

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD 2018

Dear Friends of BOAT,

In my foreword last year I very much focussed on the wonderful support given to BOAT by members of the 9.30 Family Mass congregation and others further afield; I am happy to say that the solidarity and generosity demonstrated then endure now. Once again BOAT has been able to count on the prayers, the cards, the cakes, the blankets, the artwork, the Harvest produce, and the monetary donations which are so essential to its objectives. Once again, the children of the congregation have raised money to help the children of San Benito; this year their efforts meant that Fr Ed O'Connell was able to buy swings and a slide to bring some fun to the children living in the township. 2018 has seen some new fundraisers as well: delicious sourdough bread and seasonal cryptic crosswords courtesy of Yinghui and Teresa. I look back on the year with immense gratitude for all you have helped BOAT achieve.

And looking outwards, to the people BOAT supports, I am reminded of the words of Jean Vanier: "We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love". The people in these pages, whose courage and determination mean that children are protected and fed and educated, villages are equipped with water tanks, families are restored and given dignity, the sick and disabled are cared for and valued, the marginalized are empowered, the war-torn are healed – those inspiring and dauntless people *are* called by God to do extraordinary things, and they do so with extraordinary love. Some, such as the Dominican Sisters in Iraq, Sister Leonarda in Cameroon, and Sister Kathleen in the Philippines, face extraordinary danger: the very real risk of martyrdom. It is thanks to these remarkable people and to the neighbours whose lives they are determined to improve that we discern the meaning of compassion.

Our understanding is further strengthened by first-hand accounts of visits to dangerous or remote places by those who "post o'er land and ocean without rest". Early in the year, journalist Penny Boreham and master storyteller Usifu Jalloh gave a very exciting presentation – with drumming! - about a project to help orphans in Sierra Leone; then, in April, Fr Franck Dubois OP gave a fascinating exposition of a plan to ensure all-year-round availability of water at a school in the Solomon Islands. Both projects were adopted by BOAT. Rosemary Breen, founder of Living Water Myanmar, also came to talk to us and was warm and unassuming in her report of the astonishing feat of having helped to provide over 250 water tanks in villages around Myanmar (four of which literally bear the BOAT name). Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP and journalist and human rights activist Rebecca Tinsley told us of their experiences in Iraq and of the bravery and selflessness of the Dominican Sisters whose work was supported through the BOAT Lenten Appeal in 2018 (and 2017 and 2015).

On a very sad note: Mary Todd, who showed extraordinary love to all she met and who gave her life to others in her smile and in her daily kindnesses, died in October 2018. Mary was a great supporter of BOAT and we thank her family and friends for the extremely generous collection made at her funeral.

As always, I would like to thank all the Committee; especially, John Thanassoulis who, as Treasurer, continues to manage BOAT's finances so capably; also, Filomena Nave whose painstaking work as Assistant Treasurer has secured £10,243 of Gift Aid for BOAT. René Bañares-Alcántara has once again been enormously helpful as BOAT Secretary. Thanks are also due to Ag MacKeith for editing the report you see before you, and to Adam Hodgkin who has once more readily given of his time and expertise in examining our accounts.

BOAT's Public Benefit

All charities, including smaller ones like ours, are required to report on the “public benefit” they bring through their activities, and to describe how they have achieved their objectives.

Our purpose

Under our constitution as a registered charity, the purposes of BOAT are to “provide support for the charitable activities of Christian parishes, organisations or societies, situated or working outside Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in (i) the relief of poverty, and (ii) the advancement of education”. Everyone attending Mass at Blackfriars or giving to BOAT on a regular basis is regarded as a member of the Trust. The formal Trustees are a committee of ten people, elected each year at our Annual General Meeting. A representative from the Dominican community – Br Luke Doherty up until January 2019, Br Bede Mullens since that date – also sits on the Committee, as a link to the Priory which is home to BOAT.

The benefit we bring

We have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. Under our Principles for Giving, updated at our AGM in 2007, we have a very clear set of criteria for the projects we support and for assessing the public benefit that support will bring. On the key principle that we want our funding really to “make a difference” we aim to support relatively small-scale or grass-roots projects with regular grants (£2,500 in 2018). Some funding will be one-off but more often a project will be funded for three years and then considered for renewal on a rolling basis.

We always look for projects with some link to the 9.30 Family Mass congregation or the Dominican order; although most have Catholic leadership, that is not a requirement, and we don't fund any form of proselytizing. We make sure that there is regular personal contact, partly so that we can identify priorities and needs quickly, but also so that we can help the Congregation's understanding of the challenges in developing countries. We aim to help communities find long-term solutions to their needs, rather than short-term fixes although, from time to time, we do give money to help with emergencies. As you read through this report, you will see that our projects fall broadly into three areas:

Health: especially primary health care and preventive medicine;

Welfare: especially for children, people with disabilities, refugees, and victims of war or poverty;

Education: particularly practical skills, women's education, and the provision of basic educational needs for children.

We are always looking for good projects to help on a one-off or regular basis. Thank you for putting BOAT in touch with so many dedicated people – please keep your suggestions coming. And thank you, as always, for enabling BOAT to build such precious links with our fellow human beings across the world.

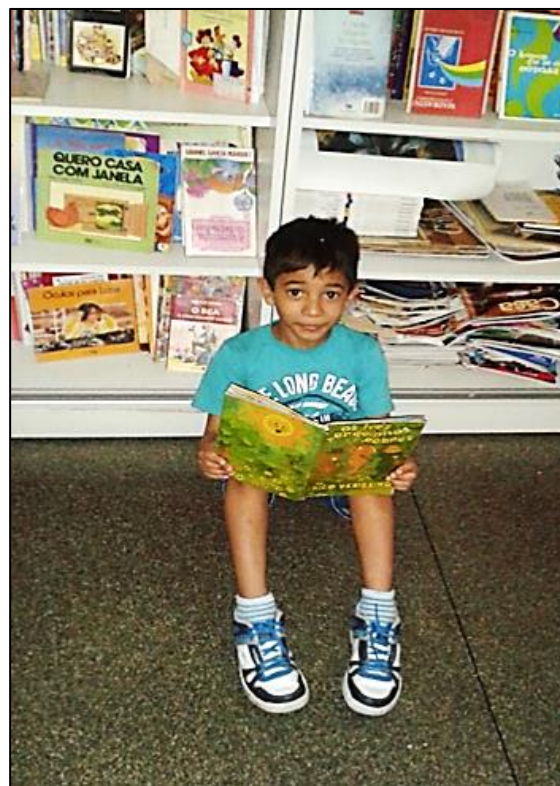
Anna Lucas

Chairman

Brazil

São Paulo da Cruz, Calvário Church

BOAT has been supporting the Serviço Social e Promocional São Paulo da Cruz (SSPSPC) – a centre for 120 school-aged children and teenagers from low-income families – since 2005. The SSPSPC, based in the premises of the Calvário Church, offers social and educational activities and complements state school education. It helps the parents too, as in the evening the premises are used for adult literacy courses attended by family members. There are regular talks and workshops for the families, who are encouraged to participate in the development of their children. What I find unique about this project is the support it gives to teenagers. It doesn't just keep them off the streets, it gives them skills that will be useful in their adult life. The children who go to this day-centre have a real opportunity to complete school education and to break with poverty. Recently, a few of them have even gone to university. The photo shows a boy having a quiet time after lunch.



