wishers contributed towards this project. Daniel and Sam also raised funds from their friends, family members and organisations.

Miss Shanthi Ponnu coordinated Covid19 relief projects worth more than £650 in Mullaitheevu and Mannar districts.

Rev Karunanithi coordinated Covid19 relief projects worth more than £1000 in Batticaloa district.

Rev Kathireson coordinated Covid19 relief projects worth more than £300 for the Pita Kotte slum dwellers in Colombo district.

Br Stephen coordinated Covid19 relief projects worth more than £200 for the poor & needy in Trichy, India. Br Sutharshan Gopalan is the sponsor of this project.

In total, we sent **£5,993** for Covid19 relief projects.

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Orphans

In 2020, we sent more than £7,400 for the following orphanages.

- Canaan Children's Home, Badulla, Sri Lanka
- Canaan Children's Home, Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka
- Canaan Children's Home, Irupalai, Jaffna, 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). Mr Veeman Masillamany is the coordinator of ASI and Mrs Jeeva Algendran is the coordinator of Happy Home in Kotagala.

Windows & children

In 2020, we sent more than £9,700 for the following projects.

- Widows & Children, Jaffna, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Visuvamadu, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Devipuram Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Puthukudiyirruppu Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Mullaitheevu, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Mannar, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Dehiwela, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Pita Kotte, Sri Lanka
- Widows & Children, Mathalamparai, Tirunelveli, India

Educational Projects

- We run an Evening Study programme for the slum children in Pittakotte, Colombo. We are renting a hall to conduct educational and religious activities for the people who live in slum areas in Pita Kotte. We donated more than £1,400 for this project in 2020.
- Tuition for Untouchables: Dalit also called Outcasts, are group of people traditionally

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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 nine years. We contributed more than £200 of financial assistance towards the running of this excellent community service in 2020.

- Due to the closest local government school being situated 4 Km away, most kids in the two remote villages in Puthukkudiyirrupu, Sri Lanka had to walk to school and only attended school 2 or 3 days a week. Some didn't go to school at all due to the lack of transport. Transportation via a three wheeler was initiated and organised by the Centre of Hope and Bridge of Love financially supports this worthwhile project. We contributed more than £200 of financial assistance towards this transportation project in 2020.

In total, we sent £6,963 in 2020 for educational projects. (This includes £5,000 raised in 2019 for the Evening Study programme for the underprivileged children Urumpirai, Jaffna).

Poor, Sick & Needy and Other

- In 2020, we donated more than £1,300 for the poor & needy / war victims in Batticaloa. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator.
- In 2020, we donated more than £700 for the poor & needy in Jaffna district. Br Jesuthasan and Br Sutharshan are the sponsors of this project.
- We have been providing financial support to 10 underprivileged pastors in Batticaloa for more than thirteen years. In 2020, we donated more than £1,100 for this project and 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 and he donated more than £2,500 in 2020.
- We donated more than £100 for the handicapped people in Puthukkudiyirrupu area. Rev Suresh Paul is our local project coordinator.
- We donated more than £650 on medical expenses for our Trichy education

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coordinator, Mr Jayakumar.

- Br Sutharshan Gopalan donated more than £375 for the children affected by HIV & AIDS in Chennai. Dr John Daniel is our local coordinator.

In total, we sent more than £7,300 for these projects.

Christmas Gifts

In December 2020, we sent more than **£3,432** worth of Christmas presents to the poor & needy in Jaffna, Batticaloa, Mannar, Pita Kotte, Dehiwela and Trichy. Jaffna Ashram leader, Rev Karunanithi, Rev Kathireson and Br Stephen coordinated these projects for Bridge of Love.

Contact Information

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The trustees hereby declare they approve the trustees' report given above

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