

Building Better Futures International Winter Newsletter 2025



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Dear Friend of BBFI

What a splendid year we've had with so much to report, and it's all been enabled by your help! Our Indian colleagues and our BBFI team rely on your generosity. We're all so grateful.



During the years of existence, in total we've been able to send to our Indian team no less than £650,000, and it's transformed the lives of thousands of very deprived families.



Each year we're now training 125 women in tailoring skills, and each one has a family to support. This means that over the years your donations have lifted more than 8,000 people out of

poverty! It costs £160 to train each woman – so what a great investment that is! Better & more fulfilled lives for thousands!

We're really excited that a group of now trained women have clubbed together as a coop and now have their own factory to make quality clothes they export to Japan! They now run their own business, so have good incomes & pride in themselves.

And now news of our children



Our Indian partners have been celebrating the success of their ten village tuition centres for Dalit children. Dalit Children ('untouchables') don't receive adequate attention in the run-down local schools so come along for two hours each

evening for extra tuition – what a difference that's made. And now they've even been given new desks. Many now go on to secondary school, some even to university – their parents are so proud! We've now had help to expand the program so 275 children attending annually, and it costs only £75 for each child. Why not help transform a young life?



The loom weaving program

For generations women weaving superb saris earned only a pittance while middlemen owned the looms, made a fortune & abused the women. Therefore, we offered women interest-free loans to install looms in their own homes. A loom takes up the whole room, so the family lives around it & under it! But now all 600 women earn a proper wage and are going from strength to strength – and the middlemen can abuse them no longer!



Becoming Self-sufficient

All our work has one aim, to help the poor help themselves by giving them the tools to thrive. But we also want our partner charity team in India to become more self-sufficient. We've therefore given them various income streams. The Coconut Plantation, bought with your help, now produces fruit, goats are raised for sale, and new beehives offer delicious honey. The Training Centre with its computer suite is another income stream, students and volunteers now paying their own keep and helping the various programs. In addition, items are made and sold abroad by our tailoring women. They continue to look for ways to increase their income so they don't rely only on us.



The last word comes from our partner team in India



We sincerely thank all who donate to BBFI for your generous help. Your kindness has not only empowered us to serve the very poor but has also helped us grow as individuals. You are a true blessing to our mission. We are so grateful for your trust and belief in us. Thanks for making a difference to countless lives, including ours.

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