In 2017 we have not sent a donation because the SSPSPC are changing their bank account, in order to reduce bank charges. Donations will resume once this process has been completed.

Filomena Nave

Cameroon

ARCH, Dibanda

The Associated Rehabilitation Centre for the Handicapped (ARCH) is located in Dibanda, South West Cameroon, and aims to meet the physical needs of disabled people by providing rehabilitation and support services for them and their families. BOAT has been providing support to ARCH since 1997 and has seen it grow substantially with more than 2,400 patients receiving care in 2017. Sr Leonarda Tubuo, the physiotherapist who has managed a team of well-trained health care and other staff there since 2005, keeps us well informed of news at ARCH. Most recently, BOAT supported ARCH in setting up a new poultry project to generate income for general running of the centre. Last year Sr Leonarda was pleased to send us some good news about the first trial for the poultry there.

The news received from ARCH last year was especially encouraging, as Cameroon had been suffering from military unrest. Sadly, more recent news from Sr Leonarda has not been good with secessionist rebellion having displaced hundreds of thousands of people. In November,

Sr Leonarda wrote “the atmosphere is still much tensed. Our patient number has remained low because the sense of insecurity is high. In our area we live just a kilometre from one of the hot spots where gunfire exchange is common. This makes a lot of patients stay at home because they cannot run away when there is danger. Some staff will have to be laid off because we have not got the money to keep even half the staff we have now”.

More recently, Sr Leonarda told us that the situation had worsened: “this month of February has been the worse with less than ten days of work. We have cut down twice on salaries to try and keep the workers who otherwise would have nowhere to go. Most people are escaping to the French speaking part of the country where thievery and joblessness are rife. It is a shame that our people could descend to such barbarism, burning cars, killing people and amputating others who dare to cross them. I do not want to sound negative but this is a situation which we have never dreamt of, nor imagined could happen to our peace loving country.”

In her most recent message, Sr Leonarda reports that it is not going to be possible to keep poultry at ARCH at this time. She ends by saying that “Hope never dies so I still look forward that this year will not come to an end without us having the poultries but for now, it is enough just to be alive. I was actually attacked by the secessionist once on my way to our Mother House in Kumba and they broke the windcreens of the minibus of our centre. They also took away my lap top and all my external drives. It is true they are not worse than the soldiers who extort from people, rape and burn houses at will in some areas. The chaos is mixed with thieves and brigands who are making brisk business of the situation. Up till this moment, no worker nor sister has been killed but the death toll is very high, from hunger, stress, homelessness and plain illness. Continue to pray for us that one day we may know peace again and that the Kingdom of God will reign in our country.”

In such circumstances, it is no surprise that we have no photographs to show you.

Lucy Carpenter

Ethiopia

Zizencho and Arekit

Since 2012 BOAT has been supporting two schools run by the Bethany Sisters in Ethiopia. Our support is channelled through the Jean Grove Trust (<http://jeangrovetrust.org.uk>). The schools are situated in the villages of Zizencho and Arekit, both located in the Guraghe region in Ethiopia, some 220 km from the capital Addis Ababa. Guraghe is a heavily eroded region with a high risk of drought.

The Lord Jesus Catholic School in Zizencho started in 2004 and covers from kindergarten to 8th grade. It currently has 620 students, with about 75% of them coming from extremely poor families. This year 45 students sat their 8th grade Ministry Exam, and one of them got the highest mark in the district. The photo shows some of the Zizencho children with one of the sisters.



The Infant Jesus Catholic School in Arekit was founded in 2010 and has 489 students from kindergarten to 6th grade; about 80% of these also come from extremely poor families. This year the 5th and 6th grade students obtained the first and second prize in the district quiz competition.

In both cases the schools provide free education and school meals and, for those in need, the school uniform and shoes, stationery items, and medical services.

Life in Guraghe is hard. Many of the pupils have to work after school to help their families, and some others walk as much as six or seven kilometres to attend school. As well as the normal lessons, school students also learn about cleanliness and good behaviour, and some have also developed a social conscience, e.g. some students work hard to collect money to help poorer people.

Sr Prashantha, the director of the school at Zizencho, and Sr Silvy, the director at Arekit, send periodic reports, detailed accounts and annual budgets to BOAT. They also send their gratitude: “This is unforgettable and a great support for us, we have no words to say thanks,” and report that, thanks to the support received, hundreds of children are now getting education and medical attention, and that life in both villages has improved.

René Bañares-Alcántara

Grenada

Grand Anse

This is the ninth consecutive year that BOAT has supported the school feeding programme at the Blessed Sacrament R.C. School in Grenada. The programme aims to provide a substantial daily meal for all students of the school, from kindergarten through to grade six. Many of the students do not receive a hot meal at home, and some get no meal at all, so the programme is their only source of nutritious hot food. The school is in an area of high unemployment and poverty, where the streets are hardly safe for children to walk home from school. Many of them are from homes where a single parent struggles to support a large family in poor living conditions. They often go to school without breakfast and get little on their return. Students are expected to contribute EC\$1 per lunch (about £0.33) and last year Grenada’s Ministry of Education committed to an additional EC\$0.25 per meal, although this does not always arrive. Even so, parents often request that the fee be waived as they are not able to make even this small contribution.

BOAT has helped to respond to this great need, and the programme currently feeds 120 of the school’s 250 children each day. As a result of getting suitable nutrition for their lunch, the children are able to focus on learning rather than on their empty stomachs. Truancy rates have greatly fallen as a consequence!

In the last year, there has been a strong push to improve the quality of the food by including more fish and meat. Teachers and parents have risen to the challenge of lending a hand with the cooking and helping to run the programme, and some parents have been able to donate food. Vegetables are being grown at the school to supplement the rice staple, while local farmers supply food at below market prices. Money has been put towards improving the kitchen facilities which are currently limited to a stove top. An extra refrigerator has been

purchased for storing the food and there are plans to add an oven or grill. An ambitious breakfast programme has recently started to help children from the most desperate families, and there are plans to expand it.

The school has a new principal, Ms Henva Simeon, who heads the programme and personally ensures it is running smoothly. We also have a new local contact with the parish. Strong links are maintained through Fr David Sanders, of Blackfriars, Oxford, who visits the school every year. He reports that all is going well and that good, nutritious food is reaching the children.

This is the final year of BOAT's three year funding cycle. The situation is still one of dire need, as it has been ever since its inception. The programme has successfully and continuously evolved to support more children with better quality and a greater variety of food as well as improving the cooking facilities.

Domenico Caprotti

India

Allipalli, Andhra Pradesh

This is the second year running that BOAT has supported the medical project at an orphanage in Allipalli, in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The project aims to deliver eye care, prescription glasses and cataract operations to the children of the orphanage and the population of the surrounding villages.

