

## ***Bridge of Love - Reaching the Unreachable and Touching the Untouchable !***

Bridge of Love is a non-profit organisation and a registered UK Charity. It is a community based Christian outreach work of Emmanuel Tamil Christian Fellowship (ETCF). Rev G I Ebenezer is our Chairman.

This Trust was set up in 2003 for the purpose of protecting and supporting those who are oppressed especially widows and orphans, poor & needy, war victims and the persecuted. The trust confines itself to community development in the northern and eastern provinces of Sri-Lanka and the tribal areas in Tamil Nadu, South India.

**(James 1:27, Is 58: 6 & 10, Is 8: 6-7, Pro 31:9, Pro 24:11-12, 1 Cor 12:28)**

### **Summary**

· Over the past **6 1/2** (six and half years) we sent more than **£200,000** for our projects, which includes £30,000 Tsunami relief and around £36,500 War relief. More than 65% of this money was donated by members of this ETCF. We also produce CDs and organise events to raise funds for the Charity.

### **Widows, orphans, poor & needy , young offenders, child labour victims and Aid victims,**

· We provide regular monthly financial support to more than eighty (**80**) children and thirty (**24**) widows in Sri Lanka & India.

· We support financial assistance and spiritual support Aids Victims in Kulathur, Chennai through Sis Indhu (6 women and more than 20 children)

### **Income Generating projects**

· Bridge of love has trained more than **67** poor widows and donated sewing machines worth more than **Rs 1,300,000** since December 2005. Currently we are providing sewing training for **10** widows in Batticaloa district, Sri Lanka. We also provided financial assistance towards chair-rental and Banana garden setup costs.

### **Educational projects**

· We run an Evening Study programme for the Slum children in Pittakodde, Colombo.

*(We are renting a hall to conduct educational and religious activities for these people who live in a slum area where there is neither electricity nor educational care available).*

· We annually provide Study materials for more than **700** poor children as Christmas presents.

### **Tsunami Relief & War Relief**

· Bridge of Love carried out around **£30,000** worth Tsunami relief projects

· Bridge of love has sent around **£36,500** worth Relief for war victims in Sri Lanka since Sep 2006 (more than £28,000 in 2009). Rev Vasanthan is our main relief coordinator. We provided emergency provisions, water facilities, food parcels, clothes, milk powders, soaps, suitcases, nutritional, medical, educational & spiritual assistance to 1000s recent war victims in Jaffna, Vavuniya and Mannar districts. Rev Vasanthan, Rev Jothy Hoole and Jaffna YMCA coordinated these relief projects.

· Since September 2007, we have been providing regular financial assistance for **30** internally displaced families who were displaced more than 6 times during the recent war.

• Providing emergency relief and rebuilding the future of the 1000s of broken and shattered War victims is our current main goal.