

# Reaching the Unreached of Village India

Childcare Education Health Housing Water Welfare - serving the rural poor in south India

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## UK and Overseas Bulletin

September 2016

### Welcome

Welcome to our latest Bulletin for friends of Reaching the Unreached in the UK and overseas. I want to extend a particular welcome to all those who are new to RTU and are reading this for the first time. We are a group of supporters impressed by the far-reaching work of Brother James, Father Antony and all at RTU in giving the most impoverished families in rural villages in South India living lives of extreme hardship the means to a brighter and self-reliant future, particularly orphaned and abandoned children. The latest edition of the Newsletter from India gives an overview of all their programmes - welcome to the RTU family!

Some years ago, a TV company made a documentary film, focusing on the Children's Villages. Although some of the statistics mentioned are out of date, it gives a very good overview of their family care system. Called 'Land of Hope', it is available to view on the RTU-India YouTube channel and I have copies available on DVD if any of you would like one. It is a great resource to show friends and supporters just how special RTU is.



Thank you so much for all you do to help, Mo, UK Co-ordinator

### Supporting children and young people with a disability

We are delighted to have provided additional support to one of RTU's partner organisations this year. RUADT works with differently-abled children and young people from the poorest rural families and provides specialist schools, day care centres and vocational training courses. Thanks to the help of supporters here and parishioners of St Michael's in Worthing, we are providing funds for one of their Village Rehabilitation Therapy Centres which gives vital physiotherapy to 30 people a day in remote villages where transport links are poor. It is hard enough for the people in these villages to earn enough to feed their families, so our support for those caring for a child with a disability is so very much appreciated.



Pandiammal is 3 years old and has cerebral palsy with delayed developmental milestones due to being starved of oxygen at birth. RUADT recently encouraged her parents to bring her for rehabilitation sessions. She has been receiving regular physiotherapy now for the last 3 months and has made great strides in the development of her neck control and sitting balance. Her mother is extremely happy with her progress, with the help she is now getting and finds it easy to get to the treatment centre near her village

# Thank you

It has been heart-warming to receive your letters and generous donations since the last Newsletter was circulated, which we have sent to India to support the work of RTU. Some of you have been helping for many years and it is lovely to hear from old friends. Some of you are new supporters or child sponsors - we extend a warm welcome to you and hope you will enjoy being part of the RTU family. We are also extremely grateful for the help we receive from churches, schools and other groups who organise events and collections for RTU. Our heartfelt thanks to you all and all the groups who have contributed recently:



- To the parishioners of St Michael's Church in Worthing for your RTU bonanza event and on-going fundraising and collections for the house-building programme at RTU
- To John Harwood and all our friends at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Worcester for your quizzes, raffles, and metal recycling
- To the Thursday Club members at St Mary & St Egwin, Evesham
- To all at Virgo Fidelis Church in Upper Norwood for your recent plant, cake and toy sale
- To all our friends in Penarth, and the Union of Catholic Mothers at St Joseph's & St Mary's
- To Carol Read for raising money for the house-building programme for your big 0 birthday
- To the parishioners of St Andrew's in Rushmore, Suffolk for another successful quiz night
- To our friends at St Mary's Church in Poole for your monthly stall and cake sales for RTU
- To all the members of Exmoor Voices choir for your donations for April and John Golding's special wedding anniversary in July
- To all at the Lutheran Church in Munich, Germany for the considerable sums raised at your Christmas and Easter bazaars
- To parishioners at St Weburgh's in Chester for your charity wall box donations
- To all at Sacred Heart in Bordon, Hampshire for the proceeds of your toy and book sales
- To all at Sacred Heart in Paignton, Devon for your coffee mornings for RTU
- To the parishioners of SS Joseph & Teresa in Wells, Somerset for your recent quarterly collection for the house-building programme
- To parishioners at Christ the King RAF Akrotoni and St Pius X, Episkopi Garrison, Cyprus
- To the parishioners of The Holy Trinity and Our Lady in Fleet, Hampshire for your recent Passover supper
- To the Light Foundation in Eastbourne for money raised at your evenings and talks
- To the Knights of St Columba, Council 139 in Bournemouth for your sponsored walk
- To Alan Brown from Glasgow who cycled to Santiago de Compostela for RTU
- To the Outreach Group at Our Lady of Beauchief & St Thomas of Canterbury, Sheffield
- To all at St Jerome's Justice & Peace Group, Liverpool
- To the Lisbonian Society for another generous gift
- To parishioners at St Vincent de Paul Church in Lordswood, Southampton for your recent collection
- To the outreach group of Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Sheffield
- To all the brothers at Clayton Court, Liss
- All our individual supporters - too numerous to mention!