Fifteen villages surround the Allipalli orphanage, with a combined population of around 30.000–40.000. Most people are subsistence farmers who live in huts made of palm leaves on a bare earth floor. The closest hospital is hours away by public transport, which is rarely available. Medical assistance is close to non-existent and as a consequence the average life span is around 55 years, and there is high infant mortality rate. The average wage is barely enough to provide for one substantial meal a day, mostly based on rice and vegetables. As a result, there are many orphaned children from these villages, or children abandoned by their families because they can no longer afford to take care of them. Most of the children at the orphanage, like the surrounding subsistence farmers, come from the lowest castes and live in great poverty, with very few opportunities available to them.

The Mission at the orphanage was set up in 1992 by Padre



Maria to provide food and shelter in tents to 20 children. It has since expanded to shelter over

500. The living conditions are Spartan, but the children are given a refuge, food and a basic education. There is a primary school and professional formation to teach older children to be tailors, mechanics, nurses and teachers, offering them employment opportunities which would otherwise be beyond their reach.

The general aim of the BOAT project is to provide free eye tests, free prescription glasses and cataract operations: the villagers often suffer from cataracts due to the strong sunlight. The glasses greatly help the children to study and progress with their education, giving them an opportunity to escape the abject poverty in the villages. Cataract operations are vital for farmers who would otherwise be unable to work and provide for their families.

In this past year, volunteers from the orphanage widely advertised the eye visits from village to village. They used a camper van spray painted with the dates and details of the eye visits and fitted with blaring speakers. Around 450 people flocked to the orphanage, often on foot. 200 were prescribed glasses and 50 offered cataract operations. The date of the operations was coordinated to coincide with the availability of medical volunteers at the nearest hospital. The patients were transported there by bus, a journey of around 2 hours, and were seen by a team of around 10 doctors and paramedics. After an overnight stay to check the condition of the patients, they were brought back by bus. Many of those who benefitted from the cataract operations were women, who are often overlooked in favour of the breadwinners of the family. This gives them a unique opportunity to regain their sight and feel less marginalised in society.



The volunteers are constantly spreading the message of the benefits of preventative eye tests that could potentially save many people from future cataract operations. Unfortunately, many of the villagers simply cannot afford to lose three or four days' income by walking to the orphanage and back, despite the very serious consequences of losing their sight. The message of the many benefits of the preventative eye tests is being distributed whenever possible by the volunteers in an effort to attract the greatest number of villagers possible.

The project is jointly supported by BOAT and a small Italian charity, *Operatori di Pace*, which augmented BOAT's £2500 contribution with a further £4325 to cover the remaining costs of the project, helping BOAT's contribution go even further. The medical assistance given is enabling many farmers to once again provide for their families and is instrumental in providing many of the children with opportunities for their future.

The Mission at Allipalli and, in particular, the ophthalmological visits, are a message of hope and love for people who feel oppressed by their daily sufferings. Through the work of the Mission, the villagers are relieved of at least some of their distress and the children are ensured a hopeful future with opportunities far beyond the reach of many other children in this Indian state.

Domenico Caprotti

India

Sugandh Society

Sugandh is a charity based in New Delhi that focuses on helping to improve highly disadvantaged children's life chances through education; increase women's economic opportunities through training programmes and micro-financing initiatives; assist deprived families to access government services to which they are entitled and improve their basic health awareness; and generally empower marginalised communities. The charity's work is concentrated in two main centres, one in Madanpur Khadar and the other in Holambi Kalan.

In 2017–18, Sugandh helped tutor 184 children from some of New Delhi's most deprived communities (*see photo*). The children came from families with parents who work as rickshaw drivers, casual labourers and waste collectors (also known as rag-pickers). Many of the children attending Sugandh's tuition centres had been excluded from school because of a lack of basic educational skills. The great success of Sugandh's programmes is attested to by the 100% pass record achieved by students who went on to take high school exams after receiving tuition through the charity's Holambi Kalan centre. In many cases, these students are the first in their families to go to high school.



Sugandh also works with women to help them receive training in specific employment skills, for instance, by running vocational classes to help them learn basic tailoring and cutting skills so that they can go on to become seamstresses. Sugandh also runs an extensive network of women's self-help groups that not only provide micro-loans for small-scale family businesses run by women, but also create a community that can provide crucial support to such new entrepreneurs. In 2017–18, well over 1000 women benefited from such programmes through Sugandh.

The charity also continues to focus on advocacy work for the poor communities it serves. This helps marginalised families negotiate governmental bureaucracy so that they can more easily access social services, education and health care, with more than 350 families benefitting from such assistance last year. The charity runs health awareness sessions as well on topics such as recognising the signs of tuberculosis and the importance of hand sanitation to avoid spreading disease. The photo shows Rani and her husband, who was tested and then treated for tuberculosis, thanks to a micro-loan from Sugandh.



BOAT's support for Sugandh in 2017–18 was used (among many other things) to pay the salary of one of the teachers offering tuition to children in the centre in Mandanpur Kahar and to pay for the vocational sewing classes.

Geraldine A. Johnson

Myanmar

Living Water Myanmar

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. And I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” [Matthew 25:35] Responding to Matthew’s teachings, Living Water Myanmar, a community-led initiative founded by Rosemary Breen in 2011, funds, builds and installs water tanks and piping systems in some of the most remote regions in the Dry Zone of Myanmar. In the process of doing so, it has transformed the lives of thousands of people.

Local volunteer Soya Toe works with communities to determine where water needs are greatest. With his dedicated team of five builders he constructs the tanks, usually in the grounds of schools and health clinics. These tanks collect monsoon rains, or in some cases, water from village boreholes. The tanks belong to the community; in return for a tank, villagers commit to planting ten trees to improve their local environment.

BOAT began to support Living Water Myanmar in 2017. To date, BOAT’s donations have funded the construction of seven water tanks. Without these tanks, the daily trek to collect fresh water takes over the lives of local people -- all other needs are secondary and often pushed aside. It may take several hours and many miles to collect fresh water from the nearest river or stream. Besides the obvious convenience and health benefits of bringing fresh water to remote communities, these tanks have brought an additional benefit: they have freed up time for communities to build local schools and for children to attend them, thus enabling more children – and from an earlier age – to receive an education.

Rosemary visited Oxford in the summer of 2018 and gave a vivid and moving account of the impact the tanks have had on local people at one of BOAT’s monthly meetings. “It has been worth the hours of travelling along dusty, bumpy tracks just to experience the joy in people’s faces as they welcome us into their schools or villages. I have come to see the value of the community tanks in the villages where the women can come with their wooden yokes with two containers and simply fill up with clean water from the various taps. These tanks are attached to bores so there is a continuous



supply of water. Previously they were walking to the nearest pond or reservoir or going in their ox-carts to the nearest river, so now life is that much easier for them. How lucky we are just being able to turn on a tap. It's hard to believe that such a simple scheme can have changed so many lives for the better.” She also reported on the gratitude expressed by villagers in Daungle in Kyanukpadaung township where Living Water Myanmar used BOAT funds to build the 230th water tank at the local middle school: “Here, we sincerely acknowledge the kind generosity of BOAT from Oxford, UK and express special thanks for their great support to our people.”

