



# Friends of TREAD

# Winter News 2011

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Trinity Rural Educational Association for Development  
in partnership with TREAD India Trust

...giving hope and a new future to needy Indian children

## URGENTLY NEEDED!

**10 sponsors for  
Grace Tailoring  
students for a one  
year course  
£15 a month  
for a year will change**



## October in India!

Tim Overton (trustee) and his younger daughter Rebekah visited the TREAD projects and family this autumn. The purpose was twofold - to report on how the projects are progressing and encourage TREAD India Trust to develop new management structures in order that Sounder's vision of helping upwards of 10,000 children can be realised in future years.

"The exciting new development we saw for the first time was the clinic of our partner organisation 'Love the One' funded by Friends of TREAD and now operating on our Sarah site in Podia. (see picture above) Paediatric doctors Cat and Mary are an inspiration! Rebekah, who wants to be a nurse, was allowed to help them in their clinic and hopes to be able to go out for an extended period during her gap year. In three weeks in October the doctors saw 110 new patients with complaints including malaria, meningitis and hydrocephalous. Each new child is given a toy and a set of clothes and the doctors were very grateful for the three large cases of clothes, donated by Bristol families, which we took out with us. Cat and Mary have made the clinic's waiting

room a play room and the reaction of the children when they see the toys for the first time is amazing. None of the children have received the vaccinations we take for granted; they are malnourished, underweight and dirty. It was wonderful to see this medical provision, a vision first shared by Sounder when I initially visited Podia ten years ago, being made a reality by people to whom God



**Muni (above) is thought to be 3 or 4 but is the weight of a one year old. Her granny walked five kms to the clinic. Muni had pneumonia and her hair was going ginger as a result of nutrient deficiencies. She is wearing a new set of clothes donated from Bristol.**

had separately given the same vision. We also attended the valediction of the Grace Tailoring girls who have just finished their year's training and we opened and blessed the new accommodation block for the doctors.



**Drs Cat & Mary and one happy patient!**

The **other projects** are running well. Compassion (East India) continue to provide encouraging support, have sanctioned an increase in children at the **Hannah and Sarah Child Dev't centres**, and indicated strongly that more will be agreed for the **David Centre**. Compassion have also given money to improve the water supply at Hannah Centre.

We dug and blessed two sets of holes for the new perimeter wall at Sarah and a fence around the new site at **Trinity Day Care Centre**."

*Tim Overton*

## An Incident of the Slithery Kind!

There are frequent power cuts in Podia, particularly in the evening. One night after supper Rebekah, Mary and I sat outside without our torches. A few minutes later Cat brought out some tea. She shone her torch on the ground to put the tea down and there, an inch and a half from Mary's open-toed sandal was a snake! Rapid movement was followed by sustained violence and one immolated snake, which was later identified as a Common Krate, one of the most deadly snakes in the world.....



**Monica (centre) from Trinity Day Care Centre who was so ill earlier in the year with two friends who are helping her to take her drugs. She enthusiastically joined in with games at the Trinity picnic.**

# A DECADE IN ORISSA!

*As we celebrate the opening of the new medical clinic, we reflect on the amazing development of the Sarah centre, Podia over the last ten years.*

**January 2002**, two of Friends of TREAD trustees visited the 3.5 acre plot of land in Podia Orissa which TREAD India had just purchased, funded by FOT. They noted "What a very exciting day! It is thrilling to walk over this huge plot of land and visualise the buildings which will soon go up. By the end of May (2002) work had begun on the first building – a multi purpose hall for the Sarah Child Development Centre.

**August 2002:** funded by FOT, the building was finished and opened its doors to 120 children with a project funded by Compassion E India and run by TREAD India Trust, offering before and after school care to the very needy children in this primitive rural village. A kitchen/store room was added

**2003:** In January, Compassion East India working in partnership with TREAD India, declared the Sarah CDC its best run centre in Orissa and nominated more children, bringing the total to 210!

Hastings LOAF charity nominated FOT as its charity for the year and pledged to raise money for Project Sarah. By the end of the year the ground floor of the Daniel Cottage was completed, providing staff and guest quarters, an office and boarding accommodation for many of TREAD's new students at the nearby Grace Tailoring Centre, now in its 4th successful year.

**2005:** Two more children's centres were built and opened in outlying districts (David and Hannah centres), using Sarah as the main base. These were funded in the same way with FOT paying for infrastructure and management costs, whilst Compassion E India paid for their everyday running costs. On the Sarah site toilet blocks, a library and games room were built and play equipment was provided by Compassion; 250 children were now regularly attending.

**2007:** The top floor was added to the Daniel Cottage so the Grace Tailoring Centre moved from its nearby rented rooms to this spacious purpose built accommodation. The need for adequate medical provision in this area was highlighted in December by the sudden death of TREAD India's founder Dr Sounder Raj from malaria related causes.

**2008-10:** The grounds at Sarah site continued to be much used by the children. FOT trustees met two paediatric doctors from Love the One charity who visited the TREAD sites with the view to forming a partnership with TREAD.

**2011:** The second multi purpose hall was finished, providing more room for the fast growing Sarah youngsters. In April a partnership was formally agreed between Love the One and TREAD to provide medical care and education based on the Sarah site. Funded by FOT, a disused sheep shed was converted to a medical clinic and an accommodation block was then added alongside to provide staff quarters. The building was officially opened in October.

## Annual St Leonards BBQ & Cream Tea

On Sunday September 4th we held the usual Summer (or was it Winter?) event.

The start time of 2pm saw heavy rain falling and just trustees and helpers in sight. Miraculously the weather perked up and to our amazement within 20 minutes, the garden was full with about 100 hardy people making themselves at home and wiping down the damp chairs and tables as the weather steadily improved. It makes you proud to be British! The outcome was a record **£970 profit!** Many thanks to all our loyal supporters

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Happy children!



Grace Students



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Thanks to all our faithful supporters—we couldn't do this without you! We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year!