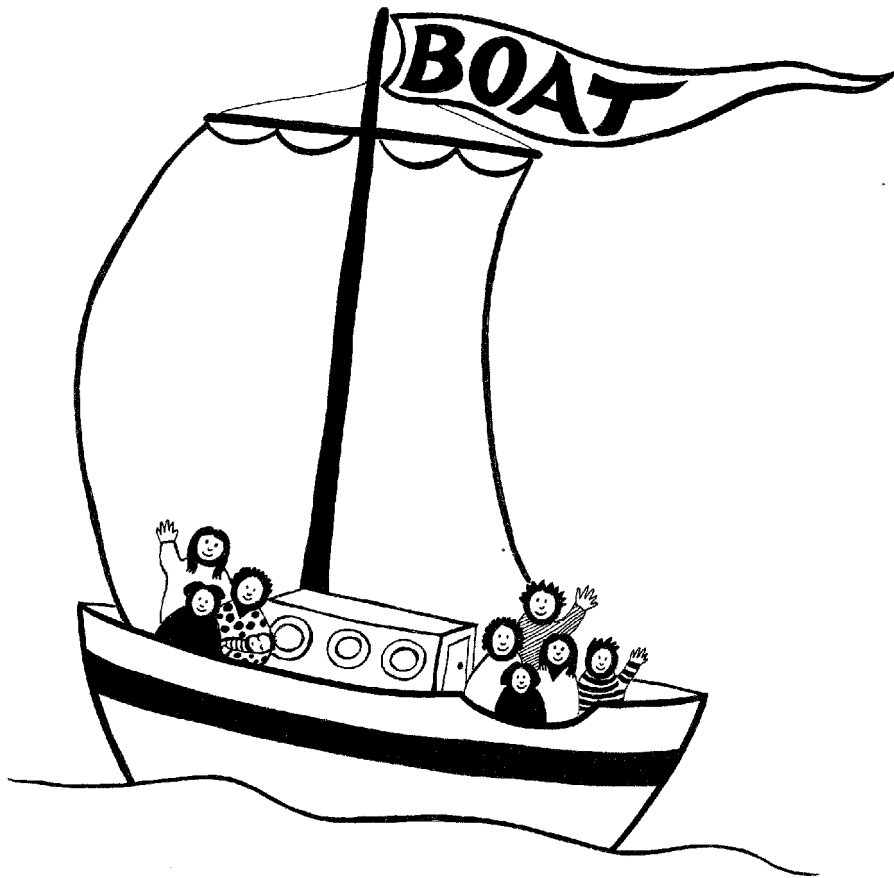


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Italics indicate the project for which members are responsible.

Of course everyone in the 9.30 congregation has a part to play in keeping BOAT's large fleet of projects afloat. We are very grateful for the generous response to our appeals for help, and for the initiative, skill and hard work used to raise funds in so many ways.

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD 2020

Dear Friends of BOAT,

There is something quite thought-provoking about those tea towels and t-shirts which exhort us to “KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON” – even when the message is rendered as “Keep calm and drink beer” or the Yoda-esque “Calm you shall keep and carry on you must”!

Might it be because it makes us realize that perseverance is a virtue which we cannot dispense with in our faith, our friendships, our families, our jobs, our communities – our lives? Certainly, 2020 has been a year when the quiet perseverance of so many altruistic individuals has come to our notice as never before.

When BOAT was founded in 1984, part of its remit was to encourage the 9.30 Family Mass Congregation to look beyond the dreaming spires of Oxford and to engage with and learn from the poor, the sick, and the oppressed – who, given half a chance, are also the valiant, the resourceful, the loving, the persevering. Over the years, that intention has been amply fulfilled but it is perhaps only now that many of us are appreciating more vividly the degree of dedication required to remain focussed on doing good, day after day, even when life is already packed with difficulties of all kinds.

Thus, Sr Leonarda continues in her calling to help disabled people in Cameroon despite the challenges of Covid coming on top of years of suffering caused by violent conflict. The joy of helping so many people at the rehabilitation centre – including the dear little baby with Erb's Palsy whose photo you can see – and of seeing her staff so eager to work, prompts Sr Leonarda to say that “compared to the problems of 2018 and 2019, things are getting better”.

Similarly, Sr Kathleen, who has staunchly served the indigenous Subaanen people of Midsalip for 37 years, and who has experienced violence and injustice herself, expressed gratitude for “this extra time in Midsalip with which I have been gifted”. Sr Kathleen's retirement and return to the Motherhouse in Ireland had to be postponed because of the pandemic, a change of plan which Sr Kathleen seized as a chance to get involved in the Mission's work to help combat the effects of Covid on people's welfare and education.

This report is full of such stories: stories which motivate us to look beyond our geographical confines and which move us to persevere in Charity (Love) most especially.

We are, as always, very grateful to you, our supporters, for all the help you give to BOAT; whether it be through prayer, with financial donations, or by taking part in BOAT events (which, sadly, this year have had to take place remotely). At the beginning of 2020 it looked as though we were going to have to make some very difficult funding decisions. Wonderfully, just as the pandemic began to take hold, our finances were boosted to such a degree that we no longer had to consider any cuts – in fact, we were able to increase the amount to each project from £2,500 to £3,500.

I would like to thank all the Committee. In particular, I am tremendously grateful to the Treasurer, John Thanassoulis, who manages the BOAT accounts and financial planning so expertly; to the Assistant Treasurer, Filomena Nave, whose painstaking work secures large amounts of Gift Aid for BOAT; and to René Bañares-Alcántara for all his help as BOAT Secretary (which, this year, has required a large measure of tech-savviness!). Thank you also to Ag MacKeith for editing the report you see before you, and to Adam Hodgkin who has once again kindly given of his time and expertise in examining our accounts.

BOAT's Public Benefit

All charities, including smaller ones like ours, are required to report on the “public benefit” they bring through their activities, and to describe how they have achieved their objectives.

