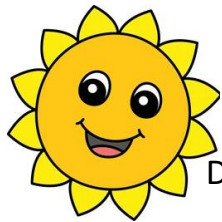


Building Better Futures International Summer Newsletter 2025



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Dear Friend of BBFI

A great big 'Thank You' goes out to you for helping us support some of the poorest women & children in India, giving them a future to look forward to. But caste throws a big shadow over its people. The worst affected are the DALIT folk (once called 'The Untouchables') And this is where we come in, for we continue to run a multitude of programmes to help them gain employment, a future, and enough to feed and clothe their families. It's all done with your invaluable help –



*What would
they do
without you?
so
'Thank You'
again!*

Our programmes still help thousands!

This year alone, 110 more women have received Tailoring Training in our three village centres. Marginalised women, after the six months course, receive a sewing machine which they pay for (without interest) only when they're earning enough.

They then start their own little business or get outreach work from the garment factories all around. Either way, it triples their income. They can then care for their family – so many more gain from our help. Yet this training costs only £90 per woman.



Our Children's Programme!

This year 241 children attended our evening classes (more girls than boys this year). They learnt to write in Tamil & English –



now the first in their families to read and write. They now even go on to Secondary School and some even to University - amazing! And it only cost £50 per child for a whole year!

We provide free medical checkups for them all and this year a UK company donated the cost of special desks in all our centres so they no longer have to spread their books on the ground.

Many other Projects too!

The state of the art **Training Centre** is now a hive of activity, busy seven days a week with classes & self-help groups. What a safe haven for women & children that's proved to be!

The 40 **hand looms** are producing quality sarees, the Coir is made into strong ropes for sale and the Palm-matting provides semi-skilled jobs. The **Coconut Plantation** is producing income for even more programmes and **Goats** are now being raised there too!



Our **Indian Partners** are brilliant leaders, knowing the real needs – and our Trustees still visit regularly to check all goes well.

But what does the Future hold?

When Laurie, Phil & Chris began in 2008 we hoped to raise a modest £5,000 a year but things took off so well that now we have to raise ten times that! And it's proving ever more difficult.

We rely on the kindness of friends, family, churches and community groups for donations. We don't advertise or employ anyone, and Trustees cover all UK costs, so every penny we raise goes out to India. **Gift Aid & Standing Orders are our life blood.** If all our donors were able to sign up for that it would make all the difference.

GIVING A LITTLE EACH MONTH and if tax-payers add GIFTAID (which costs you nothing) it could save the day. How to do that is spelt out on our website:

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If you can continue to help us, however little, some of the poorest people on earth will at last face a future without dire hunger. We thank you so very much!

Phil Brown & Laurie Green. BBFI

What do things Cost?

- ❖ £30 buys sandals for 10 children
- ❖ £30 buys a satchel full of books & equipment
- ❖ £30 buys a malnourished orphan a 4-month food supplement
- ❖ £50 buys a poor child's tuition for a year
- ❖ £70 for a qualified Doctor's clinic
- ❖ £150 buys prizes & medals for children
- ❖ £500 pays a tailoring tutor salary for a year
- ❖ £500 pays for a teacher's annual salary
- ❖ £690 sends 200 children on their first day's outing or a Sports Day



Can you help at this crucial time?

HOW TO DONATE

Go to the [Donate page](#) on our website at

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OR

Send a Cheque to John Wilde our Treasurer at:
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