

Annual Report FY 2022

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: 67, Yoxley drive, Ilford, Essex IG2 6PU

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 Stewardship online fundraising platform.

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 twenty years we sent more than £720,000 for our projects. In 2022, we received more than £32,500 and sent over £30,500 for our projects.

RECEIPTS:		
Donations received from organisations and individuals <i>(including Standing Orders/ Other Gift Aids)</i>	£24,407	
HMRC Tax refund	£8,478	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£32,885
PAYMENTS:		
Domestic Abuse Victims	<i>Notes 1</i>	£326
Christmas presents for poor & needy	<i>Notes 2</i>	£2,315
Educational / Extracurricular	<i>Notes 3</i>	£3,959
Housing	<i>Notes 4</i>	£221
Income Generating	<i>Notes 5</i>	£984
Orphanage / Residential School	<i>Notes 6</i>	£6,243
Relief	<i>Notes 8</i>	£149
Sick, Poor & Needy	<i>Notes 7</i>	£4,225
Water Supply	<i>Notes 9</i>	£853
Widows and Children	<i>Notes 10</i>	£11,262
Bank Interest		£180
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£30,717
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		£2,168
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2022		

Summary of Achievements

Orphans

In 2022, we have sent more than £6,200 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 2022, we sent more than £11,250 for the following projects.

Mr. Luke Mahendra, is the coordinator and main sponsor of Canaan widows projects in Kilinochchi, Devipuram, and Puthukudiyirruppu.

- Widows, Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka (Canaan)
- Widows, Devipuram, Puthukudiyirruppu, Sri Lanka (Canaan)
- Widows, Mannar, Sri Lanka (Canaan)

Sis Malini is the local project coordinator for the poor widows living in remote villages in Mullaitivu district.

- Widows, Theravil, Sri Lanka
- Widows, Valluvarpuram, Sri Lanka
- Widows, Kallapadu, Sri Lanka

Sis Jayaseeli Raviraj is the local project coordinator for widows living in a remote village in Jaffna district.

- Widows, Periyavillan, Sri Lanka

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Rev Karunanithi is the local project coordinator for the poor widows living in remote villages in Batticaloa district.

- Widows, Kopaveli, Sri Lanka
- Widows, Rajapuram, Sri Lanka
- Widows, Tumpalancholai, Sri Lanka
- Widows, Viyajapuram, Mamangam, Navakeni and other areas in Batticaloa

Rev Kathireson is the local project coordinator for poor widows living in remote areas in Dehiwala and Pita Kotte slums.

- Widows, Dehiwala, Sri Lanka
- Widows, Pita Kotte, Sri Lanka

Rev Ranjit is the local project coordinator for widows living in a remote village in Nuwara Eliya district.

- Widows, Oliphant Estate, Sri Lanka

Mr. Sutharshan Gopalan donates regular financial assistance to a widow and her children in Tirunelveli, India.

- Widow & Children, Tirunelveli, India

Educational Projects

In 2022, we donated more than **£3,250** towards educational programmes in Batticaloa, Mullaitivu, Colombo and Cheyyar. Rev Karunanithi, Sis Malini, Rev Kathireson and Rev Samraj coordinated these projects for Bridge of Love.

Due to the closest local government school being situated 4 Km away, most kids in two remote villages in Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu had to walk to school. In December 2022, we donated bicycles worth £750 to 10 poor children who live in this area. Mr. Robert Arokisamy is the main sponsor and coordinator of this project.

Income Generating, Water Supply Projects

In 2022, we donated more than £325 to poor widows to start small businesses in Batticaloa, and Rev Karunanithi coordinated this project. Bro Jesuthasan donated £850 for the construction of a tube well in the Vavuniya and coordinated this project as well.

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In August 2022, on his visit to Cheyyar, Mr. Robert Arokisamy donated 5 sewing machines worth £650 to 5 poor widows who live in this area. He is the main sponsor and coordinator of this project.

Poor, Sick & Needy and Other

- We have been providing financial support to 10 underprivileged pastors in Batticaloa for more than fifteen years. In 2022, we donated more than £750 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 Canaan poor pastors and he donated more than £1,500 in 2022.
- We donated more than £800 for the poor, sick & needy in Eravur, Batticaloa. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator.
- Rev Karunanithi coordinated economic relief projects worth more than £85 in Batticaloa.
- Bro Stephen coordinated economic relief projects worth more than £50 for the poor & needy in Trichy, India.
- We donated more than £240 for the poor, sick & needy in Mullaitivu. Sis Malini is our local project coordinator.
- We donated more than £250 for disabled/ handicapped women in Mullaitivu. Sis Malini is our local project coordinator.
- We donated more than £100 for a disabled/ handicapped woman in Trincomalee. Sis Malini is our local project coordinator.
- We donated more than £70 for a disabled/ handicapped man in Batticaloa. Rev Karunanithi is our local project coordinator.
- We donated more than £370 for a disabled/ handicapped in Trichy, Tamil Nadu.
- We donated more than £325 for victims of the domestic abuse in Mullaitivu. Sis Malini is our local project coordinator.
- In March 2022, we provided financial assistance worth £220 for urgent house renovation work to 3 poor young women living in houses without doors in Cheyyar. Rev Samraj is our local project coordinator.

In total, we sent more than **£4,750** for these projects.

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Christmas Gifts

In December 2022, we sent more than **£2,150** 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. Jonathan & Lydia Joseph initiated and coordinated a £150 worth Homeless Christmas project, providing hygiene essentials, bedding and lunch packets to the homeless people living in the streets /roadside in the suburbs of Chennai.

Contact Information

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

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