Julie Lynch Bridson

Nicaragua

Leon

This after-school project in the Emir Cabezas district in the southern part of Leon has been named after a popular phrase *Barriga llena corazón contento* (“Full Belly – Happy Heart”), because it addresses the fact that, for various reasons, children often arrived without lunch. They were easy to identify: they had headaches, or a stomach ache, didn’t want to do homework or have much interest in the various different activities planned. A survey showed that an average of between 4 and 8 children arrived unfed, but although this number seems small, in practice the children missing out were not always the same ones. The poverty of 80% of the families means that such food as they do eat is often of poor quality, high in fat and sugar. This is how our contact describes the project in their annual report:

“The main factor contributing to the growth and development of children is food. That is why they need a balanced and varied diet which contains all the necessary nutrients for the good functioning of the organism. Thanks to the financing of the Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust we have guaranteed a healthy meal to 30 children aged between six and twelve who attend school reinforcement every afternoon. The meal has allowed us to promote feeding habits which help them to maintain a good state of health and improve their quality of life. This has had three beneficial results. It has:

- resolved the immediate hunger of the target group by providing them with a healthy meal;
- contributed to the children’s attention, concentration and retention;
- improved their nutritional level, educating them in the responsible consumption of food as a fundamental basis for good health.



As a result, the children are more healthy, and there is an observable improvement in the quality of the school results.

The food we provide to keep the children healthy, active and strong, includes carbohydrates (rice, potatoes, bread, cereals), fibres, beans, barley, minerals and vitamins (fruits and greens) and moderate quantities of sugar and salt.

The participation of the families in the preparation of the meal has been fundamental to the success of the project. Their participation is a reference point for instilling good dietary habits among the children and it's a help for the parents too because their involvement allows them to know and value the importance of a balanced diet. Parents taking part say the children now ask for food at home that they used to reject. The families recognise the support that their children receive, and willingly take part in the preparation of the meal.

With our project 'Full Belly Happy Heart' we have succeeded in maintaining an active attendance of the children in the project, and taken the opportunity to reinforce good behaviour around eating, including the practice of good hygiene and behaviour. The children wash their hands before eating, and are encouraged to eat slowly and quietly, to maintain conversation at the table, describing their experiences, and giving their opinions about the smell and taste of the food, etc.

Our children have learned to consume the food that they are given. They show greater energy and concentration in the activities in which they take part. They respond actively to school reinforcement, obtaining good results in the carrying out of their tasks. Likewise this is reflected in their good behaviour and in interpersonal relations. It is gratifying to note that attendance to the project is 100% and all the parents take part in preparing the food."

Ag MacKeith

Pakistan

Women in Struggle (WIS)

Women in Struggle (WIS) aims to support marginalised people, especially women and children, living in rural areas of Pakistan, by promoting education and sustainable development.

The organisation is staffed mainly by schoolteachers who work voluntarily to carry out activities at the local level.

Based in Faisalabad, WIS has assisted five villages with BOAT's support in 2018: Chak 500, Bassi and 296, Odan wali Basti, Chak 296 and Seowal. Initiatives in these places have included the provision of much-needed school supplies – held up proudly in the photograph by grateful recipients (*upper picture*)! Some children were



also given an opportunity to visit the Khewra mines, as part of a youth empowerment programme to encourage aspiration and economic awareness.

In three villages WIS has funded the planting of fruit trees (mostly orange trees), which benefit the local ecology as well as the local economy, improving agriculture while assisting women's economic independence. Similar projects to help women have included the building of safe toilets and water-access facilities for individual families (*lower picture*), which can be used without fear of abuse and sexual harassment; such facilities are also more hygienic.

This will be the third and final year of a fruitful collaboration between BOAT and WIS, which is now finding other sources of funding. Lubna Ghani, who leads WIS, has communicated her gratitude for BOAT's support. We shall continue to keep the work of Lubna and her colleagues in our prayers.

Bede Mullens OP

Peru

Lima, San Benito Township

BOAT has been supporting the work of Fr Ed O'Connell and the Warmi Huasi project in San Benito for many years. Warmi Huasi provides a safe space for the children to learn, to play and simply to be children, when they might otherwise be at the mercy of violence and bullying while their parents are at work. It also encourages the children to play a part in the political process in the local community, so that their voice is heard. For the last few years, the project



has expanded its work to include two communities in the mountainous department of Ayacucho.

The children at Blackfriars have continued to support the San Benito project, and have helped organise a [number of sales and events which have raised more than £x] on top of the regular grant. Fr Ed is hoping to visit us at Blackfriars later this year. Meanwhile he has sent us

this account of their work and their plans for the coming year:

“Our overall strategy continues to be providing safe spaces/places in which the children can meet, socialize, where we can explain to them their rights and how to defend themselves against abuse. At the same time, these spaces/places help the children in their education through homework and reading clubs. We have promoted the children's voice to be heard, through the children's committees.

In 2019, because of the large influx of Venezuelan migrants, over 200,000, into Peru, Warmi Huasi is working with Cafod and Unicef on a plan to respond to the needs of the Venezuelan children in the districts of Carabayllo and San Martin de Porres. In Carabayllo it will be possible for the children to join in with the existing activities and facilities of Warmi Huasi and at the same time get to know Peruvian children...



“In 2019, in Ayacucho, we will continue with the reading clubs in two State schools, one in the town of Pausa and the other in the village of Lampa, monitoring their progress. Funding is needed for the activities with the children, to protect them and to educate them, as many in the countryside have to spend time in the fields looking after the animals while their parents may have little Spanish to help them with their homework. The activities in Ayacucho that need support are these:

- Two homework clubs: one in the village of Lampa and the other in the village of Oyolo where children get little support for homework and often do not advance at school.
- Two “Day of Play” centres which are monthly activities in Pausa and Oyolo as children get little chance to play. The aim is also to educate the parents and population that children have a right to play. There is already a “2Day of Play” in Lampa.
- In Lampa the children have decided to set up a mobile reading club so as to take books to the surrounding villages of Mirmaca, Sacraca, Colcabamba, Nahua, and Marcabamba , where children do not have the opportunity to read.
- Two villages, Sacraca and Oyolo, are in desperate need of Centres for Promotion and Vigilance against Anaemia and Malnutrition, as the statistics indicate serious problems of anaemia and malnutrition there.
- The children from the reading clubs of Pausa and Lampa, through their children’s committees, are asking for help with their secondary school studies. So a Saturday study club is planned.”

We feel privileged to be able to continue to support Fr Ed and the community with this vital work.

Helen Ghosh

Philippines

Midsalip, Missionary Sisters of St Columban

Against a backdrop of human rights abuses, extrajudicial killings, environmental disasters, and significant price hikes for basic food staples such as rice, the Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban continue to provide a beacon of hope to the local Subaanen communities in Midsalip, in the Philippines. BOAT supports the Mission which helps local people to access education and health care and to protect their homeland against deforestation and mining.

