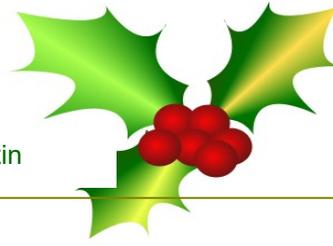


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Welcome to our latest newsletter which will also be available to view on our website. In this issue we'll give you updates on our projects and other news on our work.

RAGINI HOUSE APPEAL UPDATE

You may remember in our Xmas newsletter of 2015 we had an appeal for help to build a house for Ragini who was in dire straits. We had a wonderful response and earlier this year we had a report from Jacob, our Project Manager, on the completion of her new house. He says...

'Sept. 3rd was a happy day in the life of RAGINI and her son Sanju. On this day they moved into their new house built for them by the Trust. Her relatives, who are mainly stone masons, did a wonderful job for her by not taking any labour cost at all and this is the result. We gave her only about £1250 and such a finished house would not have been possible without her relatives free offer. The house in all measures about 500 sq. ft. and it consists of 2 rooms and a tiled kitchen. Some plastering works are still left but happily she has moved into her new house forgetting the years of sorrow of not having a proper roof over her head. Her daughter and family were around and it was a happy occasion for all. Two doors have still to be fixed and also the bathroom to be completed. Sanju, should be able to see to that I suppose. She specially thanks the Trust for this wonderful gesture and her years of dreaming of a proper roof has taken shape where she can now spend her life peacefully. Thank you again.'



BUILDING PROJECT –Symrise donation

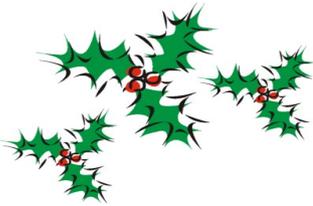


We've started to use the money received from the Symrise / Diana Foods award (see newsletter No 93).



One of our sponsored families Rithik and Ananthakrishnan's have been constructing a house with local govt. aid. They need to comply with a specific size of about 600 sq. ft. and complete it with a concrete roof. The total cost for such a house would normally

be in excess of £6000 The govt. gives them only about £2400 and they are left to find the balance of the money on their own which is almost impossible. In this case they have already borrowed some money to make it reach this level. Plenty of works are still left to do. So we've helped them out with a few hundred pounds. You can see the new house in the background of the picture.



HARD WORKING FAMILY

Gopika is another of our sponsored children and her mother Prabha earns her living ironing clothes for others in a tiny room under some stairs. She is not able to stand for long and do too much pressing as she has heart problems and so she requested some help from us to start a side business. She wanted to also sell cleaning materials. So with about £180 she installed some racks and bought stock of things like soap, cleaning lotions, starch, washing powders etc. She sells about £6 a day and makes a profit of £1 from that which is a useful additional income. Gopika helps her in the shop after school and especially when she has no school.



WEDDING DAY

Some young women from very poor families struggle to find any money for their wedding day which of course to them is the most important day in their lives. Sometimes they come to us with a request for help. Where Jacob feels it is warranted we can help in a small way to ensure the day can be a successful start to a new life. Thulasi is one such lady we've helped and is seen in the photo with her young cousin and her wedding dress



that we provided (it costs in the region of £40 to £50 for a simple dress)

DONATIONS

If you feel you can help with a donation for one of our projects please send any amount to us however big or small;

- Cheques can be sent to the address above.
- You can send by bank transfer direct to our Lloyds Bank account number 61385660 Sort Code 77-91-48
- or you can pay by Paypal and debit or credit card by clicking on the Donations tab on our website.

You're welcome to specify where you would like the money spent. We have Building, Education, Hungry (food aid) funds and a General & Emergency Fund. If you don't specify we'll put it in the latter.

Thank you

STAMPS

Just a reminder that we still collect postage stamps. Absolutely any stamps are fine, used, unused, on or off paper/envelopes, British, foreign or collections. We can make use of all of them so please spread the word and keep them coming in to the address at the top of this newsletter

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Don't forget, please let us know if you change your email address or if you can now receive our newsletters by email as this will save on the printing and postage costs so that we can use the money for our projects rather than on administration.

****WE WISH A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS****

