

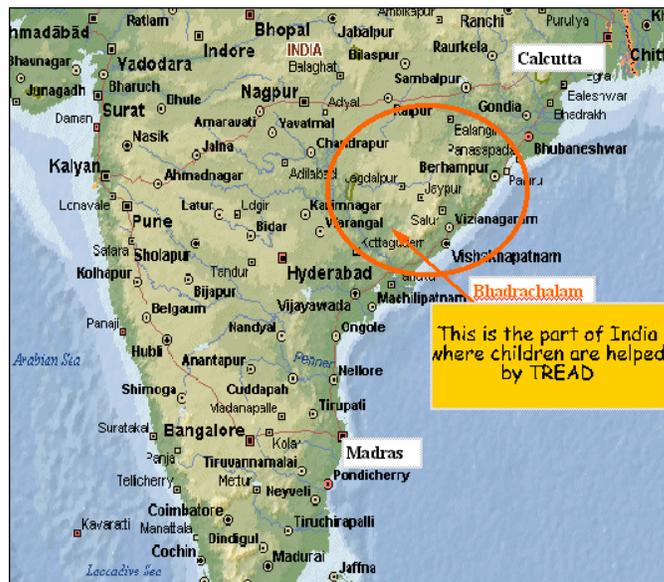


# Friends of TREAD

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

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

## Annual Report 2011/12



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## STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Friends of TREAD (*Trinity Rural Educational Association for Development*) was registered as a trust in July 2000 with five trustees who have since appointed a further three trustees. Charity overheads are minimal as all work is carried out by the trustees and other supporters on a voluntary basis. Expenses incurred are costs of governance and generating funds including administration of the charity and since last year, the basic expenses for two trustees to visit TREAD India Trust each year.

## OBJECTS AND AIMS

Friends of TREAD exists to further the work of TREAD India Trust by supporting various projects and has the following objects and aims:

- To relieve need, hardship and distress for people of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, S India
- To further the education of children and young people and to found new establishments for that purpose
- To found and maintain technical training and vocational institutes
- To provide financial assistance for children and young people upon leaving their place of study to prepare them for the workplace so that they are able to live independent lives
- To preserve and safeguard the health of persons of any age in AP and Orissa providing necessary medical aid and to found and maintain medical institutions.

## PARTNER ORGANISATION AND PROJECTS

TREAD India Trust is a charity whose headquarters is based in Bhadrachalam, Andhra Pradesh in South India. Its founder and director was Dr M Sounder Raj who with his wife Ranjita had devoted his life to childcare; the charity's work is targeted at children, young people and their families. Since the untimely death of Sounder in December 2007, his wife has taken on the role of Director and continues the work of TREAD with support from their adult children and trustees. Although TREAD is based firmly on Christian foundations it seeks to help children of any religion, caste or creed and indeed two of its trustees are Hindu and Jain. Projects supported are:

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ DAY CARE CENTRES

*(to further education of children and young people)*

These centres provide care before and after school for primary school children with meals, activities and homework supervision. The children are given clothes and school uniform and are taught self-discipline, personal hygiene and a work ethic which they pass on to family and peers. The children have vaccinations against common diseases and receive additional medical care when necessary. The local primary schools have been transformed with improved attendance rates and extra teachers provided by government.

- **Trinity Day Care Centre (TDCC), Kudunure, ANDHRA PRADESH**

Opened in 2000, up to 100 children attend this day care centre that is supported solely by funds raised by Friends of TREAD. It provides 6-day week care throughout the school year, 2 sets of new clothes a year and 2 nutritional meals a day. After children leave TDCC there is ongoing supervision of them. Coaching is given to help children with their exams and there are also holiday Bible schools. A special medical fund is in place to provide appropriate medical care when needed. Funds are largely provided by regular monthly/annual donations from supporters of Friends of TREAD and are topped up by one-off donations or fundraising events. **Sarah Child Development Centre, Podia, ORISSA** is

based on a 3.5 acre site purchased and developed through donations from Friends of TREAD. This centre is run in partnership with Compassion International's East India branch that pays for the running costs of the project, whilst Friends of TREAD takes responsibility for the costs of management and infrastructure. It opened in 2002 and now 298 children attend daily during school terms and it acts as the base for two more satellite centres in nearby villages run in partnership with Compassion:

- ❖ **Hannah CDC**, Dubathota which is in an isolated, poverty-stricken forestry tribal village. The centre opened in 2004 and it now cares for 285 children
- ❖ **David CDC**, Girkinpalli opened in November 2005 and currently 252 children attend

### **GRACE TAILORING CENTRE, Podia, ORISSA**

*(To found and maintain technical training and vocational institutes)*

Opened in 2002, this project is mainly funded by Friends of TREAD although it does now generate a little income itself. It operates in a purpose built workshop on the Sarah site and runs 12-month courses for up to 20 needy tribal girls a year to give them a skill for life and independence. At the end of the course each girl receives the gift of a sewing machine. Friends of TREAD raises some of the costs through individuals sponsoring girls and the remainder from its general funds.

### **ORPHANED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**

*(To relieve need, hardship and distress and further education)*

This project provides care for orphans and semi-orphans and includes an educational assistance programme for education of promising students from poor families. It is funded exclusively by Friends of TREAD on a sponsorship basis. The youngsters live with a carer (who could be a relative or neighbour) or sometimes one surviving parent. If there is nobody to care for the child, he or she will be absorbed into the family of Ranji or one of the other trustees, whilst attending weekly boarding school/hostel nearby. There are currently 36 youngsters benefiting from this project, two of whom are severely disabled.

## **FRIENDS OF TREAD ACTIVITIES**

Friends of TREAD is now in its twelfth year. Six of its trustees are based in Hastings and Bristol so many regular donors come from these areas. Two of the trustees are now based in France but keep in touch regularly through phone and email and attend the trustee meetings. The number of supporters has increased steadily each year; often people are attracted by word of mouth or through the website and get in touch with the trustees. Without the regular standing orders given so faithfully by many of its supporters, Friends of TREAD would be hard-pressed to continue its work. One-off donations are regularly received and are invaluable to "top-up" the projects or pay for some of the regular management and infrastructure costs incurred in India. These donations come from both individuals and organisations such as churches or schools. Many of these donations are eligible for Gift Aid to be reclaimed and this additional income has been very beneficial. We also receive donations from such website schemes as e-bay and easyfundraising and sometimes donations through Charity Aid Foundation, Virgin Money or Charity Choice. The trustees and many supporters are regularly involved in giving presentations to clubs or groups, holding fundraising events or taking part in sponsored activities. Some people prefer donations to be made to Friends of TREAD rather than receive gifts to mark special occasions, or to replace tributes of flowers at funerals of loved ones.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEWS**

### **GOVERNANCE OF TREAD INDIA TRUST**

This year FOT have encouraged and helped start the process with TREAD India Trust to develop its longer term management structure to enable them to cope better with the future expansion of its work and responsibilities.

### **TRINITY DAY CARE CENTRE (TDCC)**

- During this year, 105 children have been attending daily with all costs met by Friends of TREAD (FOT).
- We were saddened to hear of the untimely death of Kumari, one of the longest serving members of TDCC staff last April. Her loss is deeply felt not only by her family but by the children and staff at TDCC .Jayraj, the manager, is still trying to recruit someone to fill this gap.
- As this financial year drew to an end, the boundary fencing funded by FOT for the new plot of land at TDCC has almost been completed. It is hoped that this large site will be used to build a new purpose built hall for this centre to eventually replace the old building which is deteriorating badly.

### **SARAH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

- During last year and funded by FOT, a new hall for the children was built and opened on this site providing more room for the growing youngsters. Compassion E India have sanctioned 50 more children to join the centre.

### **DAVID CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

- Last autumn a series of rallies were held here as part of a Health Awareness programme for the parents and villagers. A Clean and Green Day was observed aimed at the children.
- Compassion have promised to add 75 more children to the centre.

### **HANNAH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

- Last May, this centre was hit by a violent storm and whirlwinds, leaving the site ankle deep in water. Much of the food and kitchen equipment was affected. The kitchen roof was quickly repaired and normal service at the centre resumed by its resolute staff.
- There is still political unrest with uprisings from time to time in the area but so far the Hannah Centre has been unaffected.
- The children there are doing well academically. They have won trophies in regional sports events and some of the youngsters have been selected for national level games. Compassion East India has registered 75 more children .
- FOT have provided funds for a new hall to accommodate the growing needs of the children. Work is underway and should be finished this year'

### **GRACE TAILORING CENTRE**

This project is now in its 11th year based in Daniel Cottage on the Sarah site and continues to deliver an excellent one year course. The centre continues to have a waiting list as there is always a need for village tailors. The girls are often able to marry out of the village and use their skills elsewhere. This year they were taken to a nearby village on a field trip and extra curricular sessions included gardening and cooking. Last October after the trainees finished their exams and were presented with their certificates and sewing machines, they went out for a celebratory picnic.