Under the tireless leadership of Sister Kathleen Melia (recovered after an atrocious attack in 2017) and her dedicated staff, the Mission – with BOAT funding -- was able to assist 64 children in primary school and 16 high school students, as well as providing school supplies and clothing for an additional 103 students in 2018. The pre-school run by the Mission continues to thrive. despite a lack of government funding. There are now over 200 students, and an extra teacher was recently appointed. In addition to general poverty, some of the students have also been victims of the war in Marawi, a region in the Philippines plagued by terrorism. One girl who began pre-school in late 2017 arrived traumatized and speechless. Today she is a happier, more carefree child who interacts freely with her classmates. Another former student who was shot in the leg in Marawi, receives on-going medical treatment with assistance from the Mission.



Although the immediate threat of mining has eased, the risk of deforestation remains. Farmers frequently use pesticides to clear their lands for crops. As well as killing weeds, the spray kills roots, leaving mountainsides vulnerable to landslides when the heavy rainfall arrives. The Mission strives to educate the local communities on these and other environmental risks. This year, each student, with their parents, prepared and planted five seedlings. Hopefully they will mature into fruit-bearing trees that will protect against landslides in years to come.

During 2018, the Mission also installed water systems in three of their pre-schools. This has been truly life changing for the children and their local communities. Access to potable water has resulted in sharp declines in stomach ailments. Parents no longer have to travel long distances for fresh water. Their joy and appreciation is



seen in the photograph which reads “Thank God and thanks to the Columban sisters and their donors.” Sister Kathleen echoes these sentiments: “ On behalf of the scholars and their parents I would like to say a very sincere thanks to all of you in BOAT for your generosity. Teilhard de Chardin, many years ago, said the future belongs to those who offer the greatest hope. This is so true of all of you who support our mission in so many life-giving ways.”

Julie Lynch Bridson

Sierra Leone

Koindu

2018/19 is the first year in which BOAT has supported the Smile With Us Orphanage in eastern Sierra Leone. Founded and run by Mary Sesay, the orphanage takes in local children, many of whom are the children of parents who have died from AIDS and who would be unable to find support from family or other sectors of the community because the stigma attached to their parents' illness. The children's two greatest needs at the orphanage are food and water.

This year we have supported the orphanage in building its own well. The project has been ongoing for several months, with digging the 10-metre well shaft under way by November 2018. The shaft was then lined with concrete. Everything went down and up by pulley – not just tools and materials but the technicians as well!

Once the concrete lining had dried, the next task was to sink the well into the water table. The discovery of hard stone just above the water table proved an unexpected hitch. Mary had hoped that by March 2019 they would have been able to install the pump and chlorination unit, but this will have to wait until the technicians, who do not have access to the power tools so familiar here in the UK, have been able to drill through to the water.

After the well is finished Mary hopes to provide the children with a dining hall. At the moment the children eat their meals sitting on the stones.

Our UK link to the Smile With Us Orphanage is Penny Boreham, a producer, presenter and writer, who works for the BBC World Service. Penny has longstanding links in Sierra Leone and knows the orphanage well.

Jenifer Dye



Solomon Islands

Moli

Our project in Moli, Solomon Islands supports the development of water supply infrastructure for St Joseph's Catholic School. Our contacts are Fr Franck Dubois and François-Xavier Boët.

Solomon Islands is a country made up of hundreds of islands located north-east of Australia in the Southern Pacific. It has a population of 700,000 people of whom 55% are under 24 years old. Three quarters of its labour force are engaged in subsistence agriculture and fishing.

Just twenty years after gaining independence from the United Kingdom in 1978, ethnic tensions arose which dramatically slowed down development. Corruption is rife, hindering the growth of the economy and the development of much-needed infrastructure. Only 10% of the government's budget is allocated to education, with the result that only 60% of school-age children have access to primary education, which is not compulsory and is far from being free. Children who don't go to school help their parents to grow food.

The lack of roads and public transport means that many children walk for hours to get to school in the remote rural areas, which make up most of the inhabitable land of Solomon Islands. Slow cargo ships and a few small airplanes are the two main methods of internal communication. Bringing in equipment from Honiara – the capital city – to the other regions of the country is a time-consuming, costly and uncertain enterprise. It's easy to see why improving the pupils' learning environment is such a challenge.

Moli, in Southern Choiseul province in north-western Solomon Islands, is close to the mainland. Even so, to get to Taro, the provincial capital, takes a 30–60-minute trip in motor boats, which requires expensive fuel. Telephone and internet networks are barely established, except in Taro, so it is hard for a local organization like a school to thrive without allocating a large share of its budget to motor-boat fuel. Travelling or shipping equipment from Honiara to Taro takes about two days by ship and is costly by aeroplane. Logistics can be a challenge.

The Dominican brothers and sisters from Australia have been in Moli since 1956, building and running schools and clinics. Currently, three Dominican brothers and two Dominican sisters are living on Moli, serving the local community. St Joseph's institute is a Catholic boarding school educating about 170 students a year aged 14 to 16, irrespective of their religious backgrounds and with equal opportunities for girls and boys. (In fact, there were 28% more girls than boys in 2017).

Although it is only a small-scale enterprise, St Joseph's secondary school on Moli island is an ambitious project which has the potential to tackle the social problems typically found in Solomon Islands. The school is soon to be extended to welcome older students in the 17–19 age range. Consequently, long term solutions must be found to satisfy the school's future needs.

One of the Roles and Responsibilities of the School Board, spelt out on a chart pinned on a wall of the school, is "to make sure that the school has a good supply of clean, pure water for drinking, washing and cooking". Local water resources often run short during the dry season between May and November, which can lead to a situation when the students can barely wash because of a lack of fresh water. The school principal has declared water supply as the "biggest challenge on Moli".

To this end, BOAT is supporting a project to develop an effective water supply for the school. The project brings together the local community and Dom&Go. It is hoped that this will

improve the sanitary conditions and lead to a better learning environment, where students will perform better in their studies.

Although this project has been going for less than a year, some good progress has been made in the important foundation stages in terms of leadership, acquiring materials and digging. Father Simon, the rector, who leads the project, embarked on the important first task of enlarging the water stock available for the school by buying two 10,000 litre tanks with important tax exemptions. The Moli community is awaiting delivery of the tanks on the island. Raw materials for cement tests have been purchased and initial cement tests conducted. Meanwhile, preparations for the second phase have already started. Work by a local well expert on moulding the cement ring is underway, and digging has begun.

Fr Franck and Francois-Xavier are keen to come and give an update in person at a forthcoming BOAT meeting, so we look forward to welcoming them sometime in 2019.

Nicolette Michels

Tanzania

Babati, Livingstone Tanzania Trust

This report for 2018/19 is a bittersweet one: the Livingstone Tanzania Trust has achieved such success that it has graduated from being one of BOAT's small projects to becoming an inspirational charity providing the template for other local educational and self-reliance charities. After eight years in partnership with BOAT, its annual turnover has gone from £42,660 to £240,000 and it now has 1.4 employees and 0.3 consultant



fundraisers of its own. The time has come for us to end our direct support for LTT, and wish it every success as it pursues its first application for DfID funding.

