

Innocents Relief



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A desk and a chair for every student! We have made a start!

When Board member, Clare Carter, visited Timor Leste last year, she found that the children were very keen to learn but many classrooms did not have basic furniture. A place to write and a chair to sit on are basic needs for all students.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Christmas appeal for desks and chairs. Thanks to your generosity, a small carpentry business in Dili has a first order of 50 chairs and desks for the Maubara School (TLE01) almost complete.

Our aim is that each student will have their own desk and chair. Clare estimates that hundreds of desks and chairs are needed. Just \$53 gives an eager child a better chance to learn. Your donation will keep the project going. Please note IR has a new bank account for donations. (see below).



Innocents Relief has a new bank account

BSB No: 084-034 **Account No:** 851082278 **Account Name:** Innocents Relief Ltd **Reference:** Your name

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Your donation makes a difference

Nepal: Batase Secondary School (NEP01) received a \$50,000 grant for a new building but could not complete the project without additional funds. IR received a generous donation of \$25,000 from the Ubuntu Foundation who were also keen to support education in Nepal. With these funds, the building is now complete, along with a computer laboratory and facilities for teachers. A waste management system has also been installed, not only to deal with rubbish, but also to help students learn about sustainability. Trees will be planted once the wet season commences. When we partner with other like minded organisations substantial benefits result for our schools.

Sixty students had an amazing tour of central Nepal at the end of last year thanks to IR's supporters. People from Batase rarely travel far from their village, so this adventure, which took them to famous Hindu and Buddhist Temples, the birthplace of Buddha, an aviation museum, the theatre, and the holy lake in Pokhara has opened their eyes in a way no book or website ever could.



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South Africa: Orphaned and abandoned children like to fit in with everyone else at school. Thanks to IR supporters, children from Nazareth House, Johannesburg (SAFo2) can go to school with new uniforms and all the stationery and materials required by the schools that they attend.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

- Nelson Mandela

Kenya: The St Francis de Sales School (KENo1) on the outskirts of Nairobi, now has Years 7-9 students in addition to Years K-6. The school was required to provide a science laboratory for Years 7-9 students. IR was able to contribute to the cost of building the new science laboratory which is now ready for action!



Malawi: With a donation of just \$5000, badly cracked walls at St Martin's Primary School have been repaired. IR supports ten bush kindergartens in Malawi (MALo1). Children from these kindergartens start primary school at St Martin's. The toilets are now much safer and more hygienic for the children!

Innocents Relief Limited

After 60 years as an association, Innocents Relief is now a company limited by guarantee, assuming operations on 1 March 2023. Our charitable purpose, to assist poor children in developing countries to get an education, remains the same. You will continue to receive donation reminder notices in April and/or September. However, you will notice two changes. IR has a new bank account for donations: BSB 084-034: Account number 851082278: Account name Innocents Relief Ltd. Please note the detail in the donation box on the first page. And, if you were a member of the association you will receive a letter in coming weeks explaining a change to membership and asking if you wish to be member of the new company.



India: The orphaned children at St Vincents Home in Tamil Nadu (IND07) can now sleep more easily without being subjected to rain, wind and the effect of colder temperatures. Their building now has new windows and security bars for added protection. All is thanks to the generosity of IR's supporters.

India: A small donation facilitated the purchase of classroom storage cupboards for a special school at Chennai, Tamil Nadu (IND41). The school provides free education to hearing impaired children from pre-school to higher secondary school. It welcomes all children irrespective of caste or religion.



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