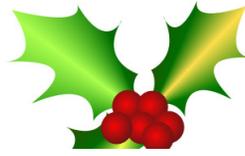


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Welcome to our latest newsletter which is also available to view on our website. In this issue we'll give you updates on projects and aid featured in our last newsletter.

DONATIONS FROM THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF GORDON BREWIN

In our last newsletter we mentioned how the family of the late Gordon Brewin raised £1000 in his memory to build a house for a needy family. Jayanthi & Santhosh already had the foundations laid but had no funds to go further and they were chosen by Jacob Punnen, our Project Manager, and Louisa Brewin, Gordons daughter, to receive the aid.

They were hoping to move in to their new home as we prepared this newsletter. They have a lovely kitchen with a

smokeless fireplace and a small sink. They also managed to build a toilet and a bathroom

although the doors still need to be made and fitted. Santhosh being a carpenter will manage this on his own.

They can hardly believe they will soon be living in a dry, sturdy home safe from monsoons and intense heat. Whilst obviously very basic by UK

standards this represents a huge leap in their standard of living.



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE.

Another appeal in our last newsletter was requesting funds to help support Godswill a deaf and dumb boy in Nigeria. Whilst we no longer give general aid to Africa we still have contact with this boy who Kay Mattin first met when he was just a few years old. He attends a special school where fees are required but he and his family have no means of raising these.

Our thanks go to Sue and John Williams and Helen Branch who both gave us donations to support him for another term. We still need further help so if any supporters can give us a donation please do contact us.

Don't forget, please let us know if you change your email address or if you can now receive our newsletters by email as this will save on the printing and postage costs so that we can use the money for our projects rather than on administration.

GOAT PROJECT

Our goat project has been continuing on a small scale for over 30 years. We provide a goat to a needy family with the only stipulations being that they care for it properly and return its first kid to us to pass to another family.

This picture shows Kumari Podiyan (in red saree) she was a recipient of a goat from us last year. Here she is handing over her kid goat to Shini and her children Preethi aged 8 and Princi aged 5. They have a piece of land and house which they rent from a family member so they have space to keep the goat. They have to pay rent of about £10 a month so need assistance.

Prasad, their father, is a driver and Shini goes to a weaving school run by a church and gets a small income from it. They are a very needy family and their income is very limited. The goat will give them milk and possibly a small additional income.



SPONSORSHIPS

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our supporters who with regular payments sponsor children in India. We have over 90 active sponsorships and this is the backbone of our work and provides ongoing greatly needed support, improved prospects and friendship to the families concerned.

SPONSORSHIP SUCCESS

After the report in our summer newsletter on Remya a sponsored girl who has flourished under her sponsorship we have a report about another girl, Jomol, who was sponsored by Pat Deveaux until last year.



Jacob says: "Jomol had been sponsored by Mrs Pat Devaux for almost 15 years. Jomol was good in her studies and went to Bangalore to do a Bachelor of Science course in Nursing. She successfully completed that and then worked in Pune and Hyderabad for sometime in different hospitals for the experience. She did a test in between and got selected as a Nurse in the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia. Being a govt. job it is a very prestigious one here and she would be earning about £1000 pounds a month a huge sum here. She was happy and thrilled over it when she came back here the other day to say bye to us. She remembers her beloved Aunt Pat who supported her during her most difficult days which did her a world of good. She said the support came through every quarter without fail for 15 long years. She wished she could see Pat at some point in her life. She gratefully remembers all the support she gave her including a cycle as a gift. She says not a day goes by without a little prayer for her beloved `aunt`. The above made my day as there is a tremendous amount of satisfaction when someone like her comes

and says a few words like this."

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.**