

RTU Standing Order

Name.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

to: The Manager (enter your bank's name and address)

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Bank address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Please pay to the account of: **Reaching the Unreached** at
Unity Trust Bank, Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HB
Sort Code: 08-60-01 Account No: 20144069

For RTU Use

The sum of £.....

(Amount in words:

Quoting reference:

Per MONTH* / QUARTER* / YEAR*

Commencing on(date of first payment)
and continuing until further notice.

This replaces my previous standing order to this account.*

My account number is.....

My sort code is.....

Signed..... Date.....

(*delete as appropriate)

Please return this form to RTU-UK, not to your bank.

Registered Charity No 1091295

Registered in England & Wales, Company No 4217700

Registered office: 59 Knowle Wood Road, Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8JP

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I would like RTU to treat all donations I make from today (until I notify you otherwise), and all donations I have made for the 6 years prior to this year, as Gift Aid donations.

I understand I must pay (in each tax year) Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed for that year by RTU.

I will notify RTU if I no longer qualify, or if I change my name or address.

Name.....

Address.....

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Date.....

Signed.....

Please return to the UK office.

Write to us at:

*RTU, 11 Crofts Avenue,
Corbridge, Northumberland,
NE45 5LY*

Or email:

max.philbrick@rtu.org.uk

Or ring: 01434 634571 (The office is only open part-time - we will call you back if you ring when the office is closed.)

Our website is www.rtu.org.uk

RTU (UK) is a registered charity (No 1091295) which raises funds to support the work of Reaching the Unreached in India.

RTU (India) is an independent organisation registered in India.

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Reaching the Unreached

News and Views from RTU in the UK

December 2009

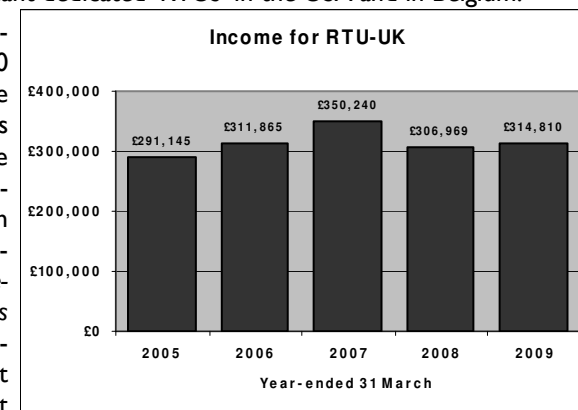
A week in Spain,
and money for
RTU. See page 3!

How is your money used?

This short report is intended to give you some key information from our annual accounts for the year ending March 2009. If you would like a full copy of the accounts (and trustees' report) please contact the UK office (see page 4); or you can download them from the Charity Commission website, www.charitycommission.gov.uk. Our trustees want to ensure all our supporters are given at least an overview of how their contributions are being used.

It is important to point out that the figures below relate to the UK charity. All the money we send overseas goes to RTU in India, and we are their major source of income, but they also have other contributors around the world - both individuals and charitable agencies. There are also small but significant dedicated 'RTUs' in the USA and in Belgium.

Income received. The funds received came from just under 800 donors, mostly individuals but some schools, churches, voluntary groups and other organisations as well. The great majority are spread throughout the UK, plus a handful from Europe - and as far afield as Australia. The number of active donors declined by about 50 from the previous year. In 2007-8 we reported a decline in income, but we are glad that this year has shown a modest growth of just over 2.5%. Once



again, standing order income grew more significantly, by 8%, which we find very encouraging: our thanks to all supporters who are able to contribute regularly by this method.

Payments made to India. We have continued the two-part funding arrangement with RTU in India. In March 2007 we again agreed a funding package based on their budgets and expectations for the coming year. Our commitment was to cover 44% of their core budget, and this amount is sent quarterly, which suits their cash-flow needs. In addition, we pledged a further £25,000 which could be drawn on for any special actions, emergencies, or one-off projects to meet needs that emerge during the year. The £25,000 was used for the RUADT day-care centre for handicapped children, as reported in The Newsletter, September 2008. In addition, thanks to a special one-off donation from a supporter, we were able to send £3,000 for the building of a meeting hall in a village not far from RTU.

The work areas we fund, and the proportion of funding allocated to each, varies each year. This depends on factors such as other funds available to RTU-India, and the donations we

have received: for example all donations given for building family houses are allocated to that budget heading in India. At the end of the year, we receive an audited statement from India on the use of our funds, which is the basis for the chart below.

Children's Villages - the cost of accommodation and care for the children living with foster mothers in RTU's four Children' Villages; and the older children living in RTU's hostels.