The Trust is a grassroots development charity operating in Babati, northern Tanzania, with a focus on improving education and supporting sustainable enterprise initiatives. In the past, BOAT has supported LTT's work in four schools and two villages, and recent years we have particularly supported the Managhat Primary School Enterprise Programme. In 2018 two of the LTT team supporting the Managhat project attended training with Street Business School, an organization that teaches enterprise skills to enable community members to establish and run successful new businesses. The two LTT workers have been training the Sinai Community, but BOAT's sponsorship has enabled them to adapt and improve the training they give to the teachers. BOAT's support has enabled LTT to test the model, adapt it to a new situation and (with the help of DfID) implement it in more schools and train yet more teachers. If the DfID

application succeeds, LTT will be able to give six more schools the benefit of the training, supporting 1,200 children to learn life-changing skills over two years.

In addition the Managhat School Enterprise Programme has been visited by four charities who want to replicate the project. The programme teaches organic farming, irrigation and water saving techniques, and so far has trained 255 local farmers.

BOAT's money has been used in a variety of ways over the years (libraries, market gardens, fuel-efficient stoves, pig projects, construction), but always with one goal in mind: self-reliance and improved academic performance. Managhat, Malangi and Waangwaray school projects have continued to be profitable, ploughing the funds into providing 100% of the schools' water and electricity needs, so that everything from handwashing through livestock feeding to computers and printers are effectively free. The resulting impact of a better learning environment, school meals and more resources has meant a dramatic increase in the national test pass rate, with all LTT's partner schools achieving higher than the national average of 68% (86%, 92%, 91%, 95%, 77%).



The introduction of affordable drip irrigation to the farm in 2017, and 6 weeks later

Julian Page, our contact with LTT, has this to say of our relationship: "...Credit is also due to the small number of Trusts, like BOAT, that were prepared to take risks on a small charity with high ambitions and bucketloads of passion. There are not many organisations who would have taken this risk and that is what makes BOAT such an inspirational partner. Showing the confidence in us and the belief that what we were doing was right was a huge inspiration to me personally, and the responsibility to ensure success was driven by BOAT's belief in me.



The successes of the Livingstone Tanzania Trust belong, in part, with BOAT and we, and our partner schools are hugely appreciative of their support. We hope that you are able to offer other small charities the same support we have received."

Jenifer Dye

Uganda

Cancer Trust

Since 2015 BOAT has been supporting the Uganda Cancer Trust (UK), whose main goal has been the development of a local palliative care volunteer team to enable people with cancer to access good quality information and support about cancer, availability of services and treatment. In January 2018 BOAT approved a further three years of funding to support the Trust's plans for expansion of the volunteer services as well as the training of 'Link Nurses'.

During 2018 seventeen new volunteers were recruited to work at Naguru Hospital. BOAT's excellent link in Oxford, Liz Minton, Head of Oxford's Churchill Hospital's Maggie Centre and Mike Minton, retired Consultant in Palliative Care, visited Kampala in August 2018. While they were there, they helped with the on-going training of these new volunteers, a practice they have established over the past few years. They were touched to be presented with a certificate recognising the contribution the UCT(UK) have made to the work of the Mulago Makerere Palliative Care Unit in Uganda.

During this visit the Mintons also met Lydia Kakooza who has set up a new NGO called 'Wangula' (Lugandan for 'Hope') to support young women with cancer. UCT (UK) is also committed to working with this new organisation.

Further Updates:

The only radiotherapy machine in Uganda had broken down irretrievably in March 2016, leaving many cancer patients no option for radiotherapy other than to travel to



Kenya. This has now been replaced. A new radiotherapy provision for Uganda was commissioned at the beginning of 2018, with more planned in the near future.

Liz Nabirye, specialist Palliative Care Nurse, whom BOAT has been supporting, came to England in 2017 on a bursary from St. Christopher's Hospice, and described her everyday role with cancer patients to the BOAT Committee. While in Oxford, she had visited the Churchill's Maggie Centre, intending 'a practical exploration for the development of an information and support centre for our patients and their families'. (The Maggie Centre is a charity which offers free practical, emotional and social support for people with cancer, their families and friends.) It would therefore be true to say that BOAT, in its small way, is contributing to the Uganda Cancer Trust (UK)'s goal to support that vision.

Emerita Pilgrim

Uganda

Church of Christ the King, Butema Catholic Parish, Hoima

In the second year of his water and sanitation project in his parish at Hoima, Father Sebastian writes that, thanks to the grant from BOAT, he has been able to have the second borehole, between the presbytery and St Kizito Nursery School, repaired as planned. He has also had a 10,000 litre water tank constructed for the school and properly installed with all the necessary accessories, including gutters. The parents of the nursery school children were mobilized to help and they were able to make a contribution by donating foodstuffs such as maize, millet and cassava to sell in support of this community-based project. Father Sebastian writes that, while the direct beneficiaries of the project are the nursery school and the staff of the presbytery, the tank can also be used by the St Bruno primary school if their borehole, which was re-drilled last year and which serves the sisters in the convent as well as the school, is not functioning. One of the projects planned for next year is to have a new water tank constructed for St. Bruno's school, to give them a more secure source.

Karungu Convent, Kigumba

Sister Clemensia, sister superior of the convent of the Little Sisters of Mary at Karungu, writes in her report of the continuing success of the poultry-rearing project she initiated last year to improve the health and welfare of the children in the nursery school. She aims to ensure that about fifty-five women, a number of them single mothers, who were living in poverty and unable to support their families or send their children to school, are empowered to work in this project and become self-sufficient. This year's grant was used to construct a brick and timber poultry shed for the 200 hens and ducks bought last year and for the 150 poultry bought this year, all of which are being raised by the women. The grant also provides for a veterinary attendant and for vaccines and maize. The project has benefited the health of the 250 children in the nursery school: their nutrition has been improved, because they have lunch each day. They have maize and eggs in their diet and even chicken about once a month, whereas previously they often fell ill through lack of food or nutritional deficiency.

Rosaleen Ockenden

Zimbabwe

African Mission

African Mission is a small but dedicated charity, which works in Uganda and Zimbabwe. Initially it was medically based, revolving around the work of Dr Ray Towey, a consultant anaesthetist who for many years had been involved in training local staff and raising funds for equipment and facilities. More recently it has expanded into education.

