

Micah's Call **International**

Annual Report And Financial Overview

2006 – 2007
(April 1st 06 – 31st March 07)

Registered Charity No. 1116897



Dear friends and supporters,

Micah's Call is glad to present to you the annual report for the last year's work of the charity. We are amazed at how far we have come in just one year, especially since much of our promotional work, has only just begun. Thank you to our supporters who have stood by us, and thanks also to the number of people who have come to help us establish the charity on an organized foundation, enabling us to plan to fulfill our aims in the year to come. We look forward to another year of following God in the work He wants to establish through us, and in the lives of people in the UK and abroad.

*Stephen Greenall, Chair,
Micah's Call International*

Administrative details

Charitable Status

Micah's Call International was established by the signing of a "Constitution of Charitable Unincorporated Association" on February 5th 2006. It was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 20th November 2006. The registration number is 1116897.

Trustees

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who meet every three months. The trustees for this year are; Stephen Greenall – Chair, Sarah Kipps – Treasurer and Richard Greenall – Secretary. The three trustees are currently the sole voluntary workers for Micah's Call International.

Partnership Organization

In the last year, to fulfill its aim of providing a Child Sponsorship program, Micah's Call International has worked with another organization in Tamil Nadu, India. Information on them can be found at www.jmhammm.com. This partnership is facilitated and regulated by a "Child Sponsorship Agreement" governing the way in which the partnership shall work from both sides. The agreement is subject to constant review and Micah's Call International is committed to visiting the partner organization to audit the Sponsorship Agreement to check for adherence.

Micah's Call International website can be found at www.micahscall.org.uk

Vision, aims and review

The Micah's Call International mission statement is;

"Micah's Call International exists to enable people to act in response to the calling of the Gospel, through the prophet Micah's proclamation in Micah Chapter 6 verse 8 "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".

The aims of the charity are;

- In accordance with our basis of belief, seeking to enable people everywhere, to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.
- Showing Christian love and social justice specifically by encouraging people to help relieve poverty in developing countries, through child sponsorship.
- Promoting child, sponsor and organizational relationships that will encourage Christian growth in those being sponsored, in accordance with the Micah's Call International Basis of Belief.
- Working to promote and encourage the spiritual and educational growth of underprivileged people everywhere.

What we have done...

This year we have seen an establishing of four key areas of work.

Child Sponsorship Program – Child sponsorship is one way in which we are meeting our goals as a charity – showing mercy and justice to those in need. Fifteen sponsors now sponsor 17 children in the home of 34 children. The amount of money we send each month equals almost half the required finances needed to fund the home, the rest being supported by the organizations and other individuals. The program provides for all of the children's needs through financial donations from UK donors. A report was released in November after a visit of Micah's Call to the home, detailing the improvements observed due to the

Over 90% of
sponsor's
donations reach
children in need.

sponsorship finances. More sponsors are needed for this home, and there are always needs from other organizations being made known to us that we wish we can help with in time.

Website – The Micah's Call International website is a developing area of fulfilling the vision of Micah's Call, enabling people to access resources and organizations similar to our vision and aims.

"As we turned the corner to where the children were, I was taken aback as I've never seen such joy and excitement in all my life..."
...a supporter's visit to India

Visit to India – When UK sponsors or supporters visit our Child Sponsorship program, the encouragement and learning that occurs on each side of the rich – poor divide is always life changing. As well as the visiting, there is also the doing, and visitors have been able to do good for those in need on the visit itself. We seek to take at least one visit a year to the home.

Church building - Micah's Call wants to show people that acting justly is not just about doing good, but also by becoming right and walking humbly, before God. One supporter wanted to help a poor village church in India build their church building from more than simple thatch (see picture on right) so that more people can find out about God in that village. Facilitated by and through Micah's Call, this became a reality. Micah's Call wants to encourage and grow this area of our ministry.



Where we are going...

We have a number of plans for the coming year;

- To carry on following where we believe God leads us in His service – to help the poor and to bring God's social and spiritual justice here on Earth.
- To continue to work closely with our partner organization JMHA to facilitate and run the Child Sponsorship Program with excellence
- To fulfill all the required sponsors needed for the existing home Micah's Call supports, and as opportunities arise, take on new projects in this more specialized area of charitable work.
- To visit the home for audit and planning purposes.
- To carry out national advertising in the press and at events and exhibitions, creating more awareness of the charities work.
- To actively seek new ways of fulfilling the charities aims alongside looking for voluntary personnel to do this.

Finances

Micah's Call International is not required by the Charities commission to formally submit a report or audit on the finances due to our lower level of income. We have however chosen to do so out of good practice. All our direct debits and gift aid donations this year have been processed through Stewardship Services prior to reaching our accounts.

