

Micah's Call **International**

Annual Report And Financial Overview

2007 – 2008
(April 1st 07 – 31st March 08)

Registered Charity No. 1116897

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by pursuing God's justice and mercy for this world
through relieving poverty and sharing Jesus Christ."



Dear reader,

Welcome to our annual report 07-08. We were 2 years old in February! Although a small charity working with only a few partners, in the past 12 months, we have been excited to have facilitated so many people's actions for the poor and needy. Using finances and time, people have given through our projects to those most needy in our world - those without Christ and the poor. Assuring us that what we are doing is valuable to our supporters; the charity has almost doubled in the size of its finances and activities this year.

At our heart is to constantly pursue our vision of enabling others to act. To us this means; working in close contact with you, developing transparent avenues for finances to be used for the poor, and being open to others joining our charitable structure to fulfill the Call in their own unique way. In this sense, we are as much a charity for you, the reader to work through, than a development charity for those in need.

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As an example of this, in the past few months, we have taken a big step by inviting into the charity, a whole development project led by Jan and Kev Roy and Hannah Sneller in The Gambia. Along with the project, we have been joined by Nick Gazard on the trustee board, bringing with him a range of organizational knowledge and skills.

We want to take this opportunity to ask you to keep us in your prayers, as we seek to become even more established and organized, to enable people to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Stephen Greenall
Chairman

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.

Micah's Call International website is a key way we demonstrate and inform others of our work and can be found at www.micahscall.org.uk.

Trustees

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who meet regularly. The trustees for this year have been:



Stephen Greenall
Chairman



Sarah Kipps
Treasurer



Richard Greenall
Secretary and Director

Introducing our new Trustees for 2008- 2009 →



Nick Gazard
Trustee for Hope For All Project



Ashley Dias-Patel
Proposed new communications trustee.

Vision, aims and year review

Our Vision

"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".

Our Mission statement

"To enable people to respond with action to the gospel of Jesus Christ by pursuing God's justice and mercy for this world through relieving poverty and sharing Jesus Christ."

The aims of the charity:

- 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...

The past year has seen the charities activities almost double. It has been encouraging to see that more than at any time previously, we are being used as a channel for people to reach the needy with the love of God.

Key areas of progress...

- **New project, Hope For All (HFA)** – run by Jan and Kev Roy and Hannah Sneller in Gambia. Having worked there for over 9 years, HFA project has now become part of Micah's Call International. While remaining in control of the project, HFA now has a board of trustees and is officially charitable. HFA seeks to demonstrate the love of God among the Serahule people group in Gambia, West Africa. To read much more about this exciting work, see the website at – www.hopeforall.org.uk



- **An increase in size of the JMHA Child Sponsorship program.** This year has seen more sponsors join our sponsorship program of the needy children's home of Jesus Mercy Home Association in Tamil Nadu India. Both our charity and the organization running the home both recognize the importance of keeping children with families where at all possible. As part of their desire to do this, "remaining" family involvement is encouraged, and when not required to be at school, some children take return visits to their home villages.



- **Generous giving to real needs** – The past year has seen donors giving several thousand pounds worth of donations for designated purposes. This has been 1) in response to specific appeals and 2) in response to knowledge of general needs of those we work with, through the trust that has built up between donor and recipient. All giving has gone to make real advances in the work that our partner organizations do with the poor and needy.



Image to right –costs of land registration paid for by donors, allowing care, outreach and a furthering of our partner organizations ministry to the poor and needy in rural India.

- **Greenbelt event attendance** this past year was a great opportunity to meet supporters and many people who were all very interested in the work of Micah's Call International.

- **Successful overseas visit** to our partner organization Jesus Mercy Home Association (JMHA) in July 2007. The team took time to meet their sponsored children, and also take part in the variety of ministries conducted by the church running the home. In a small but significant way, the team made a lasting impact on the lives of the people they met.



Where we are going...

Growth has to be controlled in order for an organization to grow effectively. In the next financial year, we are not planning to do any major projects or work other than that which we are already doing. However, there are several areas which we will continue to work in...

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- **Developing the umbrella charity concept.** Currently we are preparing and working through structural issues which will allow more people and projects to work through us.
- **Events** – as stated previously, you will hopefully find us meeting people at several national events this coming year.
- **Overseas team visit in July 2008!** All the time, we see adverts on TV and items in the news, forcing us to face the reality of life for the "rest" of the world - poverty, hunger, aids and disease. But what is reality? As one team member visiting our partner organization in India said "*I have never comprehended real poverty before*"

coming here." Micah's Call wants to give people in the developed world an opportunity to jump out of their comfort zone and experience what real poverty is and how their actions can help those most in need.

- **Continuing to develop our projects.** We desire that our projects be straightforward avenues for to fulfillment of our mission statement... "to pursue God's justice and mercy for this world".

Finances

The last year's income has almost doubled in size. Throughout the year we have used tax reclaimed on donations to provide for general admin use. We have no employees, small paper costs, and always use financial donations for their intended purpose. Below is an overview of 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, or one off specific donations.

Unrestricted – 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 2008

Income	2007-08	2006-07	Expenditure	2007-08	2006-07
Unrestricted			Unrestricted		
Donations	615.41	£835.00	Publicity	1,099.84	£459.60
Gift aid	725.80	£691.13	Travel	-	£0.00
Gift aid irregular	345.90		Stationery	25.47	£67.97
Interest	14.12	£14.45	Other	784.16	£339.00
Other	251.36	£0.00			
Subtotal	1,952.59	£1,540.58	Subtotal	1,909.47	£866.57
Restricted			Restricted		
Sponsorship	3,300.00	£1,370.00	Transfer charges	79.94	£91.98
Donations	2,735.00	£1,100.00	Mis transfers	2,785.00	£750.00
Other	1,519.96	£0.00	Sponsorship transfers	3,050.03	£1,513.00
			Other	105.00	£20.00
Subtotal	7,554.96	£2,470.00	Subtotal	6,019.97	£2,274.98
Total Inc	9,507.55	£4,010.58	Total Exp	7,929.44	£3,141.55
			Balance	2,447.14	

Our thanks....

To all who have supported and helped during this second year of the charity, a big thank you. We are looking forward to another year of working alongside you, to achieve our objectives, of enabling people everywhere to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God.

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...

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Stephen Greenall, Chairman

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