Our purpose

Under our constitution as a registered charity, the purposes of BOAT are to “provide support for the charitable activities of Christian parishes, organisations or societies, situated or working outside Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in (i) the relief of poverty, and (ii) the advancement of education”. Everyone attending Mass at Blackfriars or giving to BOAT on a regular basis is regarded as a member of the Trust. The formal Trustees are a committee of ten people, elected each year at our Annual General Meeting. A representative from the Dominican community – Br Bede Mullens since January 2019 – also sits on the Committee, as a link to the Priory which is home to BOAT.

The benefit we bring

We have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. Under our Principles for Giving, updated at our AGM in 2007, we have a very clear set of criteria for the projects we support and for assessing the public benefit that support will bring. On the key principle that we want our funding really to “make a difference” we aim to support relatively small-scale or grass-roots projects with regular grants (£3,500 in 2020). Some funding will be one-off but more often a project will be funded for three years and then considered for renewal on a rolling basis.

We always look for projects with some link to the 9.30 Family Mass congregation or the Dominican Order; although most have Catholic leadership, that is not a requirement, and we don't fund any form of proselytizing. We make sure that there is regular personal contact, partly so that we can identify priorities and needs quickly, but also so that we can help the Congregation's understanding of the challenges in developing countries. We aim to help communities find long-term solutions to their needs, rather than short-term fixes although, from time to time, we do give money to help with emergencies. As you read through this report, you will see that our projects fall broadly into three areas:

Health: especially primary health care and preventive medicine;

Welfare: especially for children, people with disabilities, refugees, and victims of war or poverty;

Education: particularly practical skills, women's education, and the provision of basic educational needs for children.

Thank you for keeping BOAT and the projects BOAT supports present in your minds during this lengthy period of disconnection from our normal interactions. I sense that BOAT has been a rescue vessel for us too at this time – and that's as it should be.

Anna Lucas

Chairman

Brazil

São Paulo da Cruz, Calvário Church

BOAT has supported this Centre for Children and Teenagers in the city of São Paulo, Brazil, since 2005. This is a church congregation project in the district of Pinheiros to keep children from low-income families off the streets. It offers educational activities, help with schoolwork, crafts, personal hygiene and recreational activities to 106 children between 6 and 14 years of age. In



addition, it provides information on subjects like sex education, drugs and social behaviour. Activities were restricted in 2020 due to Covid, and face-to-face contact was suspended from March to September. When some lockdown restrictions were lifted, 35 children were able to return from October to December. A vital activity during lockdown was the supply of food. In normal times, the children eat two meals a day in the Centre; now at home, there was real danger of starvation, as many adults lost their jobs. In an organized way that respected social distancing, the Centre handed out weekly food parcels of perishable items like fruit and vegetables and monthly packs of non-perishable food and essential household items like toiletries and hygiene products, including facemasks (*see photo*). In addition, the parcels had materials for hobbies, themed for the special days in that month and small gifts, like something for Mother's Day in May. The teachers continued with the educational programme through Zoom meetings and using social platforms like Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.

“I want to let you know that BOAT's donation is very important for the children and the families. We are very grateful for the many years that you have helped our work” (extract from email of D. Ida Oliveira, the Centre's manager).

Filomena Nave

Cameroon

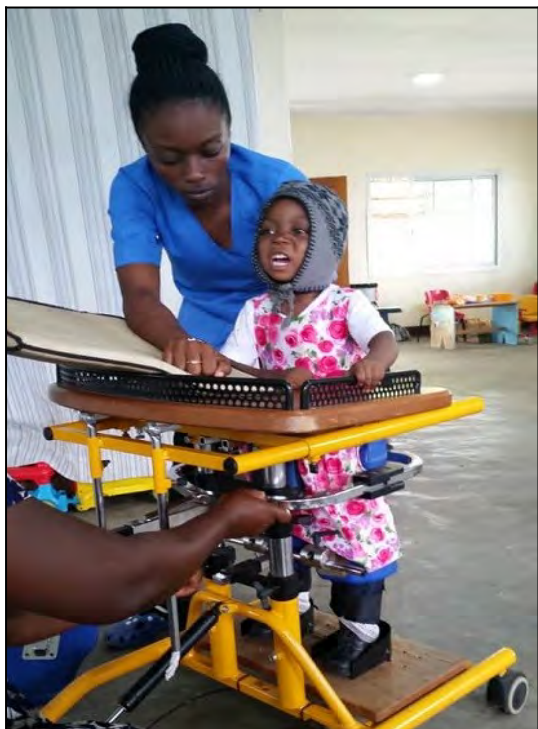
ARCH, Dibanda

BOAT has been providing support to the Associated Rehabilitation Centre for the Handicapped (ARCH) since 1997. ARCH is located in Dibanda, South West Cameroon, and aims to meet the physical needs of disabled people by providing rehabilitation and support services for them and their families. Sr Leonarda Tubuo, a physiotherapist, manages a team of well-trained health care and other staff, and keeps us well informed of news at ARCH.

Last year Sr Leonarda told us of the very traumatic period suffered by people in Cameroon, and the effects of the horrendous conflict between the military and the secessionists there. While ARCH has survived the conflict, it has been badly affected by Covid. During the early part of 2020, there were concerns about the impact of Covid on the health of patients, staff and the sisters in her community. While Sr Leonarda survived, sadly the Superior General of her Order died on Holy Saturday from Covid. Covid also led to the closure of ARCH's new outreach centre in the nearby town of Doula. However “compared to the problems of 2018 and 2019, things are getting better. We have ended the

year with a total of more than 1,789 patients, more than last year, which was about 1400. This improvement is important because [it shows] people are regaining some confidence in moving around even though the war is still active.”

Overall, she says “As far as the patients are concerned, the centre is really doing good. The greatest difficulty ... is that about 35% of them leave the hospital without completing their bills, because of the high levels of poverty. The staff is happier as we get to return to serious work. We actually have more persons so we are catching up on unpaid salaries. [Staff] morale is very good because they feel useful. They are confronted with children and adults who have been confined to the bush, so many of the cases are very serious.”



