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EARTHQUAKE RENEWAL & REGENERATION FUND

Thanks again to everyone who so kindly donated to our fund set up in January. We have distributed the donations received so far and details are attached in our special Tsunami supplement.

HUNGRY FUND

We are pleased to have received some further donations towards this fund that is used to help destitute aged people in the Chengannur area who are no longer helped by Help Age. Jacob has handed out supplies of rice and other provisions but we hope to continue this aid on a permanent basis.

BBC WEB SITE

Thanks to our links with the UK/Nigeria charity Sustainable Development Network, Idem and Esemé have posted entries in the BBC web site 'My Africa Diary' pages. These detail the work of SDN and show photos of Kays recent visit to Nigeria explaining how we help.

CHENGANNUR TUITION CLASSES

Much of the success of this work is down to Jacob's organisation and the day to day work of Mr Krishnankutty the head teacher and his assistants. We have received an interesting report from him...
"This is the 8th year since I began to work in this Tuition Centre. The time of coaching is 4.15-5.30pm. All the pupils belong to very poor families and this is a blessing to them. We 3 teachers pay attention not only in teaching the text books but also in building the conduct of the children and encouraging the artistic abilities inherent in the children."

SCHOLARSHIPS

MANU, our scholarship boy in India has just taken exams that are the equivalent of our GCSEs and of 13 subjects taken he achieved 10 grade A marks! He will be staying on at the school as a day pupil to study further thanks to the funds donated by Sheen Mount School. Without the Scholarship he would certainly not have had the opportunity to shine at his studies!

We have also granted ELIZABETH a girl in Nigeria, funds from the Chester Mattin Scholarship to enable her to finish her last year at school. She is an excellent student in spite of the fact that she is an orphan and has to work each day after school to pay for her upkeep. Kay met her on her recent trip to Nigeria and was very impressed with her whole outlook on life, despite the many difficulties she has encountered. She is hoping to go on to further education (which our scholarship does not include) so if anyone is interested in helping fund her studies please contact us for more details.



Our photo shows Elizabeth, Esemé and Kay and their driver earlier this year

CAMEROON SCHOOL

Unfortunately the Cameroon school was not reopened in the new building as hoped. This was because we do not have sufficient funds to complete the building work. Although the basic structure and roof are in place there is a lot more work to do. We are still seeking funds for this and we would ideally like to link up with a school in the UK so that they could help us complete this project and establish a permanent full time school in this area of Africa where education is limited for so many children.

HOLY TRINITY SALE

We have again kindly been offered a stall at the HT Church Christmas Fayre in Church Lane, Bromley Common (on A21 near the bus garage). This will be from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 26th November. If you can come along we would love to see you. If you have any small items which you would like to donate to the Trust we would be happy to accept them.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Our Trustee Richard Breese, who is a qualified accountant, has always produced our annual accounts and Nicola Lenthall has for many years been kind enough to act as Independent Examiner (a requirement arising under the Charities Act) at no cost to the Trust. We would like to thank her very much for this. It is exactly this type of generous help that enables us to send to India and Africa 100% of what is donated to us unlike many larger charities who have substantial overheads.

STAMPS

We are pleased to receive ever growing quantities of stamps which are sold at auctions, boot fairs, sales and at a local stamp club and we are particularly grateful to Sylvia and Ken Cook who recently arranged for 2 massive boxes to be delivered to us for sorting and sale. Others are also kindly sending regularly including Phil Cook (no relation to Sylvia!) who has got his work colleagues donating all they can find.



DONATIONS

We have continued to receive donations for our work throughout the year and our thanks go to everyone for the amounts large and small received during the year and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to keep us advised if you change your address or email address or if you could receive our newsletter by email rather than post to help us keep costs down.