Education and School Buildings - RTU runs 5 schools, from primary to 'higher secondary' (age 18). There were also 10 'balwadis' for pre-school children, and 7 study centres in villages, giving evening homework support for local children.

Tertiary Education - growing numbers of children who have grown up at RTU are being sent on courses, from diplomas to degrees, which prepare them for worthwhile jobs.

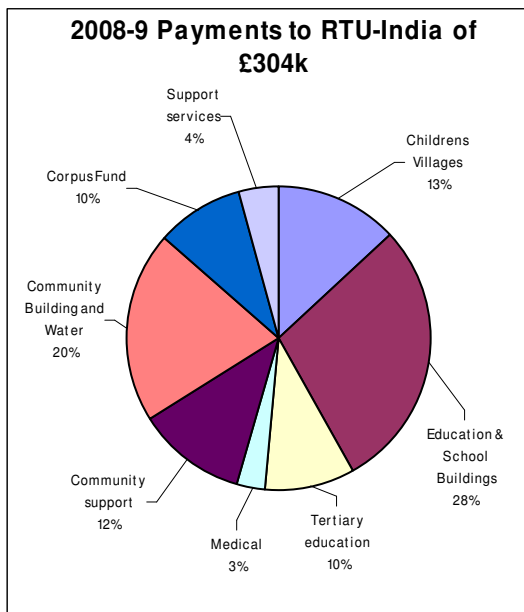
Medical. This includes the clinics, village health workers, and HIV/AIDS education .

Community Support. Direct financial support, eg to around 320 elderly people and 480 children whose parents receive allowances under the Home Sponsorship Scheme. Support (including low-cost credit) was given to women's self-help groups in more than 40 villages.

Community Building and Water. 80 houses for the very poor were built, along with other village facilities. With good rains during the year, only 8 bore-wells were drilled, and 9 handpumps were installed in several other locations.

Corpus Fund. This is a reserve fund held in India to help ensure commitments (eg to orphaned children) can be met for the foreseeable future. Following a review of this fund and the commitments, we have reduced our UK reserve fund by £50k to £300k, and will be reducing it further over the next few years.

Support Services. A contribution to administration costs in India.



Leaving a legacy to RTU

It is simple to include a bequest to RTU when you are making a new will, or to add one to an existing will. Our 'Leaving a Legacy' leaflet (available from the office or our website) gives more details. *If you haven't made a will, check out this website: www.totallyfreewills.co.uk - you may find it is simpler (and cheaper) than you thought.*



Standing Orders

A good idea - as we always say!

As usual at this time of year we would like to remind you about standing orders. If you have thought in the past about starting one but have never got round to it, please do consider the idea again now. Much of the work that goes on in India involves an outlay each month - the Home Sponsorship Programme which provides a 'benefit payment' to the poorest families so their children can be kept properly fed and attending school; or the several hundred old people who receive a weekly 'pension'; and of course the 1000 children in the Children's Villages and Hostels, or doing further studies. All these activities need funding month by month, and if you can give regularly it helps us plan how much we can send to India every quarter throughout the year. *And, unless you are a very well-organised person, a standing order makes it much easier to ensure that your intended contribution is paid automatically; monthly, quarterly or annually - whichever you choose.*

Time for a review?

If you already give this way, thank you for your support, on behalf of those in India who are the real beneficiaries. *And a special thank you to those who sponsor a child and who have increased their giving to £15/month to reflect the real cost increases of recent years.* If it is some time since you reviewed how much you give, please do consider whether your own circumstances mean you could make an increase. Inflation is affecting many costs in India at present, with the price of many food staples, especially vegetables, currently soaring.

There is a Standing Order form on the back page →

Viva La Manga!

Two years ago we offered our supporters a week's stay in an apartment at La Manga Club resort in south east Spain, which had generously been donated by a couple who are supporters of RTU. You may remember we auctioned the week, inviting Newsletter readers to bid: a holiday for them, with the money coming to RTU. Our clever plan just didn't work, but in the end we shared the offer with a local charity here in Northumberland, who auctioned the week at a fundraising dinner. The Tarn family from Newcastle had a great time at the sports-oriented resort, and write: "text to be inserted here"

Here's another chance to raise money for RTU! You could organise an auction event for RTU, getting other gifts to be auctioned locally and adding the week's stay to the list of lots. Or, if a fundraising auction is planned during the spring for your church or another local good cause, we would be willing to share the amount raised again.

Rather than give all the details of the apartments and resort again, you can find them on our website at www.rtu.org.uk/bellaluz.htm. Or contact the office for an information sheet by post. If you are interested either in auctioning the week (which can be taken any time except May and August), or just making an offer to use it yourself, do let us know.