



Rhema Partnership Annual review 2016

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In 2015/16 we sponsored 110 orphans and poor children to attend school, cared for 16 disabled children at our dedicated school, looked after 140 children daily in our after-school feeding programmes, attended to over 9,000 patients at our medical centre, educated and equipped 20 young men and women at our Bible College and supported 25 pastors to serve their poor communities.



Key developments in 2016 include:

Cow for Christmas

In December 2015 we launched our "Cow for Christmas" campaign. Four cows were purchased which will see local revenue at the Rhema Garden increase by £5,500 per year through the sale of milk and provide work for a local herdsman.

Equipment for our special needs children

We have purchased specialist equipment to help mobilise and strengthen the muscles of our disabled children. The equipment which has already made a huge difference was purchased thanks to donations from Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and Angela Gallagher Trust.

New Feeding Programmes

Two further feeding programmes led by Rev. Simon and Rev. Prakash have been established to feed and care for an additional 80 children a day. These children would otherwise be left to play in the streets without proper after-school care and go to bed on an empty stomach.

Medical Equipment

Our Medical Centre has been able to purchase a new mobile ECG Machine. This will extend the support we offer both in the medical centre and out at mobile medical camps.

Maternity ward plans

We have secured half of the funding needed for a maternity ward above the Medical Centre. Our planned maternity ward will provide affordable facilities for poor pregnant women.

Bible College Accreditation

Our Bible College has now been fully accredited by the Asian Theological Association (ATA). This is a great achievement and means that the Rhema Bible College is rated amongst the best in Asia. As a result the number of fee-paying students will increase which will make the College more sustainable in the long term.

Plans for the year ahead:

Sewing programme for women

A member of our US team saw the plight of young, uneducated women in the local villages and has established a sewing programme to equip and build the confidence of single mothers with little or no income.

Launch of the Bombieri Programme

This year we are pleased to announce the launch of our Bombieri Programme to improve education for girls. This was started by Sophia Bombieri, a student who visited The Rhema Garden in 2009.

Archbishop Samuel visit to the UK and USA

Archbishop Samuel will visit the UK and USA in October 2016 and is looking forward to meeting with old and new supporters of the Rhema Partnership.

UK and USA Mission visits to India

We are planning two mission visits to India from the UK and the USA in 2017.

About us:

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We support our partners by training Bible College students and sponsoring our pastors. Our key social projects include sponsoring poor and disabled children, providing medical facilities and feeding programmes through our church plants in South India.

The six projects we fund:

- 1. Sponsoring orphans and poor children:** This year we enabled 110 children to attend school. 18 of them are resident at our hostel in the Rhema Garden.
- 2. School for disabled children:** This year 16 children attended the school at the Rhema Garden, where two of them were resident at our hostel.
- 3. After School Feeding Programmes:** This year we launched two additional Feeding Programmes and now care for 140 children daily with school tuition, fun, games and a hot meal.
- 4. Medical Centre:** Our medical centre provides free primary healthcare and treated over 9,000 patients this year. Staff ran two camps in the local villages, attending to 443 patients.
- 5. Bible College:** 20 young men and women were trained and equipped for a range of Christian ministries at our Bible College this year. 11 graduated and are either serving alongside our existing pastors or have returned to support their home communities.
- 6. Church Planting Programme:** We support 25 pastors to reach out to the poor and vulnerable in their communities. Many of our children are sponsored through our links with these pastors. Our Feeding Programmes are run out of these churches and serve as a base for our mobile medical clinics.

What sets us apart:

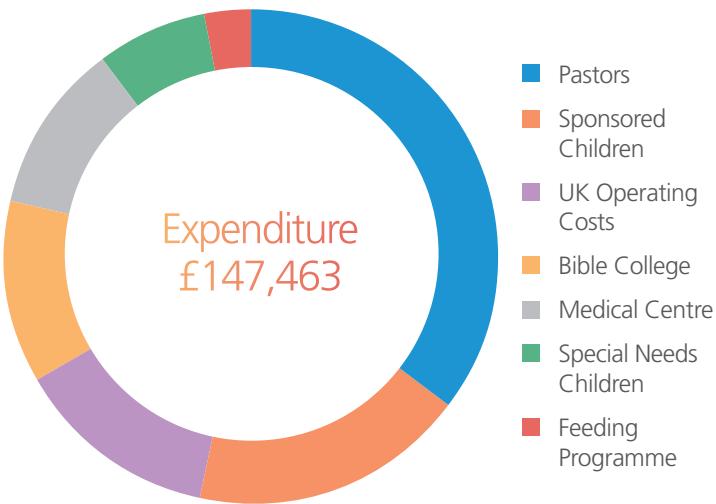
1. The projects we support are entirely the vision of local, poor Indians who have taken responsibility for setting up, running and leading the work. These projects are truly community-driven; enabling local people to identify their community needs and training them to serve others. We believe this is by far the most effective model of social development.
2. The Trustees of the Rhema Partnership strive to provide excellent accountability. The Chairman, along with other members of the UK and USA Boards, makes annual visits to the projects in India. There is an annual joint board meeting in India where priorities, strategy, budgets, expenditure and fundraising are agreed. Therefore we can confidently report that all the projects we support and run are accountable, transparent and effective.
3. The Rhema Partnership has low operational costs, ensuring that 100% of restricted donations go to the projects in India. All trustees pay their own UK expenses enabling all donations to go directly to the children, students and poor people of India and the staff who make the projects happen.



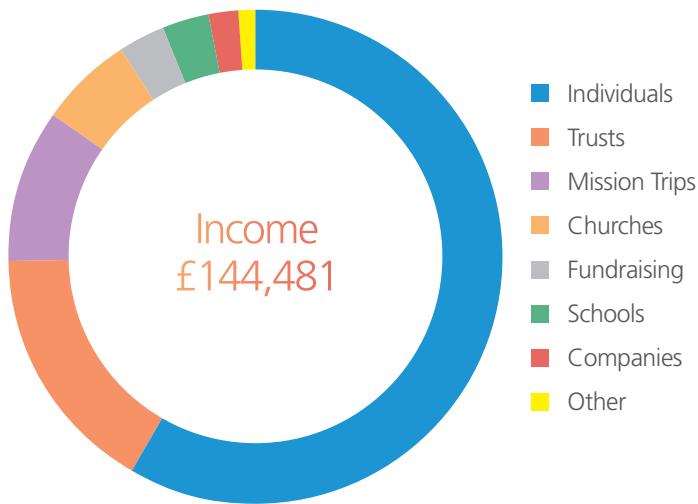
Financial Results 2015/16

We are grateful to all who give so generously to support the work we do.

This year our income from donations was £144,481 and we sent £147,463 to India for operating costs (projects) and capital projects. This compares to £161,777 raised in 2014/15 and £183,035 distributed. Our UK operating costs amounted to £16,967.



The principal sources of funds for the Rhema Partnership are donations from individuals, schools, churches and contributions from grant-making trusts. We received significant support from our American partner organisation, Christian Love and Support for Southern India, (CLSSI).



Sustainability

The Rhema Partnership requires approximately £180,000 per year to cover operating costs in India so becoming sustainable is a key focus for our local team. Currently, local income is insufficient to bridge the gap between foreign income and operating costs.

We have economised where we can, and continually seek to raise local income. Our key eco and sustainable initiatives include the installation of LED lightbulbs and solar panels, the

sale of milk and coconuts from the onsite coconut grove and the sale of worship CDs written and produced by Archbishop Samuel.

We would like to store and recycle rain water for our coconut grove which would result in a larger crop. If you would like to support this initiative, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Sherry Secker for more information.

How your donation can help:

- £7.50** a month covers the cost of food for a single child at our after-school feeding programmes
- £15** a month contributes towards the cost of medical supplies for our medical centre
- £20** a month covers the school fees, uniforms and books of a child
- £25** a month supports a pastor to provide pastoral and social care to their community
- £25** a month covers the cost of a disabled child attending our school and receiving regular medical attention.
- £100** covers the cost of a medical camp in one of the outlying villages where there is no access to medical facilities.

To make a donation:

1. Send a cheque to the Rhema Partnership at The Vicarage, St Mary's Road, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 0ST
2. Set up a monthly or one off online transfer to our bank account.
Rhema Partnership Charitable Trust
Account no.: 61347071, Sort code: 40-25-24
3. Search for the Rhema Partnership at **totalgiving.co.uk** to make a monthly or a single donation to any one of our projects.
4. Fundraise for us.

For more details please contact our Director, Sherry Secker on 07940 938 757 or sherry.secker@rhemapartnership.org.uk

The Chairman Richard Lloyd and Deputy Chairman Tony Simmons extend their heartfelt thanks to those who give of their time voluntarily to the Rhema Partnership:

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