

Micah's Call International

Trustees Annual Report And Financial Overview

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Chair of trustees, Stephen Greenall...

Dear friends and supporters,
This year Micah's Call celebrates 4 years in action, and we are encouraged to see how many people have joined us in worshipping the Lord, by helping those most in need. This year we re-defined our vision to better reflect what we want to do - to enable people everywhere to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God. We have invited another trustee on board as treasurer and we are excited to see where this year will take us. Please read on to discover more...

The Charity

Charitable Status

Micah's Call International was established by the signing of a "Constitution of Charitable Unincorporated Association" on February 5th 2006. The charity 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 regularly. The 5 trustees for this year have been; **Stephen Greenall** – Chair, **Sarah Kipps** – Treasurer and **Richard Greenall** – Secretary, **Ashley Dias-Patel** and **Nick Gazard**. In December 09 We said goodbye to Ashley Dias-Patel and hello to **Tom Cartwright** who joins as a trustee.

Structure

The charity is run day to day by the executive – currently Richard Greenall as Director.

Our two projects "Hope For All" and "Love India" take most of the time and finances of the charity, and are run by their own volunteer staff.

Our vision...

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What we are going to do...

Supporting local churches in their understanding and response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ: sharing Gods justice and mercy with the poor worldwide.

We are going to do this through...

- Increasing understanding of God's justice, mercy and the needs of the poor.
- Resourcing the local church with simple means of responding with action to the needs of the poor.
- Partnering UK Christians with projects that proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor.
- Enabling new and existing projects to share in our vision for the poor, become charitable and grow.

Review

This year... has seen changes – a new trustee and a re-defined vision and aims (see above) and a new name for our project working with the church JMHA in India. At our core, we are the same but the changes express more clearly what we started out to do.

The charity continues to have most of its activity happen through its two projects, "Hope For All" and "Love India". This is a clear outworking of our aims - through small projects that work with people closely on the ground, we are connecting people across the UK with those in need. Reliability and clear reports on what people's time and finances are used for are the result, further increasing others eagerness to get involved with meeting the needs of the poor.

Motivated by the Good News of Jesus' love for our world, UK churches and Christians have joined with us to share the Gospel to those in need through bringing practical hope to the poor in areas including; education, water, healthcare, food, counselling, spiritual care and other social concerns. **Our desire for 2010 - 2011 is that more people will act through us, walking humbly before God, showing justice and mercy for those in need.**

Financial overview

Central charity

Income – £114.20
Expenditure - £387.50
Balance - £437.91

Total including projects

Income - £33,865.38
Expenditure - £31,268.43
Balance - £7683.76

Note – Every pound given for a specified need or project reaches that need. Any positive balance reflects other specific gifts for admin, or tax reclaimed through Gift Aid.

About HopeForAll

HopeForAll, which began in 2001 as a school sponsorship project in an up-country village in The Gambia, became a project of Micah's Call in April 2008. You can find out much more about HFA on our website at www.hopeforall.org.uk

Review

During the past year the project has continued to sponsor children – just over 100 in all – through our SchoolForAll program. We have seen many of our students complete Grade 9 and move on to secondary school, and many have finished altogether (Grade 12). Some of these students have applied for university and been accepted to do various courses. The Gambia helps such students with scholarships if they are needy, but we are often asked to give extra aid for living expenses and transport and we have been working on new forms of publicity so that we can find more sponsors. We have also been looking for sponsors in The Gambia, among business men and other organisations.

We have been able to raise the money to supply Sabi Upper Basic School with electricity, which is something which has been needed for a long time - the school is in a rural district and this will make an enormous difference to the administration.

One young man who we became aware of who has a passion for teaching the deaf, and yet was not able to train because of lack of finances has been able to start an on-the-job apprenticeship at a local School for the Deaf, thanks to our sponsors. We are able to give him enough on a monthly basis to cover his transport and food costs, and the school is training him.



We continue to support Musa, who is training to be a doctor in Gambia. He is now in his third year and doing very well. and have also been able to help a young man with fees for his engineering degree, which he has now completed, and he is now qualified to get a job with which he will be able to support his family.



The Sifoe nursery school is a great success. We now have two teachers, supported monthly by HFA, and two classes with about 12 children in each. We have been able to help the school with various items of equipment, and just recently have been contacted by someone else who wants to support the school on a regular basis.

We continue to be involved in a garden project in the village of Janbanjelly, about 30 km from the capital, and we are also working on getting a library up and running in that village. We would love to see the people there able to make enough money from their garden plots to

be able to invest in their children's education, which is what they themselves are aiming at.

We feel excited about all we have been able to achieve in the past year, and we move on into the next year hopeful that we will be able to achieve even more for the people of The Gambia.

Finances

Income - £7472.97

Expenditure - £6085

Balance - £2056.82

Project: Love India – with JMHA



Since Micah's Call first became a charity in 2006, one project has been facilitating support from the UK to a church organisation in South India, Jesus Mercy Home Association (JMHA). In the past year, the JMHA support work became an independent project of the charity called "Love India – with JMHA". Much more about JMHA can be found on their website at www.jmhammm.com. The MCI project "Love India – with JMHA" works very closely with JMHA to demonstrate and share the Love of Jesus to the poor and needy in Tamil Nadu, South India.

Our Vision, is to be a bridge for people to share the love of God in word and action to the nation of India.

What we are going to do - Believing that the Gospel message brings fullness of life for all, we seek to bring about close partnerships between supporters and Indian churches to share the love of God in the nation of India.

How we are going to do it

- Facilitating supporters to serve partner churches in India, through time, finances or prayer.
- Enabling people to respond to the gospel message of love; including through practical means such as education, healthcare and development projects for people who are disadvantaged.
- Working with Jesus Mercy Home Association, India, to complete our mission and aims.

Review

The project has three main activities.

1. Child Sponsorship - the program now supports a large percentage of children in JMHA's home for needy children in Adaikanoor village, India. Our visit to and review of the home in July and October 2009 had excellent reports, with a new building being built (in co-operation with other organizations and individuals), happy children, and good education results in general. Sponsors in the UK also continue to sponsor children in the community, reaching needy families with support they need. In many cases, loss of a family breadwinner to illness or disease causes the children to need assistance in the long term.

2. Other programs - On their website, www.jmhammm.com, a wide variety of programs are shown, demonstrating how JMHA reach the poor and needy with the love of God. Through our UK project, donors in the UK have contributed thousands of pounds towards; teachers for a primary school, leprosy patient assistance, a much needed bore well, church and life centre buildings, a new healthcare clinic and HIV clinic. Any project that JMHA carry out, we are able to send financial assistance for, and with our agreement, reviews and audits with JMHA, we are confident that we report back effective use of finances.

3. Pastor sponsorship – currently not attracting much support, please see our website for more details of how sponsoring a village pastor can transform the lives of needy people.



Finances

Income - £26,278.21

Expenditure - £24,795.93

Balance - £5189.03

Note: The project sends finances every two months in secure electronic transfer. End of year balance is therefore largely designated finance, awaiting transfer.