

THE INDIA VILLAGE PROJECT

REGISTERED CHARITY SC039667

For the session ending June 2015

The trustees submit their report together with accounts for the session ending June 2015

Objectives

The objectives of the Project continue to be: the physical improvement of the village of Mangamanuthu in Tamil Nadu, assistance in the provision of education in the schools administered by the Marist Brothers in Tamil Nadu, specifically St. Marcellin High School, Mangamanuthu and the Marist Primary and Secondary schools in P.Udayapatti, and a nursery/primary school in Vizhalanmedu.

Originally set up by staff and pupils of Lawside RC Academy, the India Village Project is now supported by St. Paul's RC Academy and St. John's High School, St. Ninian's Primary School in Hamilton and a number of Primary Schools in Dundee. The Project also committed funds to Operation Rainbow, which provides education, medication and clothing for the children of some of the poorest families in Tamil Nadu where AIDS is a problem. These children are prevented from accessing mainstream education because of a misunderstanding of the mechanisms of HIV and AIDS.

This year we have managed to bring over two representatives from India, the head teacher of St. Marcellin's High School and also the Project Director of Operation Rainbow. They were introduced to the various schools and others in the community who support the Project. They also visited the primary school in Hamilton where they were welcomed and entertained by the staff and pupils.

As we did not send staff or pupils to India this year we concentrated on raising substantial funds to re-bore the well in the village during the drought as well as provision of furnishings and school equipment for the new school in Vizhalanmedu. We also held our annual India Week and India Concert in collaboration with the Bharatiya Ashram.

Other Information.

We continue to transfer money to the two nominated bank accounts in Trichy, which are administered by the Marist Brothers, one for the provision of funds for school projects and one for the provision of funds for Operation Rainbow.

The membership of the board of Trustees has not changed this year. The signatories for the India Village Project Bank Account (Bank of Scotland) are also unchanged.