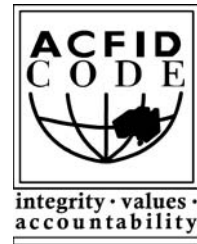




GRACE MINISTRIES OVERSEAS AID



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OBJECTIVE

The objective of Grace Ministries Overseas Aid is to assist in the aid of developing countries. It involves assistance to the homeless, orphans, children, evangelists and assists with medical supplies to help in clinics. It is a ministry to the poor and disadvantaged. Aid is in the form of child support within community centres and orphanages, tutoring for children to promote the advancement of their education, family support, poverty relief and development as well as other projects that will benefit these underdeveloped communities.

FUNDRAISING

All funds for Grace Ministries' projects are raised within Australia by volunteers. This year Shirley Macindoe has continued to raise healthy plants, which have been sold along with second hand items at Grace Ministries' regular garage sales. We wish to thank Ken and Joan Kaehne and David Crawford for the use of their garages and their help, along with those who came to help on the day.

Apart from sponsorship monies, Grace Ministries has received donations for special projects undertaken throughout the year and for ongoing work. According to our policy all monies donated for work in India is sent to India. All administrative costs have been covered by donations given specifically for that purpose. Tax deductions are available for contributions to child sponsorships and development projects. Grace Ministries Overseas Aid does not receive any financial assistance from the Australian Government. No paid staff worker is employed and no traders are used.

IN INDIA

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROJECTS

This year Grace Ministries continued work in the villages of Morur and Land Colony, near the town of Salem in Tamil Nadu. For over 4 years Grace Ministries has worked with Bethel Agricultural Fellowship to provide Family Child Care Centres, where children come each morning and afternoon to be tutored and fed and enjoy Bible stories and songs. At the beginning of the school year in June, sponsorship monies were used to provide each child with a new school uniform, bag and shoes. A set of clothes was also given to each child at Christmas.



Regular health and dental checks have been conducted for the children in our centres by a team of doctors from Bethel village hospital. Practical support was also offered as needed to their families and community.

The educational progress and improvement of the health of these sponsored children has continued to be of great benefit to their families and villages.

On occasions the children were taken on "excursions". In January 2006 some of the older children visited Yercaud, a small hill station, as an educational tour. They saw some animals and birds in the mini-zoo, went boating on the lake and visited the botanic gardens there. Some of the other children were taken on a picnic to the nearby Mettur Dam. After visiting the dam the children enjoyed playing and swimming in the water theme park – a very special treat for village children.



In January 2006 a third Family Child Care Centre was established in the village of Thurinjipatti, offering this wonderful opportunity now to a total of 190 children. The centre has been operating on a smaller scale in a rented premise while a suitable building is being constructed and should be completed by September.

Shirley Macindoe, Secretary / Treasurer of GMOA was able to visit each of the Family Child Care Centres in January this year and noted how strong and healthy these children have become. With the tutoring they are receiving, many of the children are achieving first place in their class of about 80 children at school. At Thurinjipatti Shirley was welcomed into the school, where she was able to distribute necessary school supplies to each of the sponsored children.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Grace Ministries continued to provide assistance to the low income families of pastors in the Salem district of Tamil Nadu, giving them the means to educate their children. Sponsorship money was used for school fees and uniforms, as well as providing for stationery and books needed for their studies.

ORPHANAGES

Rimes Boys Home, Orakkadu Tamil Nadu

Continuing our partnership with Indian Village Evangelism, Grace Ministries has been able to provide sponsorship for the education of 5 boys in Orakkadu Home this year,



while 7 boys have been sponsored for vocational training. These boys have chosen courses such as Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

All the boys have studied well and have appreciated their opportunities for a good education. In addition to these boys, another boy successfully completed his course in Refrigeration and Cold Storage in August 2005 and has since taken up an apprenticeship in Chennai.

Kirubai Illam, Naraikinar Tamil Nadu

In January this year Shirley Macindoe, Secretary / Treasurer of GMOA visited the very arid and poor area of Naraikinar, on the southern tip of Tamil Nadu, where the Kirubai Illam Orphanage is struggling to provide for the many needs of the orphans and disadvantaged children in its care. The buildings of the school and orphanage are very old and greatly in need of repair. However the children are happy and the staff is very dedicated.



As a result of Shirley's visit, Grace Ministries has been able to provide sponsorship for the education and care of twenty two children at Kirubai Illam. Later in the year other Board Members will visit the home and school at Kirubai Illam to further assess the needs.

COMMUNITY WORK AND CHURCHES, RAJAHMUNDRY

Grace Ministries continued to provide some support for pastors and their needy congregations in the area of Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh, particularly around the plains of Gandepalli and also in the mountainous tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh near Orissa. As the work in this area grows, the churches are gradually becoming self supporting and able to fund community work such as a tuition centre where English and computer skills are taught.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

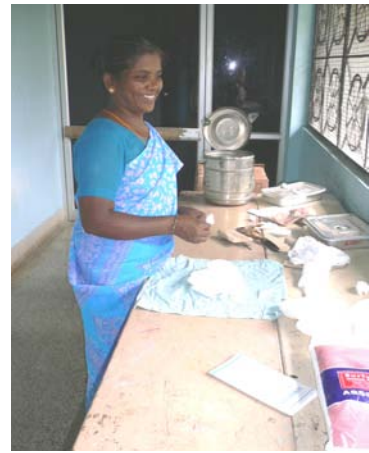
Apart from ongoing projects of child sponsorships in orphanages and care centres as well as support for pastors and their families, Grace Ministries has undertaken a number of special projects in the last year, including the construction of a suitable building for the Family Care Centre at Thurinjipatti .