## Recent Fundraising Events

It is always good to hear about the many ways that you raise funds for RTU - thank you for all you do to help. Here are just a selection of your events.



*RTU was lucky to benefit from a Sponsored Walk organised by the Knights of St Columba in Bournemouth and UK Co-ordinator, Mo Houlden, joined them for their 90th anniversary celebration.*



*Roswitha Davies and friends in Penarth, South Wales have been busy fundraising again. Here are members of the Catholic Women's League at St Joseph's & St Mary's*

*Voices of Exmoor Choir held a collection to celebrate the special wedding anniversary of their musical director, April Golding and her husband, John*



### STOP PRESS

For those of you in Bournemouth/Poole, this year's Brother Lionel Sponsored Walk (as Brother James was formally known) is taking place on Sunday 25th September in Poole Park from 11 am. For further information, please contact Mo in the UK office (details overleaf).

## Handwoven cards



Last year's Christmas cards proved so popular that we had to do a second print run and you'll be pleased to hear that we'll be doing some new designs this year, featuring the batiks made at RTU's weaving and tailoring workshops. We'll give you details of these shortly, but in the meantime, please don't forget the beautiful cards made by the foster mothers in the Children's Villages at RTU. They are all hand-woven and make wonderful greetings cards. They cost £1 each and money raised is sent to RTU for the women who stitched them. If you would like to purchase any, please send a cheque made payable to 'Reaching the Unreached' to the UK address overleaf. NB. Extra for postage much appreciated.

## In Memoriam

We would like to thank friends and family who have sent donations in lieu of flowers or in memory of loved ones - our thoughts are with you at this time. We remember Charles Woods, Deacon of St Theresa's in Blacon, Chester who died in March and whose wife Joan was at school with Brother James. We also remember Michael Arnold-Gilliat from London who was taught by Brother James at St Peter's in Bournemouth, and Fiona Welford from Glastonbury. We are very grateful for all the donations received in their memory.

## Stamps wanted!



We have a few keen collectors of used stamps which we sell to raise money for RTU. Every penny counts so please think about helping by becoming a collector amongst friends/at church. Send any stamps (preferably trimmed) or even stamp collections to the UK office (address below).

## New Euro account

For all our friends in Europe, we have a new account for donating Euros to support RTU:

Account no: 0268024170

Sort code: 080211

IBAN: GB70CPBK08021168024170

BIC: CPBKGB22OFS

Account name: Reaching the Unreached

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

I would like Reaching the Unreached to treat all donations I make from today and all donations I have made for the 4 years prior to this year, as Gift Aid donations.

*I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in a tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Reaching the Unreached can claim 25p on each £1 donated.*

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Email.....

Date.....

Signed.....

## DONATION FORM

I'd like to help RTU's life-changing work with the poorest children, families and communities in rural villages in South India with a gift of £ \_\_\_\_\_ and have pleasure in enclosing my cheque made payable to 'Reaching the Unreached'.

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Forename \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you pay income tax or capital gains tax, we can reclaim an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Yes please, I would like Reaching the Unreached to treat all donations I make from today and all donations in the past 4 years to be Gift Aided until I notify you otherwise.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*giftaid it* I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in a tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please send me further information about how I can help with sponsorship or make a regular donation.

NB. To make an online transfer into the Reaching the Unreached UK bank account, the Sort Code is 08-92-99 and the Account No is 65794681. Please put your name as a reference. Or visit JustGiving [www.justgiving.com/rtu](http://www.justgiving.com/rtu).

Write to us at:

RTU, Shallows, The Shallows, Breamore, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 2AG

Or email: [enquiries@rtu.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rtu.org.uk) Our website is [www.rtu.org.uk](http://www.rtu.org.uk)

Or ring: 01725 514804 (The office is open part-time - we will call you back if you ring when the office is closed.)

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Thank you!

