

Website

A friend of the charity has helped us to develop a new website which is interactive and includes a 'blog' site for both UK based and India based members, newsletter and resource downloads as well as an option for people to donate online. Check it out on the address below:-

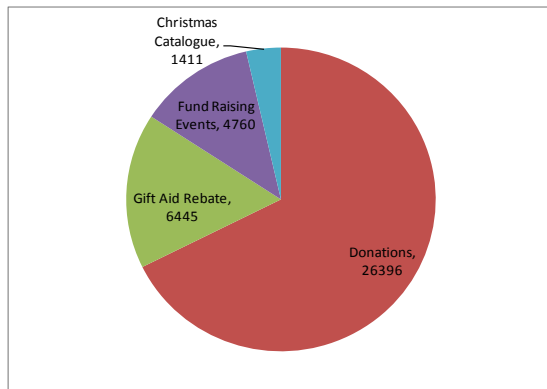
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Trustees

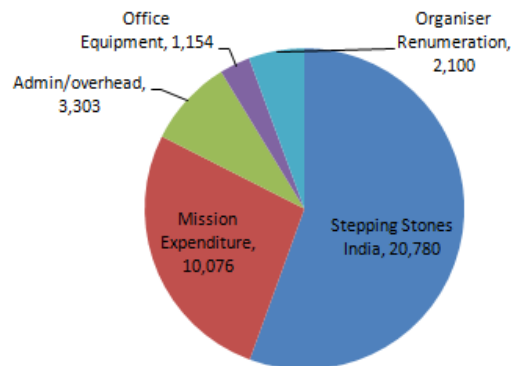
Chairman:- Peter Hick, Treasurer/Secretary:- Tracey Pashby, Richard Pashby, Graeme Parkins, Kathie Hick, Rebecca Sample, Susan Ward, David Baker.

Financials:-

Total Income £39,012 , Total Expenditure £37,414, Income over Exp £1598



INCOME



EXPENDITURE



Stepping Stones ministries



Finally, This has been the most amazing year for growth so far. We want to acknowledge the grace of God and thank all those who have tirelessly supported this work.

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Annual Report - April 2010

Charity number 1104612

Welcome to our Annual Report. This has been an amazing year for Stepping Stones with lots of amazing projects taking place and many more children, young people and families in West Bengal, India, receiving care and support.

A word from the chair.....

It is no surprise that it's been another fantastic year in every aspect, more children, wonderful new orphanage, church which is still under construction but which is there. We praise God for every thing He supplies for Stepping Stones and that He lays it on the hearts of so many of His people to support this wonderful ministry, we are for ever grateful for your support and prayers. Love in Jesus. Pete Hick. Chairman



Bethel House – Boy's Home

In April '09 we relocated all 16 boys and staff from our original rented home to our newly purpose built home in Doyabari, West Bengal. Since that time we have received a further 13 boys. The boys aged between 3 and 15 years are all either orphans or from destitute circumstance. The boys are doing well in school and enjoying the care they receive. The building is now complete with many modern amenities that were not featured in our previous home.

Bethel Church / Mission Centre

The new Church building was dedicated during the '09 Easter Conference. There have been several teaching, worship and children's conferences held here throughout the year as well as daily use and Sunday services by the local congregation. Although the building needs further development this is presently on hold until further funds are available.

Education

We are now into our 12th year of providing students from extremely poor families with bursaries that enable them to complete 3 to 5 year college/university training that ultimately increases their potential to access gainful employment. As our students qualify and go on into work they are replaced by new students. 12 students received financial support this year. As part of their contract all our students must tutor other children in their village who cannot access education because of poverty. This has resulted in several regular morning classes with up to 70 students in each.

Mission Teams

The annual mission team in October '09 was postponed this year due to the swine flu epidemic although 4 persons travelled over for the dedication of the new Boys Home and the new Church Mission Centre in April. A team of 6 also went in January 2010 for 3 weeks. Their mission was to support the outreach team and undertake practical projects at the boy's home and church mission centre. They all had great fun with the Bethel House boys and enabled them to present a full costume stage production of Noah and the flood to 300 local villagers.

Cyclone Relief

In May '09 we dispatched our newly formed cyclone relief team to help survivors of cyclone Aila which affected millions, killing hundreds, destroying thousands of homes and ruining food and water supplies. Working in partnership with the local church our team focused on the worse hit areas in the Sunderbans, supplying food, water, tarpaulins and medical supplies. In October '09 we were able to return and distribute 400 family blankets to those still in need.

Finances

The trustees and faithful supporters of Stepping Stones Ministries UK have raised funds by many means including sponsored events, coffee mornings, fairs, etc. Individual giving and regular child sponsorship has increased this year allowing projects to develop and more destitute children, young people and families to receive the care they desperately need. For a brief overview of our finances, please see the back page or ask for a copy of the annual financial report if you would like to know more.

Outreach

Our outreach team is reaching out daily to extremely poor villagers in isolated areas that have little or no amenities. Providing education programs for children, as well as information, support and guidance to needy families we also plan to establish a mobile clinic next year. In April '09 we built 2 wells which now supply clean drinking water to 1,000 families. In July '09 a new village church was established for new Christian believers which now meet twice a week for worship. In October we hosted a blood donation camp and arranged for the blood to be reserved for the poor.

Tarpaulin can be a life saver!