The presence and use of the children’s physiotherapy department, Sr Leonarda tells us, is “a particular source of encouragement for us because if the children are not attended to, the future is bleak.” This work is clearly illustrated by the photos above. On the left, an assistant physiotherapist is training a child with cerebral palsy by use of a special standing board. On the right is a baby with an arm paralysed from birth (Erb’s palsy) who has received massage to the arm followed by a battery-operated stimulator. Sr Leonarda is pleased to report that he is getting much better now.

Support from BOAT this year has enabled several important improvements at ARCH, including security lights, bulk buying of equipment for the orthopaedic workshop and installation of a solar system for lighting the poultry farm,. The farm has been doing especially well, thanks to the purchase of an incubator which has enabled the breeding of more quails. “We hope to populate the farm as quickly as possible. We have had some orders from persons who want to open their own farms so we will become suppliers. Some children have also visited our quail poultry as we encourage many children suffering from handicap to take the eggs. Their brothers and sisters wish to also see where such eggs come from. This is a very positive move as it serves as education to many children and families.” The photos below show children visiting the quail poultry. They are older sisters to some of our patients, who are curious to know where the eggs come from.



Sr Leonarda ends her report by saying “Your continued support to us gives us more hope than we can really say. I wish to thank BOAT who have accepted to sponsor us for another three years. This means the world to us and I really think we will experience very significant changes... May God bless and reward you all.”

Lucy Carpenter

Ethiopia

Zizencho and Arekit

BOAT’s support to the two schools run by the Bethany Sisters has continued this year through the Jean Grove Trust (<http://jeangrovetrust.org.uk>).

As in the rest of the world, the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the Guraghe region, where the villages of Zizencho and Arekit are located. Fortunately, the effects of the pandemic have been less severe than in other regions, and the school reopened on 19th October with additional measures such as classes being shifted to mornings and afternoons, restricting each bench to two students, and using masks and hand sanitizer. Food was distributed to children during the holidays.

The Ethiopian Government has improved access to education significantly in the last 25 years, resulting in an increase from 23.4% literacy rate in 1994 to around 50% literacy in 2015 (still much lower than African and world averages). However, there are huge needs for education in a country with a population of 110 million of which 51% are below 19 years old. For example, access to pre-primary education tends to be limited to children in urban and wealthier regions, and thus national enrolment rates are around 46%. According to UNICEF, the primary school enrolment is 100%, but just over 85% and 55% of students complete Grades 5 and 8 respectively, and so around 2.5 million children of primary school age are out of school in the country.

This is why schools such as the ones in Zizencho and Arekit, located in a poor rural area, are so important for the provision of educational opportunities to around 1,150 children, from pre-school to Grade 8, in the region. The schools also provide a mid-day meal in the open air (*see photo*), often the only food of the day for some students, and access to basic medical help.

Sr Prashantha, who is the director of the school at Zizencho, and BOAT's contact in our Ethiopian Project, sends pictures and financial reports for both schools, and thanks BOAT for its help. She says: "Students here are also getting good results: this year



the school won 1st prize in the Wareda Quiz Competition (a Wareda is a third-level administrative division in Ethiopia)."

The Bethany Sisters also send periodic reports to BOAT and many more pictures than we can print in the Annual Report; they too send thanks in the name of the students and their families.

René Bañares-Alcántara

India

Allipalli, Andhra Pradesh

BOAT continues to support the Mission in Allipalli, in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. It normally runs a medical project that aims to provide free eye tests, prescription glasses and cataract operations to local people. But the exceptional circumstances and associated restrictions of the pandemic made it impossible to run the eye-care project this year. It was deemed to be too high risk to have large groups of people, many of whom are elderly, congregate at the Mission for eye tests, even when restrictions were relaxed. BOAT, therefore, allowed the Mission to use our funds to cover its general costs as seemed most fit.

The Mission in Allipalli is surrounded by fifteen villages with a population of around 30,000-40,000 people, many of whom are subsistence farmers living in huts thatched with palm leaves above a bare earth floor. The average wage is barely enough to provide for one decent meal a day, mostly based on rice and vegetables. As a result, there are many orphaned children, or children abandoned by their relatives because they can no longer afford to take care of them. Most of these subsistence farmers and the children at the orphanage come from the lowest castes and live in conditions of great poverty with very limited life opportunities.

The Mission at the orphanage was set up in 1992 by Padre Maria. The orphanage itself currently provides shelter to over 500 children. The living conditions are spartan, but the children are given a refuge, nutrition and, as much as possible, an education. In addition, professional formation is offered to the older children. Those who show capacity and interest are supported through to university. The overarching Mission, however, goes further, providing free primary and secondary education to around 1,700 children and young adults from fifteen villages. In normal circumstances, the Mission also acts as a local reference point, offering medical help to the villagers and practical help for the poorest families, in the form of chickens and goats for eggs and meat and oxen to plough their fields.

The school and the orphanage were forced to close at the beginning of the Covid-19 lockdown in India due to the strict restrictions that confined gatherings to family groups only. Children who were boarding were sent home to their villages. Those with nowhere to go were temporarily housed with families connected to the orphanage, with close assistance from the Mission.



Despite these hard circumstances, the Mission continued to support families with regular large food packages of food (*see photo*). The people were

more than grateful, as many were even more hungry than usual, often struggling to find a daily meal. The Mission also reached out to ex-students, now young adults in higher education or technical training in the cities, covering their rental fees and subsistence during the pandemic.

It was a relief and delight when, at the start of 2021, children under 15 were allowed to return to the Mission. All the school children received a Covid test before coming back (for once at the cost of the local authorities). The Mission itself was also able to offer Covid-19 tests to many of the most elderly and vulnerable of the local population. The picture shows a socially distanced lesson held outside.



