



OUR IMPACT

**TRANSFORMING
LIVES**

**ENABLING
COMMUNITIES**





Hope Gardens:

TRANSFORMS LIVES

Our three programmes

- Hope for Communities
- Hope for Children
- Hope for Churches

focus on delivering hope and enhancing the life prospects of communities in Southern India.

15

churches

24

bible college students

30

communities served

7,650

benefitted from medical support

72

sewing graduates

465

employed through our paddyfields & small holding

86

sponsored children and students

150

children in after school clubs each week

*A huge thank you from
Archbishop Samuel*

NANDRI!

Your donations have made a real difference in the lives of so many people. You have helped to educate children, empower women, open up opportunities, provide jobs, provide comfort, support those in need, grow produce, spread the gospel, and supply medical care. You have truly enhanced the lives of others who have been otherwise overlooked.



WITH YOUR HELP HOPE GARDENS IS ...



harvesting



empowering



caring



training



healing



educating



feeding



building



changing lives

Enhancing life prospects

HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Our special educational needs (SEN) school, hostel, sponsorship programmes and after school clubs all play a key part in giving children access to the education they deserve. We are thrilled this year to have enhanced our school and expanded our after school club programme.

236 *students supported*

63 *sponsored in main stream education*

23 *in our SEND school*

150 *attend daily after school clubs*

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE



"I am delighted to tell you that all the children this year, with your help, have attained grades making them eligible to progress to the next standard. As you know, children come from challenging personal circumstances and have many obstacles to overcome, so this is a huge sense of achievement for them all."

Sugantha (Children's coordinator)



ALUMNI NEWS



Education really does change lives.

With the support of Hope Gardens so many children enhance their life prospects. We have had some fantastic news from our recent graduates who are starting their careers.

- **Joshua Jacob** has completed his BE Mechanical Engineering and is working as a Junior Design Engineer in Haritha Tech Serve Pvt Ltd in Bangalore.
- **Jonathan** has completed his BA and is working as a full time HR associate at a call centre in Trichy.
- **Jefferson** son of Rev. Jebaraj Fenn, is in Kuwait MOH working as an anaesthetist.

MAHIMA'S STORY

Mahima had a long desire to study but due to lockdown her family situation changed. Her father lost his job and became a drug addict and her mother left to live with another man. Mahima had no other option but to work as a maid. Rev Prakesh was appalled to see her in this situation and invited her to live in safety in our hostel. She is now 14, attending school and has a wonderful group of friends.

Children come into our care for a variety of reasons and we are thrilled that children like Mahima are able to be supported by Hope Gardens.



HOT MEALS



Our after school clubs go from strength to strength. With our new club run by tutor Sonia, a maths specialist in Devokottai, we are now welcoming 150 each day to our 6 clubs. Our staff team have recognised how important it is to give children a nutritious meal and as a result we are so grateful to have secured £6,000 of additional funding from the Anchor Foundation.



SUBAITHA'S STORY



Subaitha and her sister were abandoned by their mother aged 4 and 5. They have been rescued and now attend our local school and are loved by the Hope Gardens family. We celebrated Subaitha's birthday in March and she was so excited to cut a cake for the first time in her life! The sisters are cute little girls and are much loved by all the other children and our staff team.



A LIFE LINE FOR MANY

Our Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) school is so highly regarded in the Theni district due to the facilities and specialist care we offer to children with Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Downs Syndrome. We currently have 14 primary school children and 13 pre primary. Our dedicated teachers and physios have been a life line for families supporting them emotionally and helping their children progress with their own learning journeys.



A WONDERFUL SCHOOL

Our new sensory room is a fully accessible space to explore, loved particularly by children with cerebral palsy and autism. The equipment provides a variety of light, sound, and touch experiences that we have seen improve motor skills, cognitive skills, and overall well-being. For children who are overstimulated it provides a sense of calm and we've noticed how it helps our children with autism regulate their emotions.

Healing & Empowering

HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES

Our hope for community projects aim to bring hope, empowerment, employment and accessible healthcare to local communities. On our latest trustees visit they were brought to tears hearing how young women are earning their own money through our sewing training and how our medical services have provided life saving support.



GRAND OPENING!

On January 16, 2023, our Panchakarma Ayurvedic Treatment Centre was dedicated. The local Panchayath President, along with our US and UK trustees, medical team, staff, students, and the general public, participated in the dedication program.

The local President stated that the medical centre is indeed a great asset to the local people.