## **ORPHANED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**

36 youngsters have continued to benefit from this project and our FOT Trustee met many of them in October.

## **MEDICAL CLINIC AND PARTNERSHIP WITH LOVE THE ONE**

At the start of the year, TREAD India Trust, Friends of TREAD and Love the One formed a partnership with Love the One, a medical charity to complement and add on to the existing work of TREAD India Trust with children and young people by providing Integrated Child Health Care. The objects of LTO are:

1. The promotion and protection of, and provision for, health.
2. The advancement of education and training in community and child health, and child care.
3. Addressing the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of children, including working through families and communities.
4. The advocacy and protection of children who are disadvantaged or vulnerable to exploitation or abuse

LTO provide staff, training, equipment and medicines to treat the local children free of charge. Friends of TREAD, as partner to TREAD India Trust, provide basic infrastructure for this work. Funded by Friends of TREAD, this year an unused former sheep shed building was converted and opened on the Sarah site to provide a medical clinic. Subsequently a laboratory and accommodation were built, again funded by FOT. During this year, LTO paediatric doctors Mary Cusack and Catherine Morris assisted by volunteers from UK have treated over 1000 children both from TREAD centres and from the local communities. Their work has included annual health checks on the TREAD children. They have recruited a team of local staff who help with other non-medical work such as youth groups and hygiene initiatives.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

- In the coming year, the trustees of Friends of TREAD will continue working with TREAD India Trust as it makes changes and improvements to its management structure.
- We shall be considering with TREAD India and LTO ways to continue providing long-term, sustainable medical services in Orissa.
- We hope to focus attention on TDCC and its future development once the new hall at the Hannah Centre is finished.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

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Panto Pals  
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A Ramesh  
St Bart's, Bristol  
St Bonaventure's Rainbows  
St Leonard's Parish Church, St Leonards  
St Michael's Church, Bristol  
St Michael's Earlybirds  
St Michael's Piglets  
St Michael's Youth  
Wellington Square Fellowship, Hastings

*Friends of TREAD would also like to thank the many individuals who faithfully support the work of TREAD financially, practically and prayerfully – without your help this work could not continue.*

## FRIENDS OF TREAD FINANCIAL REPORT 2011/2012

### 1. Income

The income for the year was almost the same as last year. There was a slight decrease in Gift Aid recovery (1.5%). We are very grateful for the donations that have been made this year by individuals celebrating particular events and also those from churches and church groups. The regular individual donations remain consistent, which is very encouraging considering the current financial climate. The bank interest again showed an increase, having been in the savings accounts for a full financial year.

### 2. Grants To TREAD India

The exceptional grants to TREAD India were for a number of projects:- Sarah project additional hall (£11,112); fencing for the land near TDCC (£1,913); costs of fittings for the clinic (£6,196); and the costs of the accommodation block for the clinic (12,886). We have also sent the first payment towards the costs of a new hall on the Hannah site (£5000). The regular grants continue, and these have been increased where necessary.

### 3. Governance Costs

The governance costs were considerably lower than last year as the Trustee visit to India did not result in any expense claim. We have purchased a number of stamps in advance of the price increase. The governance costs amount to 1.35% of the income.

### 4. Fund Raising Events.

We had a most successful afternoon tea in St Leonards, which was a very enjoyable afternoon. It is always a pleasure to meet so many of our supporters. The EasyFundraising website and Mission Fish e bay are proving to be extremely useful for raising funds. We are grateful to the Hastings Lions for their donation following the Hastings Half Marathon and thanks to Colin Burling for organising the park and ride scheme for that event. We also raise £152 at a feedback event held in Bristol. We have again had money donated through collection tins.

### 5. Reserve Funds and Bank Accounts

We have one reserve restricted fund for TDCC as a result of funds being provided to cover the costs over a period of time rather than being available for immediate use. We have a current and reserve account with the NatWest and a notice interest account with the Scottish Widows.