However, with the latest intense Covid wave ripping through India at the moment, it is not clear what the future will hold for these children and their education. Most of the younger children have remained at the Mission, and it continues to support all of the families, whether the children are back at the Mission or not.

Fr Maria Raj and all associated with the Mission, especially the children, send their warmest thanks and prayers to all BOAT's supporters for the assistance shown in this most difficult of times. Please pray for Fr Maria who is slowly recovering from malaria. Please also pray for Fr Piero Paganesi who died of Covid last summer. He was a founder of the Allipalli Mission and Acting President of the organization *Operatori di Pace* in Bergamo, Italy, with whom BOAT runs this project. His presence is greatly missed.

Domenico Caprotti

India

Sugandh Society (New Delhi)

The motto of Sugandh, a charity located in New Delhi, is: "Lives transformed through empowerment and education." Its work focuses on children's education, vocational training and support for women setting up their own micro-businesses, medical and other emergency assistance,

and advocacy. A particular feature of Sugandh's work, which focuses on the poorest families in the slums of New Delhi in the Khadar and Holambi neighbourhoods, is to help women and children gain the training, advocacy skills, and confidence that will empower them and the communities in which they live.

Amongst Sugandh's most important projects are two child development centres in South Delhi that provide textbooks, lunches, uniforms, shoes, and other school supplies for 60 children who come from some of New Delhi's lowest-paid migrant families. In addition to supporting younger students, the centre provides targeted tuition for older children to help them pass state exams, including key exams that will allow the children to progress to higher levels of education.

Sugandh also organises a number of women's self-help groups, which currently have over 900 members. These groups help women set up small businesses, buy small plots of land, and receive training in a variety of crafts—for example, in sewing skills, which are currently being taught to nearly 40 women. Sugandh helps women as well to pool their savings efficiently through cooperatives. These in turn provide women with crucial capital to set up their own businesses or funds to pay for medical expenses and school tuition for their families. The self-help groups also provide a setting in which important information about sanitation, family health, and educational opportunities for children can be disseminated.



Another feature of Sugandh's work is to help individuals and entire families from poor communities advocate for access to critical services and entitlements, from clean drinking water and electricity to government-sponsored education and workers' benefits.

With Covid having a very negative impact on the communities served by Sugandh over the past year, the charity has branched out to provide emergency food rations for families in which the breadwinners have lost their jobs during the Covid lockdowns.



In 2020-21, BOAT supported Sugandh's work in a number of ways. The largest portion of the funds provided were used to pay the salaries of a teacher and a part-time cleaner at the children's education centre in the Khadar neighbourhood. The second largest spend was used to provide emergency relief (both rations and medical assistance) to local families in need. Funds from BOAT have also been used to maintain and repair key equipment (including computers and sewing machines) and to pay for vocational training in sewing for local women.

BOAT's long-standing and very generous support of Sugandh has allowed the charity to continue to offer successful programmes to the women and children living in some of New Delhi's poorest neighbourhoods.

Geraldine A. Johnson

Myanmar

Living Water Myanmar

BOAT continues to support the work of Living Water Myanmar (LWM), a charity founded by Rosemary Breen in 2011, to address the severe lack of drinking water in remote and impoverished villages in the Dry Zone of Central Myanmar. Local co-ordinator, Soya Toe, works with communities to assess which areas are most at risk from water insecurity and water shortages. Soya and his dedicated team, with help from local volunteers, then construct and install water tanks and piping systems, usually on school grounds or adjacent to health clinics.



Although the Covid pandemic has slowed the number of tanks built in 2020, BOAT funded two 5000 gallon tanks in Kyeeni and Magyeebinsu Villages and another two are under construction. These bring the total number of tanks built since the initiative began to 352. Costing approximately \$2000 each, the tanks collect rainwater during the monsoon season and in some cases water from boreholes. This ensures a stable source of water during the year, including during the prolonged dry season and has transformed the lives of local people. They no longer need to travel great distances to get fresh water. This in turn frees up time for other activities, such as building local schools, thus enabling more children, starting at a younger age, to receive an education.

To quote Rosemary's call to action: "Each time we have a drink of water, take a shower, flush the toilet, water the garden, turn on the washing machine or dishwasher, may we remember our brothers and sisters for whom clean water is a luxury, and may it remind us to share generously with them."



Julie Lynch Bridson

Nicaragua

Leon

Our project in Nicaragua takes place in the NECAT Learning Reinforcement Centre in the indigenous barrio of Guadalupe in the city of León. The Nicaragua Education Culture and Arts Trust is an Oxford-based charity supporting educational initiatives in Nicaragua through sponsorship of after-school clubs and other educational projects that operate through the medium of culture and the arts. The centre is run by qualified teachers and supported by Nicaraguan, UK, US and European volunteers. It acts as a model centre for extra-mural education. The children come along every weekday afternoon, and receive individual support with their schoolwork and other educational activities (such as painting or reading) for which there is no time or money in the school curriculum. The centre reaches out to other communities, and offers bursaries, nutrition and mobile library programmes. BOAT's grant supports a nutrition programme for the children from local primary schools, who come into the centre for the extra learning and something to eat.

Last year was complicated by the effects of Covid, in Nicaragua just as much as here. Many families became unemployed as a result of the factories closing. Schools closed too. Realizing that there were families who had no food to put on the table, it was decided to spend the extra funding on food parcels, in return for some help with cleaning the Centre. That worked really well and the families expressed their gratitude for the support. Between the light lunches and food parcels all the available funds got used.

As a precaution, they closed the centre, and then gradually reopened. Cautiously at first with fewer children and shorter hours, but increasing as time went on. Martin Roger, our Oxford contact, adds "I have been impressed at the way the teachers and parents and children have complied with mask wearing and additional Covid-related precautions (such as hand cleaning)."