72

sewing graduates

19,500

kgs paddy

7,650

patients treated

OUR MEDICAL SERVICES

It is a new era for our medical centre with the first floor extension for Ayurveda. This is a holistic system of medicine that views the body as a whole, rather than focusing on individual symptoms. It uses a variety of treatments, including herbs, massage, and yoga, to promote health and well-being. Dr Selvi pictured here will run our new facility along with 2 new nurses.

CARING FOR ALL

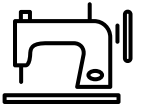
We offer a variety of treatment options, including medication, therapy, and lifestyle changes. We work with each patient to develop a personalised treatment plan that meets their individual needs. We serve the local communities and also the children in our SEND school.

The common ailments that are being treated are Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Anaemia, Stomach Pains, Ulcers, UTI, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Fever, Allergies, Asthma, wound cleaning and emergency first aid.



SEWING CENTRES GIVE GIRLS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

At Hope Gardens we are passionate about supporting women and children. We believe that everyone has the right to education and to have positive role models around them. We are expanding with a new centre in Vasur, close to Rev. Barnabus House, opening this year, along with a new after school club.



AARTHI'S STORY

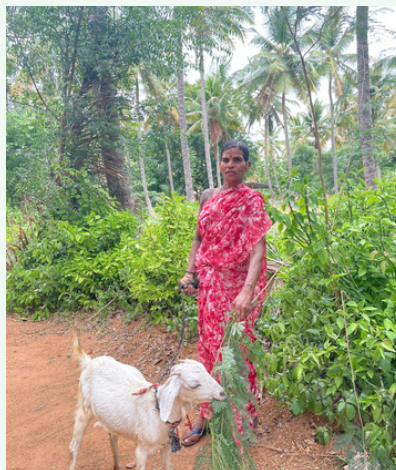
Aarthi is a young woman who benefited from Stella's sewing training programme. She now runs her own sewing business from home and is able to support her family. She is grateful for the programme and is excited to learn more skills. She plans to travel to a nearby town to learn Aari embroidery, which is a type of bridal blouse embroidery. She is confident that she will be able to create beautiful and intricate garments with her new skills.

GREAT NEWS!

We are excited to expand our centres and open 2 more in 2023. This will enable us to empower more women and girls. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential, and we are committed to helping them do just that.

NEWS FROM OUR SMALL HOLDING

Our **5 acre paddy field** has provided employment to 400 local men and women over the past two harvests. In October 2022, **we had a bumper crop, with a 35% increase in yields.** However, in March 2023, neck blast and stem borer diseases significantly affected our harvest, resulting in a **60% reduction in yields.** This has forced us to buy rice for the children's programmes and consumption at Hope Gardens. The diseases have also impacted neighbouring farms. As a result, we have sought advice on disease prevention methods and switched fertilizers.



465
jobs

19,500
kgs paddy

10,000
coconuts

4
cows

2
goats

MRS BUTTERFLY

We are delighted that Mrs Patamppucci (meaning butterfly) has joined as our head gardener and cow herder. Her green fingers enable us to be self sufficient in fresh vegetables & coconuts. **Our small holding provides 65 jobs** throughout the season.

Transforming lives

HOPE FOR CHURCHES

The past 12 months have been difficult for our church communities and our faithful staff teams. Persecution is on the rise, and our pastors are facing opposition to their ministry. In addition, acute poverty and discrimination are widespread, and our pastors are supporting families not only spiritually, but also practically.



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REMARKABLE RUBY

Ruby is a remarkable woman who retrained as a pastor after her husband died so that she could continue his ministry. She found that many people had left the church, but with your support, she has rebuilt her husband's church and established herself as a valued member of the community. We are so proud of what Ruby has achieved. She has ambitions to lease a new church building close by to expand her ministry and make it easier for women to attend.

OPTIMISTIC OUTREACH

Despite their challenges, our pastors are working hard to build up God's kingdom. As part of our vision, each of our 15 pastors are working to develop their branch church and start prayer cells in homes.

- **Pastor Israel** doesn't have a physical church building but runs small home groups, even though it is often unsafe for him to walk around these villages.
- **Rev Thomas'** church now have toilets which is a fantastic community facility which means he can also develop his sewing programmes.
- **Rev Daniel** is reviving our children and families ministry in Uppokottai after severe vandalism.

MORE THAN A CHURCH



Our churches come in all shapes and sizes!

Our churches are not all purpose built buildings. Some pastors lead their church communities meetings in homes, some have a gathering of a few plastic chairs in the street and others rent spaces on busy high streets.

