

# Annual Report

**FY 2021**

**BRIDGE OF LOVE TRUST**

Registered UK Charity 1096302

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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**

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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

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**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

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### 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

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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 nineteen years we sent more than £690,000 for our projects. In 2021, we received more than £30,000 and sent over £35,500 for our projects.

RECEIPTS:		
Donations received from organisations and individuals <i>(including Standing Orders/ Other Gift Aids)</i>	£30,823	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£30,823</b>
PAYMENTS:		
Domestic Abuse Victims	<i>Notes 1</i>	£228
Christmas presents for poor & needy	<i>Notes 2</i>	£2,712
Educational / Extracurricular	<i>Notes 3</i>	£2,610
Income Generating	<i>Notes 4</i>	£1,509
Orphanage / Residential School	<i>Notes 5</i>	£6,396
Poor & Needy	<i>Notes 6</i>	£4,512
Relief	<i>Notes 7</i>	£4,522
Sick & Needy	<i>Notes 8</i>	£1,742
Water Supply	<i>Notes 9</i>	£500
Widows and Children	<i>Notes 10</i>	£10,899
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£35,630</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(£4,807)</b>
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2021</b>		

### Summary of Achievements

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#### Covid-19 Economic Relief Projects

Covid-19 crippled the Sri Lankan economy and has highly impacted the livelihood of the poor & needy, who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Rev Karunanithi coordinated Covid-19 economic relief projects worth more than £1,000 in Batticaloa.

Rev Kathireson coordinated Covid-19 economic relief projects worth more than £350 for the Pita Kotte slum dwellers in Colombo.

Sis Malini coordinated Covid-19 economic relief projects worth more than £250 in Visuvamadu and Mullaitheevu.

Rev Ranjit coordinated Covid-19 economic relief projects worth £750 in Nuwara Eliya.

Rev John Daniel coordinated Covid-19 economic relief projects worth £1,000 in Tiruchengode. Br Jesuthasan and Br Sutharshan are the sponsors of this project.

Br Stephen coordinated Covid-19 relief projects worth more than £250 for the poor & needy in Trichy, India.

Rev Samraj coordinated Covid-19 economic relief projects worth £225 in Vellore.

In total, we sent more than **£4,000** for Covid-19 economic relief projects in 2021.



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## Orphans

In 2021, we have sent more than £6,250 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 2021, we sent more than £10,750 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, Tirunelveli, India

## Educational Projects

In 2021, we donated more than **£2,600** towards educational programmes in Batticaloa, Mullaitheevu, Colombo and Vellore. Rev Karunanithi, Rev Suresh Paul, Sis Malini and Rev Kathireson coordinated these projects for Bridge of Love.

### **Income Generating, Water Supply Projects**

Rev Karunanithi coordinated more than £300 worth Income Generating projects in Batticaloa. Bro Jesuthasan donated £1,200 for an Income Generating project in Kallaru, Kilinochchi. He also donated £500 for the construction of a tube well in the same area.

### **Poor, Sick & Needy and Other**

- In 2021, we donated more than £1,100 for the poor & needy / war victims in Batticaloa. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator.
- We have been providing financial support to 10 underprivileged pastors in Batticaloa for more than fourteen years. In 2021, we donated more than £1,150 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 £2,150 in 2021.
- We donated more than £570 for the sick & needy in Mullaitheevu. Rev Suresh Paul and Sis Malini are our local project coordinators.
- We donated more than £625 on medical expenses for our Trichy education coordinator, Mr Jayakumar.
- We donated £350 for the children affected by HIV & AIDS in Chennai. Dr John Daniel is our local coordinator.
- We donated more than £225 for the victims of the domestic abuse in Mulaitheevu. Sis Malini is our local project coordinator.

In total, we sent more than £6,500 for these projects.

### **Christmas Gifts**

In December 2021, we sent more than **£2,712** worth of Christmas presents to the poor & needy in Batticaloa, Pita Kotte, Dehiwela and Trichy. 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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Secretary, Bridge Of Love