Gioconda, our contact at the Leon end, takes up the story. "In 2020, thanks to funding from BOAT, we were able to ensure 34 children got some healthy food every day the centre was open. At the same time we were able to encourage healthy eating habits that improved their nutrition and promoted well being. A healthy diet is important for the proper functioning of the immune system and reduces the likelihood of other health problems, so we went to trouble to avoid junk foods. The children also learned hygiene practices and good manners in the dining room, as well as preparing their snack independently.



In many households the economic situation is so precarious that they can only manage one meal a day, so we were glad we could augment this. Many parents lost their jobs in the pandemic and the light meals the children received was a great support. In some cases we needed to repeat the snacks till the children were satisfied. A good side effect was that they learned to appreciate healthy food, as we always avoid sugary drinks and processed foods, and have devised a weekly menu that guarantees all the necessary nutrients for good development. Our meals include cereal, rice and beans, bread, tortillas, seasonal fruits such as oranges, bananas, papaya and watermelon, milk and dairy, eggs, olive oil, butter rations.

We also implemented a strategy of rigorous hygiene and food safety standards in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. The dining space was rearranged to minimize contact between children when they were eating, using the following protocol:

- Before handling food, wash your hands with plenty of soap and water.
- Wear your mask when preparing your food.
- Clean and disinfect utensils before and after use.
- Only two children at a time at the counter.”

Nicaragua, with its chain of volcanoes, is already reeling under the climate crisis: the changed pattern of El Niño has brought more frequent and intense floods, landslides, drought, and higher tides, and with them, the degradation of the economic, social and natural bases of the country. The pandemic has added a new dimension to these problems, and we at BOAT are glad we can do something, however small, to bring some relief.

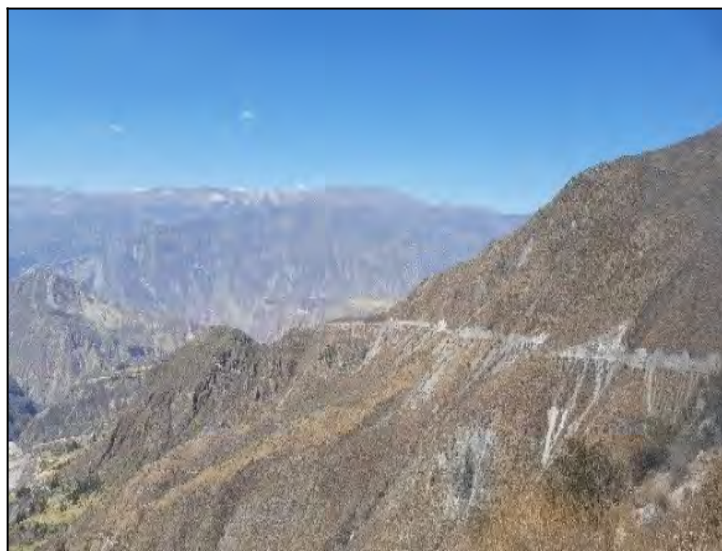
Ag MacKeith

Peru

Lima and Ayacucho

Fr Ed O’Connell has kept us in touch throughout the year with the challenges that the pandemic has brought to the children and families the Warmi Huasi project supports in the San Benito township in Lima, and in the towns of Lampa and Pausa in the mountainous Ayacucho province of Peru.

BOAT has been supporting the work of Warmi Huasi for many years. It provides a safe space for children to learn and flourish in these very impoverished communities, as well as encouraging the children to play an active part in the political process in their local communities, to help shape their future. The picture shows the terrain – majestic but terrifying – in which Warmi Huasi operates.



Sending us his “Report from Peru” in January this year, Fr Ed wrote:

“The latest statistics of the effect of the pandemic on families are: family incomes dropped by 60% in Lima. Poverty is back up, 30% nationally, to ten million people, with families with children and adolescents worst hit. Over 1,200,000 children and adolescents in poverty with high levels of malnutrition and anaemia. It has also brought a desertion from school.

I accompany Manuel Duato Special Needs School, a Columban project. The teachers have been in “virtual” contact since March last year with the parents, and through them with nearly 400 children. During 2020 the attendance in these virtual sessions by the parents was outstanding, with better

percentages than most primary schools. The teachers are exhausted and worried. The latest update from the social worker was that numbers are up again: The overall Manuel Duato figures: 13 students, of 395, have had Covid19: two are in treatment, one relapsed and critical and ten recovered. Of the students' families: 81 members have had Covid19: 8 parents are in treatment, four parents have relapsed and 69 family members have recovered but also added to these figures, sadly, three fathers and 28 other relatives have died.

Of the 75 staff: 19 teachers have had Covid19: four teachers are in treatment, two teachers have relapsed and 13 teachers have recovered. Of their family members, 48 have had Covid19: 11 are in treatment, 15 have recovered but sadly 22 family members have died: two mothers, one father and 19 other relatives: brothers, sisters, grandparents, in-laws, nephews and nieces.

We have helped 44 families on four occasions with amounts around £25 each time and at Christmas we gave £50. Again we gave larger amounts to eight families who either have a special needs child with Covid19 or are families with a member or more with Covid19 or other serious illness, all were and are in dire financial difficulties.

The Warmi Huasi project accompanies children at risk in both San Benito, in the Lima districts of Carabayllo and San Martin de Porres, and in the Province of Paucar de Sara, high up in the Andes mountains in the department of Ayacucho. In 2020, our Warmi Huasi teams were in constant touch with the parents, teachers and municipal officials about the welfare of the children. We have given out all the books from the reading clubs so that the children have the books to read at home. We also have radio programmes with the children in Ayacucho, with bio-security advice and telling stories and getting them to send in their stories. From January to March this coming year, 2021, we have arranged for teachers to be in touch, virtually, and on some limited occasions in real life, with the children of the primary school in Lampa, to help those who have dropped behind, hoping to save their school year 2020.