Our finances are divided into restricted and unrestricted categories.

Restricted – where the donor has specified where the money is to be spent, such as in the Child Sponsorship Program

Un-restricted – Where the income is from gift aid, donations, interest or other income and has no specified purpose for expenditure.

Micah's Call International Statement of Financial Activities year ending 31st March 2007

Income

Unrestricted

Donations	£835.00
Gift aid	£691.14
Interest	£14.45
Other	£0.00
Subtotal	£1,540.59

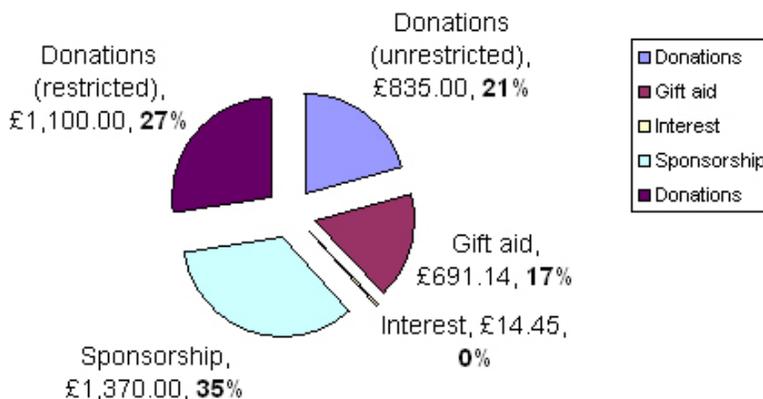
Restricted

Sponsorship	£1,370.00
Donations	£1,100.00
Other	£0.00

Subtotal £2,470.00

Total £4,010.59

Income - Graph 1



Expenditure

Unrestricted

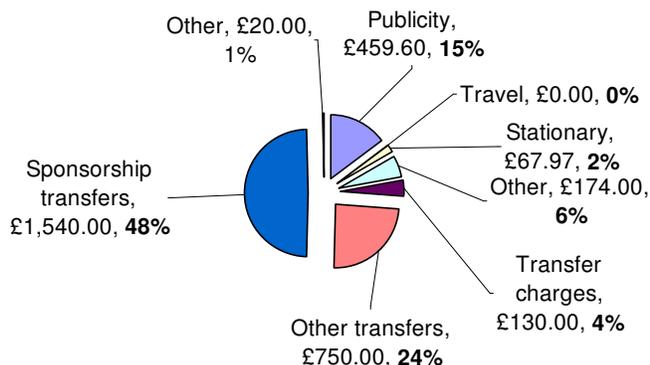
Publicity	£459.60
Travel	£0.00
Stationary	£67.97
Other	£174.00
Subtotal	£701.57

Restricted

Transfer charges	£130.00
Other trans	£750.00
Sponsorship transfers	£1,540.00
Other	£20.00
Reserves	
Subtotal	£2,440.00

Total	£3,141.57
Balance	£869.02

Expenditure - Graph 2



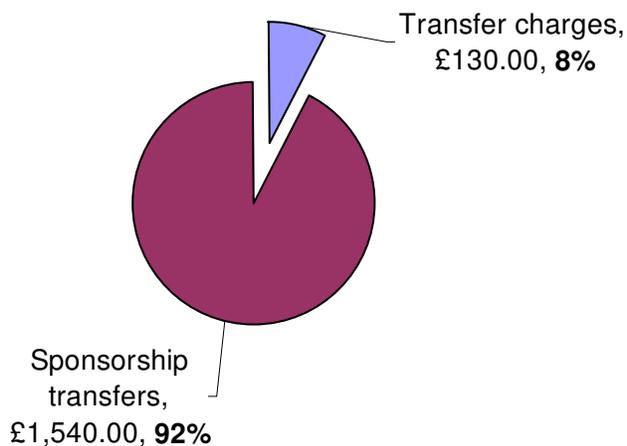
It is our policy to send all the money we receive for the children in our program to those children. The only costs we take out of this money is the cost it takes to send that money to them. Operating costs for the charity are taken from donations and gift aid sources.

This graph shows that **92%** of donor's finances reach the children. We hope this will improve as costs of transfers have recently been reduced.

Notes on finances

- For the coming year, a reserve of one months operating costs will be established.
- An accountant will be recruited to deal more accurately with the finances.

Child Sponsorship Program Finances



Our thanks....

To all who have supported and helped during this first year of the charity.

If you are a praying person, we would highly value your prayers on a regular basis. Please pray that God will give us vision, opportunities, skills and people to carry out the work we do in His service.

On behalf of the Micah's Call International Trustees...

S. Greenall

Stephen Greenall, Chair