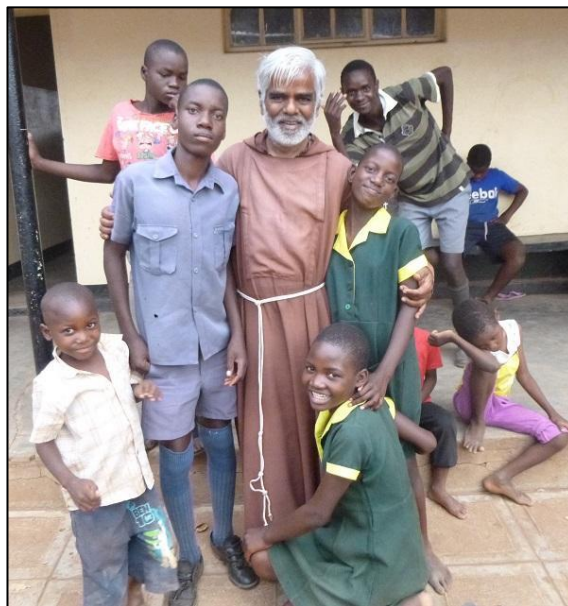
BOAT made its first donation in 2011, and since then has helped fund a number of schools at Fatima Mission, a large Franciscan run compound 130 miles north of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe, which contains both schools and a medical clinic supported by African Mission.

The £2,500 that BOAT sent in February 2018 was put towards a continuing project for disabled children. This is a residential scheme, which offers education and training to nineteen

blind, deaf or mute young Zimbabweans. Without African Mission they would face a very bleak future in a country that remains desperately poor.

They live in the Mission during term time attending nearby schools. There is the only school in the province that offers a curriculum, specifically designed for blind and mute children. As well as their academic work, they learn to live in a small supportive community and are taught the life skills that will enable them to cope better with their disabilities in the future.

The project for disabled children is run by Fr Jeya, a very energetic Indian priest who has been stationed at Fatima Mission since 2002. He is currently trying to raise funds for an activity centre, which could be used as both a dining room and a sports hall. Like many small charities African Mission has seen its income fluctuate over recent years making BOAT's regular donation an important part of their financial planning.



Mick Conefrey

2018 Lenten Project

Through the BOAT Lenten Appeals in 2015, 2017 and 2018, the 9.30 congregation has given more than £23,000 to support the Dominican sisters on the Plain of Nineveh in Iraq, as they return to rebuild their schools and convent destroyed in the battles between Isis, Iraqi state forces and Kurdish militia.

Rebecca Tinsley, a journalist and friend of the Blackfriars congregation, visited the sisters in July this year, and sent us this report:

“They treat us as if we are newcomers on the Plains of Nineveh,” Sister Nazik says of the local Iraqi population. “But there have been Christians here from the beginning. And we aren’t going anywhere. This is our home, and we have work to do.”

The petite, forty-three-year-old nun is showing me around the Our Lady of the Rosary convent in Telusquf, in Northern Iraq. Thanks to BOAT, repairs have been made to the building, and supplies purchased to replace stolen equipment. The convent was shelled by Islamic State, as well as during a more recent stand-off between the Iraqi army and the Kurdish peshmerga forces who are vying for control over the contested region.

BOAT has also supplied much-needed furniture, after the contents were looted by militias and Muslim neighbours. “They didn’t leave so much as a sheet of paper or a nail.” Sister Nazik comments. “We’re very grateful to our friends in Oxford. They offered their prayers and solidarity and practical help when we returned here, after the occupation, finding everything destroyed.”



Before and after: the school at Qaraqosh

Islamic State surged into the Plain of Nineveh in the summer of 2014, and the Christian population of 120,000 fled overnight. “The Iraqi authorities told our superiors they would protect us from IS. Right until the last moment, they told us there was nothing to worry about, stay where you are. Then, suddenly, our bishop advised us to collect just what we could carry, and to get out. We had half an hour.”

With the terrorists storming the suburbs, the sisters grabbed what they could and squeezed into their car. “I took my passport and computer, but I had to leave behind my books, from when I studied at Oxford. Of course, they were all stolen or destroyed,” says Sister Nazik.

Reaching Erbil, the nuns were welcomed by the convent there, and 72 sisters ended up sharing 14 bedrooms. They immediately set up schools and activities for the Christians who had escaped to Erbil from the Christian towns on the Plains of Nineveh. However, many people have emigrated, seeking security and job prospects overseas.

In May 2017, IS was finally pushed out of Christian towns like Qaraqosh and Telusquf, thanks to allied air strikes. The Dominicans returned immediately, conscious that they must show exiled Christians that the Christian presence on the Plains of Nineveh was being re-established.

On the day I visited Telusquf and Qaraqosh, it was 50°C or 122°F. Yet, men were at work everywhere, building new schools and repairing homes in the dusty, dry heat. It is a remarkable display of willpower: this community will not allow Christianity to be wiped from the map of the Middle East. Rebecca Tinsley”

Inspired by this report and by the evident desire of the 9.30 congregation to help, BOAT has now decided to make the Dominican Sisters’ work in Iraq one of our regular projects. So they will be receiving annual support from the Blackfriars congregation for the next three years at least.

Helen Ghosh

Boat Christmas Cards

These raised over a thousand pounds this year, thanks to Gill Emerson who created many hundreds of cards single handed in the run-up to Christmas, regarding this as therapy after an accident that left her housebound, and Joshua Dubin and Jenifer Dye who kindly funded the glue and the mounts, as well as many others too numerous to mention.

Reserves policy and risk management

The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserves of approximately £5,000. This was a decision made by the Trustees at a meeting in April 2002, and it remains their policy. This sum is sufficient to meet emergencies, but at the same time ensures that grants are made to beneficiaries without undue delay.

Risk Management

In the light of the Trustees' desire to keep reserves at the relatively small level of £5,000, any surplus cash is held on a bank deposit until needed. The Trustees monitor the level of cash held and would review this policy if the levels of cash held were to increase significantly.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed or explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare financial statements on the going-concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Anna Lucas

Chair

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee of BOAT

January 2019

Treasurer's Report on the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 December 2018

It is with great pleasure that I can again report that BOAT is a vibrant charity with enviably low costs which sends money rapidly to many projects in the developing world in aid of health, education and development. For me, there were two main highlights I would like to draw your attention to. The first is that we have seen unprecedented levels of engagement from members of the congregation and other donors with individual BOAT projects. Myanmar Living Water, India *Operatori di Pace* and Peru San Benito all received extra reserved donations which were added to our regular giving when I sent out the funds. This is very heartening,, as it demonstrates that our donors are enthused with the causes we are helping. The San Benito project received money from fund raising by the children of the congregation – and this is even more special.

The second highlight, for me, is that yet again the Lenten appeal raised a phenomenal sum of money; over £7,000 for the Dominican Sisters in Iraq. Once again we established a strong link to the Dominican Sisters with visits to the Sisters in Nineveh, Iraq, and subsequent presentations in Blackfriars, Oxford, made by Fr Timothy Radcliffe and Rebecca Tinsley.

More broadly the finances demonstrate that we must put renewed efforts into reaching out to the congregation and our donors so as to encourage more standing orders. Compared to 2017, our unrestricted standing orders in 2018 declined by just over £9,000. This is due to the loss of one very generous donor, who for personal reasons have reduced their level of giving. The large sums they have given in the past have been used to help many needy people around the world, and for this I am incredibly grateful. If unrestricted donations and events now stay broadly level, then we can expect unrestricted income to be a little under £40,000. We will therefore be targeting a steady state of 17 projects.