In San Benito, the mothers ran the five communal kitchens throughout 2020, taking a two week break around Christmas / New Year. Now they are up and running again. The figures at the end of November: 223 families helped, with an average of five persons per family, means a total of 1,115 people receive a meal each day, including social cases. We have been helping each communal kitchen with the purchase of foodstocks, especially vegetables, some chicken or fish, and bio-security equipment. There was a special



meal for all the children, adolescents and senior citizens just before Christmas, about 800 children and adolescents, and with some senior citizens, in the different communal kitchens. The photo shows a Christmas celebration in happier times, 2019, with Brother Ed in the centre. Thanks to those in Ireland, England, United States, Australia and New Zealand who support the “family solidarity program” here.

Even though people were told not to, they let off fireworks on New Year's Eve! That tells me they have not given up, they are going to carry on the struggle for the sake of their families, even though the vaccine is a long way off yet.”

We know we are privileged to be able to help the children and families of Warmi Huasi.

Helen Ghosh

Philippines

Midsalip, Missionary Sisters of St Columban

For over 25 years, BOAT has supported the Subaanen Mission in Midsalip, under the inspirational leadership of Sister Kathleen Melia of The Sisters of St. Columban. After 44 years in The Philippines, and 37 years in Midsalip, Sister Kathleen retired to Ireland this year, handing the administration of the Mission to Sister Winnie Apao. Sister Winnie, who is originally from Mindanao, spent two earlier years living in Midsalip before working for many years among the Kachin people in Northern Myanmar.

Despite the Covid pandemic and government-imposed lockdown restrictions, the Mission continued to assist the indigenous Subaanen people of Midsalip to access education. Specifically, with BOAT funding, the Mission supported 200 pre-school students, 82 elementary school students and 23 high school students, including three grade 12 students who successfully passed their government exams in cookery before lockdown began in April. Although face-to-face teaching in large groups was prohibited, pre-school teachers found creative ways to meet students in small groups. Teachers also made home visits, despite the logistical challenges of distance and the dangers of the rainy season, when roads were blocked by mountain landslides and overflowing rivers. The Mission also continued to provide teaching and staff training throughout the year.

Sister Kathleen reported that, although the government provided some food and financial assistance to the most vulnerable families impacted by Covid, food remained scarce throughout the year due to a prolonged dry spell which delayed the harvest of corn and rice. In response, the Mission distributed rice to 57 families during the year. What's more, with the assistance of two BOAT scholars who stayed in the Mission throughout lockdown and provided assistance to Benjie, the agriculturist responsible for the nursery, the Mission distributed more than



500 saplings to the families of their students. The saplings – which were planted by the families in their local villages and on river beds – will eventually provide additional food sources. The Mission also held a celebratory Christmas lunch for students in Grade 4 and above, to which everybody came, despite, in some cases, having to travel over three hours. Small Christmas parcels were distributed to all students.

Sister Kathleen (*seen with staff in the photo*), whose retirement was delayed due to travel restrictions during the pandemic, writes “As I go through the files and photos in this extra time in Midsalip with which I have been gifted, I thank God for the place and for all of you in BOAT for your support and prayers. I pray that you experience the Risen Lord in the love and beauty and wonder which surround us.” On behalf of BOAT, we wish Sister Kathleen every happiness in her well-earned



retirement and we look forward to witnessing her transformational legacy continuing under Sister Winnie’s leadership. It has been our honour and privilege to have helped the vision, begun by Sister Kathleen and others so many years ago, to materialize into the Mission as it is today, providing hope and dignity and enhancing the lives of so many Subaanen people.

Julie Lynch Bridson

Sierra Leone

Koindu

2020/21 is the third year in which BOAT has supported the Smile With Us Orphanage in the north-east of Sierra Leone. Founded and run by Mary Sesay, the orphanage takes in local children. Historically, many of the children’s parents would have died from AIDS and the orphans would be unable to find support from family or other sectors of the community because of the stigma attached to their parents’ illness. Although this is still the case, the orphanage also takes many children who have been abandoned for other reasons, or are subject to abuse in their domestic settings. The children’s two greatest needs at the orphanage are food and water. However, the orphanage is in fact the children’s ‘whole world’, a place where they receive their academic education as well as other more practical education.



Sierra Leone is a desperately poor country, and abandoned or orphaned children are among the most vulnerable groups in that country. The Orphanage struggles on a daily basis to provide the basics for the children who live there, such as food and medicine. Our money makes a huge difference to their lives.

In 2020, our money built a dining room for the Orphanage. We were sent photographs throughout the construction process. We are happy to say that it has been a success. We were also able to complete the well. This was started two years ago in 2018/19, although for various technical reasons completion did not happen until 2020. This year’s donation will go towards furniture for the dining room.

BOAT communicates with the Orphanage via a WhatsApp group, and we receive information particularly from Kabba, Tamba and Tim, the social workers involved with the Orphanage (*see photo*). We have agreed this year to give the social workers a small remittance as they do an



awful lot of unpaid work for the orphanage, and their wages (from the Sierra Leone government) are both very meagre and paid only intermittently – they can go for months without pay. Yet, without their support, the orphanage would be in a very precarious position. Here are some of the things they do: they visit the orphanage regularly, bringing food and clothing supplies for the children; they supervise building works, as well as hiring workers and obtaining quotes; they accompany Mary Sesay to pick up abandoned or abused children; they offer a huge amount of personal support and mentoring for the children; they also support the children in their studies and examinations, and run workshops. Their help is invaluable.

Our UK link to the Smile With Us Orphanage is Penny Boreham, a producer, presenter and writer, who works for the BBC World Service. Penny has long-standing links with Sierra Leone and knows the Orphanage well.

Jenifer Dye

Uganda

Cancer Trust

Our donation to our friends in Uganda continues to provide for Liz Nabirye, the Information Nurse at Makerere/Mulago Palliative Care Unit (MMPCU). This year of course MMPCU's work has been further challenged by the Covid pandemic which Liz reminds us is very difficult for ordinary people: transport costs have doubled because of restrictions on numbers of passengers, jobs have been lost and many people are struggling just to get enough food, let alone pay for medical treatment. Need for support continues to be vital.

