

Innocents Relief Ltd

Annual Report October 2025

This annual report of Innocents Relief Limited will be my final report as your President. After 8 years, it is now time for me to stand down and pass the baton onto the next generation. It has been an honour to serve you in this role. Our activity over the past twelve months has been covered in our Spring and Autumn Newsletters, such that I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful people with whom I have worked over the past 8 years. Rod and Alison Fernan, Susan Cobcroft and Lex Howarth introduced me to the worldwide reach of Innocents Relief, Clare Carter has worked tirelessly in managing many of our Centres in many different countries across Africa, Sri Lanka, Peru, Papua New Guinea and more recently in leading our shift in focus to Timor Leste. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to these wonderful generous people. I would also like to acknowledge Michael White and Glenys Hodges. It was as a result of Michael's input and insistence that we became incorporated, and it was Glenys, together with Robyn, our Secretary, who took on the task of winding up the Association and establishing Innocents Relief Ltd., as a company limited by guarantee.

Thanks are also extended to Mary Seymour, who as Centre Manager for our Indian Centres has continued to communicate and work with our Centres to achieve their educational goals despite numerous difficulties. Robyn our Secretary, and Anne our Assistant Secretary have worked tirelessly throughout the year and have done a great job in the overall administration of the company. Andrew Tunny took on the Treasurer's role but had to resign due to ill health. I would therefore like to thank Christine Ling our previous Treasurer for stepping in and helping with our financial reports. Our two most recent volunteers, Robyn and Phil Locke, continue the management of the African and Sri Lankan Centres.

Innocents Relief owes a great debt of gratitude to Robyn, Anne and Mary who will be stepping down and not seeking re-election this year. They have been fundamental in ensuring that we carry out our *raison d'être* of supporting the education of impoverished children in developing countries.

Our income last year was \$454,844.91 which is up compared with the last financial year, our operating costs were slightly down at \$6,646.17, such that our overheads were 1.46% of total income. Our ability to have such low running costs is not only due to the generosity of the office volunteers but was also made possible by the generosity of all our donors including Fr. Pat Richards, the former Parish Priest at St Lucia. Even after his retirement Fr. Pat continues to support our work and I extend my sincere thanks to him for his support over very many years and wish him all the best.

I would like to thank the St Lucia Parish Administrator, Fr. Greg Jacobs, for the continued use of the parish facilities.

Finally, I wish the new incoming Board all the best in steering IR Ltd. over the coming years. With your support, I have no doubt that IR Ltd. will continue to make a significant impact on breaking the cycle of poverty in developing countries.

Gregory J Seymour, AM
President