

CHCT Newsletter

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WILL POWER

How charity's record gift is helping the world's poorest

THE record donation of over £100,000 left to CHCT in the will of supporter Isobel Livingston is already hard at work improving the lives of the world's most deprived people.

Trustees approved grants totalling £27,000 in 2016 and more projects are under consideration, while the balance is invested for future needs.

First off the mark was India's Bombay Leprosy Project (BLP) which has long been regularly supported by the charity. They have opened a £10,000 clinic bearing Isobel's name as a permanent memorial. Leprosy



Generous . . . Isobel left £100,000



Vital . . . the new leprosy clinic in Isobel's memory

remains a huge problem despite the World Health Organisation's ill-advised claim of eradicating it. Director Dr VV Pai writes:

“New cases continue to occur with the main concern being among children. There are also fresh patients with deformities at diagnosis which indicates continued transmission of disease in the community.

In view of these challenges the referral centre operated by BLP is crucial for providing diagnosis and treatment.

Patients are referred to us not only from

Mumbai and surrounding areas but some from far away. Those with severe reaction or nerve damage were admitted to local hospitals.

Those needing specialised investigation were referred to a collaborating laboratory.

Field staff and local volunteers follow up to educate and motivate patients to comply fully with their treatment.”

MORE PROJECTS INSIDE

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SIR NICK FENN



THE charity lost a distinguished supporter with the death in September of our patron Sir Nick Fenn.

Sir Nick, 80, held the post since 2005 and being a local resident in Marden was able to keep close contact with CHCT's activities.

His former career as a diplomat took him to overseas postings where he saw at first hand the pov-

erty, sickness and deprivation the charity targets in its work. He completed his service with five years as Britain's High Commissioner in India and had a special interest in the country.

Founder Cynthia Stanford said: "He brought dignity and good humour to every situation and will be greatly missed."

The goat-between

Better than a nanny state!

NO kidding—one of the charity's more off-bleat requests last year was to fund a flock of goats for families of leprosy patients in rural India.

The animals will provide a continuing income to help them escape from the poverty that affects them in a remote area where there are few opportunities for work and leprosy is still stigmatised by communities. CHCT provided £1,500 through the local Rural Christian Lepers' Welfare Association to buy young goats in local markets.

Families hit by severe flooding also received basic help and health screening camps have been set up for patients and their families. Another £1,500 went to the Rural

People Development Society, also in India, and in Tamil Nadu the charity helped two tribal populations who have been forced out of their traditional forest homes.

Rural Integration and Development there aims to provide two nursery schools and a dairy which



will provide funding for them. If successful this will be expanded to pay for further schools.

A second grant of £1,000 was sent to help Syrian refugee children and £1,000 to Heart of Kenya which supports a food programme for AIDS orphans.

MUSTARD CLINIC UP AND RUNNING

THE clinic paid for by CHCT at the Mustard Seed school project in Kenya is getting plenty of happy clients, as this picture shows.

Co-founder Rita Fowler said after a recent visit: "My chat to the nurses went well. Although they had not been doing the preventative nursing they were actually keen to do so. A pity I had not been there for the opening, but they had set it up well so I guess it wasn't so important."

A borehole for fresh water, paid for by CHCT a couple of years ago, has finally been dug. Rita



said: "Things move at their own pace down here." Graduation day turned out to be a huge party for 400 parents, teachers, children and siblings. There was a "big cheer" at the fact that the children are all doing well without cheating, which is a

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Kids lifted from poverty

CHCT is supporting an education project by our sister charity Hands Around The World to transform the lives of deprived children in Zambia.

PIZZ school enables nearly 400 children, mostly AIDS orphans who would not otherwise have money to pay for education, to be provided with a daily nourishing lunchbox, the necessary equipment for lessons and pastoral support.

Hands Around the World builds classrooms and provides funding for teachers' and carers' wages. It also operates a sponsorship scheme currently covering 44 children.

CHCT's £10,000 grant will help this expand and enable bright youngsters to go on to secondary education, giving them a real chance of a secure future.

In 2014 just 20 children did exceptionally well in Grade 7 and Grade 9 exams. In 2015 it was up to 53 who passed Grade 9 – the best performing school in the area.

One former student, Mawini M, is studying veterinary science at Lusaka University and another, Maxwell K has started training as

a science teacher. In addition to the children's needs, the school gives opportunities for newly qualified teachers to build up teaching experience.

Executive officer Dr David Steiner explained: "This project grew out of my work in a Zambian hospital where large numbers of children were dying needlessly. I found filling out death certificates

very difficult because so many diseases contributed, on top of dehydration and malnutrition. I wanted to write POVERTY as the cause of death."

Project co-ordinator Chris Barrell added: "Giving youngsters a chance of supporting themselves and their families means an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty."



Busy . . . A class at Zambia's PIZZ School can aim high



THE Tongole pupil feeding project in Malawi, supported by CHCT, greatly boosted its harvest last season when Chilimani School produced a useful 28 bags of maize and 17 of groundnuts.

Soya proved not suited to growing in the area, which is suffering droughts made worse by climate change. The crops have been kept until last month and are feeding hungry kids right now as the picture shows, with dozens lining up for their lunchtime

Tuck-in time

porridge. This is the time when food in local villages has run out, forcing many pupils to go absent or leave school altogether because they do not have the strength to walk there.

It is hoped that being able to give them a free nourishing lunch will keep them turning up for lessons and encourage more youngsters to enrol.

The Tongole Foundation made a provision of seed and fertilizer and the community did the cultivation in order to allow pupils to carry on learning without interruption.

Four bags of groundnuts will be kept as seed for next season but new maize seed will have to be bought .

Everything has a flip side

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THE trustees have had their work cut out since our big bequest which brought an unprecedented rush of applications for aid projects of all kinds.

Each one needs a detailed assessment to ensure our donors' money will be well spent and live up to the charity' objective of helping those where disease and poverty meet. That's not always so easy as the digital age gives so many opportunities for the unscrupulous to pull a fast one.

That patient's condition looks truly pitiable—or has someone been busy doctoring the picture instead of the sufferer? It's dreadful having to think that way but it can happen in today's world.

Cynthia Stanford

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