Liz sent her personal thanks to BOAT at the turn of the year which is provided below. In highlighting the challenges of patients struggling to understand what they are facing in terms of cancer care we can see how our support adds real value.

'I am Liz Nabirye a palliative care clinician for the last 20 years now and I am part of the specialist palliative care team of the Makerere/Mulago Palliative Care Unit working in Mulago National Referral Hospital and Uganda Cancer Institute. We are frequently consulted to review palliative care patients with complex palliative care needs since the majority of patients present with advanced disease associated with a lot of symptom burden and other distresses, when palliative care is the only option left to improve the quality of their lives. Some patients are seen by the generalist practitioners that we have trained as the unit promotes an integrated palliative care approach. (*The photo shows her with Mike and Liz Minton, our contacts in England.*)



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I am involved in providing comprehensive and compassionate end-of-life care among other things and this includes conveying information to patients and families. I collaborate with other members of the health care team to ensure optimal symptom management and to provide support for the patient and family. This involves establishing goals of care for the patient and providing a framework for discussion about what care should be provided. This process often involves collaboration with experts in decision-making, and involving the families as much as possible which is highly appreciated by families, and I personally find it rewarding.

A caregiver, had this to say after a family conference: “Thank very much for finding time to talk to us, we have been here for two months but no one explained to us what was going on, we brought him(patient) when he was a bit strong but he has continued to deteriorate while on the ward. We have spent all we had including his property thinking we could save his life... I wish we had met you earlier!!! We now have good understanding and I wish all families could be given this information as part of the care, we know doctors are not gods and they are not responsible for our patients’ worsening condition, but we always need to be involved and given information to be able to make appropriate decisions.”

Liz adds, “I would like to thank for your financial contribution towards my salary for another two years and I must say that your support helps us continue in our mission and to assist those in need. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make a difference in humanity amidst their challenging circumstances. The main concern of caring for patients with advanced cancer and other chronic and life limiting illness is to fulfil the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and information needs to reduce the patient's suffering with the aim of improving the quality of life for them and their loved ones. It takes courage, passion and dedication to fulfil the complex needs for these patients in a resource-limited setting, and it is a unique experience and opportunity to do that. Once again, thank you for your kind and generous support and enabling me to do that. God bless you abundantly.”

Nicolette Michels

Uganda

Church of Christ the King, Butema Parish, Hoima

In a difficult year for the world economy, the economies of poorer, less industrialized countries like Uganda, where over 80% of the population live in rural areas and 71% work in agriculture, have been severely affected. Father Sebastian reports that poor transport and communications have made it especially difficult for those in rural areas like Hoima to have access to food and essential supplies.

Uganda has been fortunate in having relatively few infections and deaths from coronavirus. Until now our projects have made progress despite all difficulties. Father Sebastian reports that he was able to purchase building materials like cement, sand, metal windows and paint despite the lockdown in March and April. Construction work on the new classroom for St Bruno primary school continued with plastering in April. Windows and doors were fitted between June and September, and painting was carried out in October. The usual problems were aggravated during the year because few hardware shops remained open during the pandemic and the cost of building materials increased greatly. The price of labour and transport also rose during lockdown and remained high afterwards.

Father Sebastian writes that the Christian community here is very poor and the people go to the parish priest for help whenever there are problems. They look to him for health care as well as education, and even come for financial help in times of crisis like the pandemic, although priests in Uganda have a small stipend and little money to spare. Like all churches, the parish church in Butema was closed from March during lockdown. It opened from September for a smaller socially distanced congregation of about seventy. They are all waiting and praying for the distribution of the vaccines to prevent any further spread of coronavirus.

Convent of the Little Sisters of Mary, Karungu, Kigumba

Sister Clemensia writes from the convent in Karungu to thank BOAT's generous donors and assure us of their grateful prayers. Despite all the problems of the pandemic she was able to purchase cement and sand in April, since the hardware shop remained open, and to pay the workers on the project to renovate the floor of the Infant Jesus Nursery School. The work was partially completed this year, but came to a halt in October. The project will start again in 2021 with the arrival of next year's grant.

As usual Sister Clemensia bought in maize, beans and cassava to feed the children at school and to help poor families. Schools were closed when the Lockdown began in March, and did not reopen until June, so the children needed to be supported at home in their families. There was an increase in all food prices. Since the children were no longer being fed at school, many poor families came to the convent community for food. Food was still scarce and expensive when schools reopened, so help for the families continued, while the need for masks, sanitizer and as much soap as possible led inevitably to further expense.

Kirala Catholic Women's Association, Kirala, Kagadi

An appeal for urgent help from this remote village was answered by Fr Sebastian and Sr Clemensia. Food shortages and high prices meant people were starving in Kirala, and there was no money to buy protection against the corona virus. The priority for the Women's Association was maize and beans for their poorest families, but they also bought soap in quantity (*photo shows soap distribution*) and made everyone aware of the need for frequent hand-washing. They were also able to provide hand sanitizer and masks. The chairwoman of the Association, Jane Bigambo, writes via Fr Sebastian of their relief and gratitude to BOAT and assures us of their constant prayers. Kirala, which lacks amenities and income, has been helped in the past by one-off donations from BOAT, which were used to buy mosquito nets and a maize mill for the village.



Rosaleen Ockenden

Zimbabwe

African Mission

African Mission is a small London-based charity, which works in Uganda and Zimbabwe. Initially it revolved around the work of Dr Ray Towey, a consultant anaesthetist who for many years had been involved in training local African staff and raising funds for equipment and facilities. More recently it expanded into education.

BOAT made its first donation in 2011, and since then has helped fund a number of schools at Fatima Mission, a large Franciscan run compound 130 miles north of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe.

BOAT recent donations have been directed towards a residential scheme for 22 disabled children, which offers education and training to nineteen blind, deaf or mute young Zimbabweans. Without African Mission they would face a very bleak future in a country that remains one of the poorest in the world.