We are bringing the work in schooling in Iraq by the Dominican Sisters into the regular fold of projects as it has made such a connection with our donors. We will therefore be drawing support for some of our other projects to a close. Which of these has yet to be decided – but this process of project renewal is critical for BOAT, to make sure that the money we send out has the largest possible impact in health, development and education in the developing world.

We remain ever thankful for all of our donors, without whose help none of the projects or good works could be supported. You have read about these earlier in this report. I will conclude with thanks to the notable one-off donations we have received in memory of Mary Todd, and to the donation from Catholic People's Week.

John Thanassoulis
BOAT Treasurer

27 January 2019

Further Reference and Administrative Information

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Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Carfax, Oxford. OX1 4AA

Charity Number: 288585

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust ("the Charity")

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31 December 2018 which are set out on the following pages 28 to 31.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- ◆ Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- ◆ Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- ◆ State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - ◆ proper accounting records are kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - ◆ accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act: or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Adam Hodgkin

February 2019

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	31,999	11,380	43,379	51,440
Events and Sales	5,635	1,034	6,669	4,436
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	37,633	12,414	50,048	55,876
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Fundraising	255	-	255	250
Charitable Activities	43,750	10,949	54,699	49,841
Governance Costs	294	-	294	367
Total Expenditure	44,299	10,949	55,248	50,458
NET RESOURCES				
Incoming/Outgoing	(6,666)	1,465	(5,201)	5,418
Total Funds Brought Forward	21,811	-	21,811	16,393
Total Funds Carried Forward	£15,145	£1,465	£16,610	£21,811

The notes on pages 28 to 31 form part of these accounts.

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Balance Sheets as at 31st December 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Lloyds Bank	16,611	21,811
Net Current Assets	16,611	21,811
Total Assets	£16,611	£21,811
 The Funds of the Charity:		
Restricted Income Funds	1,465	-
Unrestricted Income Funds	15,145	21,811
	£16,610	£21,811

Approved by the Executive Committee on 20th January 2018 and signed on its behalf by

Anna Lucas

Chair

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2018

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in 2005.

Income

1. Donations and grants are included in the accounts when they are received.
2. Interest income is included in the accounts when it is received.
3. Tax recoverable for Gift Aid donations is included in the accounts when it is received.

Expenditure

All grants to partner organisations and other expenditure is included in the accounts in the year they are paid.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received for the objects of the charity without a specified purpose and are available as general funds. From time to time the Trustees may establish Designated Funds out of the Unrestricted Funds to meet contingencies.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

2 DONATIONS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Donations received under Banker's Order (unrestricted)	21,627	31,541
Donations received under Banker's Order (restricted)	1,500	1,000
Other Donations (unrestricted)	5,763	3,127
Other Donations (restricted)	10,914	12,401
Tax Recovered under Gift Aid	10,243	7,808
	<hr/> £50,048	<hr/> £55,876

3 EVENTS AND SALES

	2018	2017
	£	£
Harvest Auction	341	392
Christmas Café	515	479
Card Sales	1,204	132
Honey Sales	-	30
Summer Café	214	222
Spring Café	575	281
Susan Marshall Funeral		355
The Dominicans: St Dominic's Concert, Stone, Staffs		500
Dominicans for Iraq, via Christmas Fair	465	
Infinium Ltd		137
SP Global	-	1,164
Raymond Brassington Funeral		516
Mary Todd Funeral	1,295	-
Blackfriars Midlands Leg Student Cross	94	-
Catholic People's Week	473	-
BLEAT, Children's Café	459	298
	£5,635	£4,506

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Grants (Unrestricted) to Overseas Projects

	2018	2017
	£	£
Contribution to Sonbola Lenten Appeal 2016	0	352
Nicaragua, Leon	2500	2,100
Pakistan, WIS	2500	2,100
Uganda Cancer UK	2500	2,100
Uganda Butema Parish	2500	2,100
Tanzania, Livingstone trust	1250	2,100

Cameroon Arch	2500	2,100
Ethiopia Jean Grove Trust	2500	2,100
Uganda, Sr Clemensia	2500	2,100
Philippines, Camiguin Norte (test)	0	450
Zimbabwe, African Mission, Dungu	2500	2,100
Philippines, Missionary Sisters	2500	2,100
Peru, San Benito, Br Ed O'Connell	2500	2,100
India Sugandh	2500	2,100
India, <i>Operatori di Pace</i>	2500	2,100
Grenada Grand Anse, Primary School	2500	2,100
Sri Lanka War widows	0	1,100
Myanmar Living Water	2500	2,100
Brazil, St. Paolo	2500	-
Solomon Isles	2500	-
Sierra Leone	2500	-
	SUB-TOTAL	£43,750 £33,402

Grants from Restricted Funds	2018	2017
	£	£
Kenya Education	1,000	2,000
Sonbola Lebanon 2016 Lenten Appeal	-	1,838
Uganda Education	-	-
Lenten Appeal	7,315	12,303
San Benito, Peru	1,534	298
Myanmar, Living Water	100	-
India, <i>Operatori di Pace</i>	1,000	-
	TOTAL	£54,699 £49,841

5 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

		2018	2017
Cost of Printing the Annual Report	TOTAL	£255	£250

6 GOVERNANCE

	2018	2017
	£	£
Bank Charges	294	367
	£294	£367

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid or was payable for the year directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity to any member of the committee or to any person known to be connected with any of them.

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Balance at January 1	-	3,038
Incoming Resources	12,414	13,401
Expenditure	(10,949)	(16,439)
Balance at December 31 2018	£1,465	-

9 GENERAL FUNDS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Balance at January 1	21,811	13,355
Incoming Resources	37,633	42,475
Expenditure	(44,299)	(34,019)
Balance at December 31 2018	£15,145	£21,811
Represented by:		
Current Assets	£16,610	£21,811

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust (BOAT) Registered Charity No. 288585

A Banker's Order for regular donations, which can be cancelled by you at any time, greatly helps BOAT. We need more people to give regularly so that we can predict over a year how much money we can send to our projects overseas. **BANKER'S ORDER**

To: The Manager (Name of your Bank)

Address of your Bank:

..... Postcode:

Account Number: Sort Code:

Account Name:

Please pay the monthly/quarterly/annual sum (delete as appropriate) of £ from the account number above, commencing on (date of first payment), until further notice, to Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust, Account Number 00087533, Lloyds Bank plc, 1 High Street, Oxford OX1 4AA (Sort Code 30-96-35). This instruction cancels any previous order made by me in favour of Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust.

Signature Date

Please return to: The Gift Aid Treasurer, Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust (BOAT), c/o Porter's Lodge, Blackfriars, St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LY (NOT to your own Bank).

GIFT AID DECLARATION (FOR REGULAR OR ONE-OFF DONATIONS)

Boost your donation to BOAT by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you. Just tick this box ☐ Yes! I would like to Gift Aid this donation and any other donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to BOAT.

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Signature Date

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