Those who have buildings are able to offer a wider range of services to their communities. They can run after-school clubs, community events, sewing programmes, foodbanks and soup kitchens.

UNIFYING COMMUNITIES



Cumbum Mettu Church is a community that has grown from a focus on children's ministry. Rev. Prakash and Mrs. Deva Anbu are doing wonderful work through sewing, daycare, outreach, house visits, and fasting prayer. Every month, they provide a community lunch for the church with simple white rice and lentils. In this way, Rev. Prakash has managed to bring unity among the believers and they stand with him in all the challenges they face.

NEWS FROM OUR BIBLE COLLEGE

This year, we welcomed 24 students into our Bible college, including 9 Master's students and 15 students pursuing a Diploma or Bachelor's degrees. Our curriculum is varied, with students learning on campus, participating in mentoring programmes and summer internships with our pastors. This allows students to put their ministry training into practice whilst also gaining valuable experience in the field.



"In addition to academics, we also focus on building community and having fun. We have had a number of enjoyable events this year, including an away day, a celebration of Pongal, and a Christmas festival. The academic year ended in April with exams, followed by summer placements. We are excited to see what the future holds for our students as they continue their journey of learning and ministry" Vasthi

THANK YOU

We were delighted to receive funds from the Good News Evangelical Mission for pastor transport. We have started to purchase the bikes and Rev Prakesh is thrilled that he can now carry out his home visits in the remote areas.



MENTORING SCHEME



Bible College students work alongside pastors as part of their course curriculum. Rev. Robin has been praying for a village near his church that is full of witchcraft and closed to evangelism. God has answered his prayers and opened a way to the village of Chakkupallam.

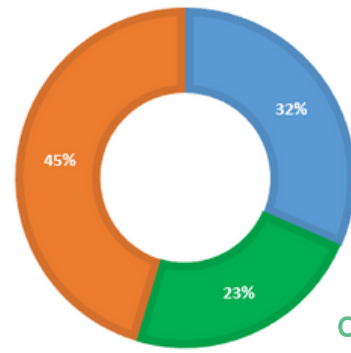
Two of Rev. Robin's mentees, Bible College students Kishore and Gilchrist, are now working alongside him in the village. The students are learning a lot from Rev. Robin about serving others in these remote hill villages, where many people work in the plantations. They are seeing first hand the challenges and rewards of the ministry.

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

With your support we have been able to send an incredible £162k /\$200k to India to support our projects.



HOPE FOR CHURCHES



HOPE FOR CHILDREN

HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES

WHAT FUNDS HAVE WE SENT TO INDIA?

- Capital Projects: £39.4k /\$48k
- Operational Funds: £122.6k /\$152k

Your generosity has enabled us to continue to support our three core programmes; **Hope for Churches**, **Hope for Communities** and **Hope for Children**.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

This year saw the opening of a new wing in our medical centre, the building of a wall around our hostel and the completion of ongoing building works at some of our churches including Rev Barnabus Church.

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

Our US and UK board work closely with both our India based charities Rachel Mary Sugantha Trust (RMST) and Rhema Religious and Charitable Trust (RRCT). Archbishop Samuel and Saguntha oversee the India operations alongside their daughter Vasthi and her husband Gold, our Commercial Director. Our two US trustees, UK Chairman and Deputy Chair all visited Hope Gardens in 2023, meeting many of our staff team and visiting our recent capital projects in Madurai, Kodakovil and Cumbum.



Hope Gardens supporters are amazing!

THANK YOU

Your generosity is the fuel that keeps our charity running. Your monthly, annual, and one-time donations help us fund our day-to-day operations and capital projects. Your funds truly make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



Your donation can make a difference

- The cost of materials for our sewing programs, medical supplies, and ingredients for meals has all increased this year.
- Our staff are also feeling stretched so we need to boost their salaries.
- We would be grateful if you could consider giving regularly by direct debit or increasing your giving this year.
- Your donations will help us to continue to provide these essential services.



What a blessing!

A LASTING LEGACY

We were incredibly fortunate to receive a £10,000 legacy from one of our supporters. Thanks to her generosity, we have been able to build a wall to improve the safety of the children who stay in our hostel. What a wonderful blessing this is!

If you would like to leave a legacy in your will to Hope Gardens, it is straight forward. You just need the following information; Our address;

- Hope Gardens India
- PO BOX 404, Cobham, KT11 9FJ, UK

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