At Kirubai Illam, in order to meet the desperate need for food, Grace Ministries established a short term rice project, while looking into other methods of food production which will be able to meet the ongoing need. As well as funding a watering system for a new vegetable garden, arrangements have been made to conduct a F.A.I.T.H. gardening project at Kirubai Illam to establish a systematic way of gardening, which will provide vegetables and crops for

the children throughout the year, as well as looking at the possibility of farming poultry, fish and mushrooms and possibly teaching them to make soaps or herbal ointments in order to become self-supporting. We hope this will be a benefit to the whole community.

A further project undertaken by Grace Ministries this year has been the collecting of various valuable medical and dental supplies, including anaesthetics, syringes, 3 light cures, a mini autoclave and a dental lathe. These much needed items will be taken to Bethel Hospital in Danishpet, Salem when the Grace Ministries team visits there later this year. Grace Ministries would like to thank Dr Art Daniel, Dr Sim Ai Tan, Mr David Macnaughtan and Dentavision Pty Ltd for their most enthusiastic and generous and help.



PROMOTIONS AND COMMUNICATION

Grace Ministries continues to move forward to meet the great spiritual and physical needs of the disadvantaged in India. We are always looking for new sponsors to partner with us, particularly for the new children added to our Family Child Care Centres. With the help and expertise of Gavin White, Grace Ministries now has a promotional DVD briefly outlining our work and presenting opportunities for more people to become involved. Members of our Board would be happy to present the work of Grace Ministries Overseas Aid to other groups or churches who are interested.

Communicating with us at Grace Ministries Overseas Aid is easy through email: (aid@graceministries.com.au) as well as our website (www.graceministries.com.au).

Monthly reports have been both emailed and posted to our sponsors, along with photos of the work as well as photos of the sponsored children when they are available. Twice throughout the year letters were sent from each child to their sponsor, telling a little about themselves and conveying their thanks. The children enjoyed receiving a letter in return. Access to our website is simple and provides information about our organization and Board, our projects, sponsorship opportunities, trips to India and even updated photos along with the monthly reports from our Family Child Care Centres.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers helped again with office work and street stalls and other fundraising events. We are most grateful for the help of these reliable people. We wish to thank Victor John Molyneaux for providing transport of plants to stalls. We appreciate all the helpers who grow plants and those who give of their time in helping on our stalls, particularly Geraldine Brooks-Lloyd, Marion Nichol, Toni Lowe, Paula and Roger Quenroy, Witty and Peter Lau, Susie Kininmonth, Didier Glannesini and Felisa Fong. We also wish to thank the staff at Epping Church of Christ for their valuable assistance with photocopying, and our auditor, Mr Max Hopkins, who volunteers his services for Grace Ministries. We are especially thankful for the valuable contributions, practical assistance and ongoing support of Joel McElveney for our website, Peter Diehm for computer assistance and Todd Prees with our accounting.

THE BOARD

Mr Paul Ravesteyn resigned from our Board this year due to other commitments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for his involvement. Management Board Committee meetings have been held regularly in the home of Steve and Robyn McElveney and we thank them for their generous hospitality. The attendance at these meetings is shown in Annexure "A".

The Management Committee as at 30th June 2006 consisted of:

PRESIDENT: Steven McElveney, Retired Administration Manager
8 years experience with Grace Ministries

VICE PRESIDENT: Stephen Henkel, Inspector NSW Police
5 years experience with Grace Ministries

**SECRETARY /
TREASURER:** Shirley Macindoe, Retired Clerk
22 years experience with Grace Ministries

**CORRESPONDANCE
SECRETARY:** Robyn McElveney, Teacher
8 years experience with Grace Ministries

MINUTE SECRETARY: Elizabeth Henkel, Relief Welfare Officer
5 years experience with Grace Ministries

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Mrs Jeba Karunakar, Student and Home Maker
2½ years experience with Grace Ministries

ANNEXURE "A"

Management Board Committee meetings were held on:

1-7-05	18-8-05	27-9-05	30-10-05
1-12-05	3-2-06	24-3-06	13-4-06

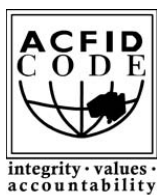
Board members present were:

1. Steven McElveney attended 8/8
2. Stephen Henkel attended 8/8
3. Shirley Macindoe attended 8/8
4. Robyn McElveney attended 8/8
5. Elizabeth Henkel attended 8/8
6. Jeba Karunakar attended 8/8
7. Paul Ravesteyn attended 0/8

A copy of the full Financial Report and full Audit Report is available on request from Grace Ministries Overseas Aid.

Grace Ministries Overseas Aid Privacy Policy can be viewed on our website. A copy of it is available on request.

Grace Ministries Overseas Aid is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. The code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. Adherence to the code is monitored by an independent Code of Conduct Committee elected from the NGO community. Our voluntary adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability.



More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from Grace Ministries Overseas Aid or from ACFID at:

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