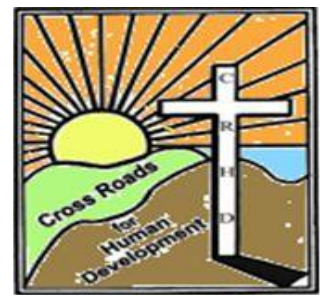


# Friends of Cross Roads for Human Development, UK,

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*Dear Friends,*

I trust this newsletter finds you in good health and comfort (despite the Mediterranean summer the UK is currently experiencing). Once more, CRHD is ever grateful for the continued support and prayer of you, the partners, which has seen Kids Paradise and the Tailoring Centres thrive for another year. The fundraising events that you have run and your promotion of the project has made a world of difference this year, especially given the need to support our second tailoring centre.

The formal education of the pupils at Kids Paradise School has yet again produced pleasing exam results in the subjects of Kannada, Hindi, English, Maths, Social Science and Environmental Science, with 100% of students receiving A+ to B grades. The school has also received new computers, allowing the pupils to



learn rudimentary IT skills, supporting their education. As usual, the students have been able to learn in a dedicated, stress-free location provided not only by the hard-working teachers, but enhanced by the green space that the children themselves looked after for the past years, as well a new allotment.



Supplementary activities to further the children's progress this year have included planting and tending to the aforementioned allotment, which will teach them about sustainability, and health awareness talks regarding disease prevention to illnesses common in India. This has given the children an improved sensitivity of both the natural and personal

environment. The students at Kids Paradise also enjoyed their annual tradition of the 10-day summer Vocational Bible School, with each day having a different theme and activities such as storytelling and hymn learning, but all with an emphasis to learn more about God and Christianity.

We are happy to report that in the past academic year, two of our long-term goals have finally been reached. A much-needed water tank and on-site toilet facilities have been constructed, which we hope will reduce disruption to classes and increase the pupils' comfort during the school day. CCTV cameras have also been installed in and around the school area, further providing security for the children in addition to the compound wall. Building towards part of

our ultimate vision for the CRHD project, a new plot of land has been acquired, upon which we hope to begin the transition of the school into a multi-purpose education centre.



Equal thanks on our part must also be given for your prayers regarding our two tailoring centres; since the opening of the second institute, nearly 600 women have been trained in tailoring skills and crafts. All of our previous workers have since gone on to embark on their own paths, some opening their own centres or garment/clothing

businesses, or continuing their training at other institutes. Of course, these women are ambassadors for the CRHD project, and they also grow spiritually with the Bible readings and prayers that are shared every day. The students at our tailoring centre, as with those at the school, have also received health awareness talks and on keeping the home environment clean as a suitable place to raise a family.

**Please pray:**

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2. For the CRHD teaching Staff who continue to work hard while receiving a very small stipend.
3. For £20,000 per year to pay for the staff, provide the midday meals, uniforms, books and transport for the children, as well as supporting the women's centres.
4. That CRHD may continue be a great witness for God's love and faithfulness in India's caste dominated society.
5. That CRHD may continue to gain more friends to pray, promote and raise the necessary finances in order to carry on the vision and to expand its work.
6. That the dream of CRHD to see the Education Centre built for God's glory may one day be realised.
7. For finance towards the Summer Vocational Bible School, which costs £1300, to cover all Christian resources, meals, books etc.
8. That the Tailoring Centers will continue to enable women by giving them the opportunity to learn tailoring skills and support themselves financially.

The Indian CRHD committee passes on its hearty vote of gratitude to friends of the project - both in the UK and Switzerland - for their love, care and prayerful financial support, on which the project's success depends upon. We remember your prayers and your personal interest in the vision of CRHD to serve the marginalised community in India.

With much appreciation and prayers,

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