The residents live in the Mission during term time attending a nearby school which offers a curriculum specifically designed for blind and mute children. As well as their academic work, the residents learn to live in a small supportive community and are taught the life skills that will enable to cope better with their disabilities in the future.

Recently Fr Jeya, the priest in charge of Fatima, began raising money for a new building which would contain a dining room which doubles as a sports room and three smaller rooms: a library, a music room and a computer room. The main building work is now complete, and a recent one-off donation has been sent by BOAT to cover the cost of furniture and equipment.



Like so many other parts of Africa, Zimbabwe has been hit hard by Covid and for several months the school had to close. It has now re-opened and welcomed the disabled children back to their new improved base. BOAT's help considerably improves their life chances in country where decent disabled facilities are sadly uncommon.

Mick Conefrey



Boat Christmas Cards

We have, like everyone else, been challenged this last year in our card production and sales. However, three of us continued to meet to sort and cut the cards we had received for recycling and to transform them into new ones. We met socially distanced in each other's gardens or well-ventilated kitchens. This year it was impossible to ask for 'home workers' to help with the recycling (although some might have welcomed the soothing pastime). In the autumn we rescued any unsold Christmas cards from Blackfriars Lodge to add to those we had already made, and sorted them at Ag's house. We advertised them in the 9.30 congregation newsletter with BOAT news. To maximise our sales we put some out for sale at Sandford's community Talking Shop, where 28 packs were sold along with 20 packs (so far) of greetings cards. The parish priest in Thame agreed to Christmas cards being sold at St Joseph's church in Thame, and about 65 packs were sold there. We are exploring selling greetings cards at St Joseph's as well. Some packs were collected from our Botley store by members of the congregation and Mick Conefrey and others gamely delivered some by bike. So despite everything we did rather well, and raised a total of £1,322, although some of that was carried over from the previous year.

Gill Emerson, Ag MacKeith and Ros Shiffner

2020 Lenten Projects

Events beyond our control had made it impossible to send last year's money to Manila as planned, although £100 did get through to the Sisters there for their good work among the desperately poor. Instead, the sum of £1,900 was redirected to BOAT's existing project in the Philippines, run by the Columban Sisters in Midsalip.

As for the Lenten Appeal 2020: it was decided that any monies raised would be shared among all our projects (as our finances were very constrained at that stage and it was felt that we should focus on BOAT's existing projects – furthermore, the Covid-19 situation was just kicking off and we were about to learn how to engage with others via screens!).

Anna Lucas

Reserves policy and risk management

The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserves of approximately £5,000. This was a decision made by the Trustees at a meeting in April 2002, and it remains their policy. This sum is sufficient to meet emergencies, but at the same time ensures that grants are made to beneficiaries without undue delay.

Risk Management

In the light of the Trustees' desire to keep reserves at the relatively small level of £5,000, any surplus cash is held on a bank deposit until needed. The Trustees monitor the level of cash held and would review this policy if the levels of cash held were to increase significantly.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed or explained in the financial statements; and
4. Prepare financial statements on the going-concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Signed: Anna Lucas

Chair

for and on behalf of the Committee of BOAT

January 2021

Treasurer's Report on the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 December 2020

It is with great pleasure that I can again report that BOAT is a vibrant charity with enviably low costs which sends money rapidly to many projects in the developing world in aid of health, education and development.

The year 2020 has been the year of Covid. Mass has been suspended and with it our connection to the rest of the parish became more challenged. However I am pleased to say that we continued to engage through quizzes and on-line coffee, and more importantly, we were able to continue to support the needy projects we send funds to around the world.

During 2020 we received a very substantial extra donation, which has allowed us to increase the grant that we give as a standard donation up from £2,500 to £3,500 per project. This increase is hugely valuable to the projects we support. I am grateful to this donor, as to all of our donors for their continued support.

The passion many of our supporters have for our projects is evident in a number of our donors asking to send one-off extra sums to our projects to boost even more the funds that they receive. In 2020 this happy event added extra funds for two of the three Uganda projects, for the education project in Sierra Leone and also for the water tanks in Myanmar.

It is worth noting that card sales are back in the accounts in spectacular style (£1,322 versus £254 last year). But in truth card sales have been a constant welcome presence throughout. Their irregular appearance in the accounts is purely caused by randomness in the specific date after Christmas that the funds are deposited in the bank.

We remain ever thankful for all of our donors, without whose generosity none of the projects or good works could be supported. You have read about these earlier in this report.

Signed: **John Thanassoulis**

BOAT Treasurer

February 2021.

Further Reference and Administrative Information

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Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Carfax, Oxford. OX1 4AA

Charity Number: 288585

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust ("the Charity")

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31 December 2020 which are set out on the following pages 25 to 30

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- ◆ Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- ◆ Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- ◆ State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 5. proper accounting records are kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 6. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act: or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **Adam Hodgkin**

February 2021

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	67,066	6,020	73,086	40,595
Events and Sales	2,403	-	2,403	2,165
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>69,470</u>	<u>6,020</u>	<u>75,489</u>	<u>42,759</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Fundraising	-	-	-	249
Charitable Activities	46,653	10,367	57,020	46,275
Governance Costs	210	-	210	195
Total Expenditure	<u>46,863</u>	<u>10,367</u>	<u>57,230</u>	<u>46,719</u>
NET RESOURCES				
Incoming/Outgoing	22,607	(4,347)	18,260	(3,960)
Total Funds Brought Forward	<u>7,789</u>	<u>4,862</u>	<u>12,651</u>	<u>16,610</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>£30,396</u>	<u>£515</u>	<u>£30,911</u>	<u>£12,651</u>

(£1,000 donated in 2019 reassigned to Restricted by Donor)

The notes on pages 27 to 30 form part of these accounts.

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Balance Sheets as at 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Lloyds Bank	30,911	12,651
	30,911	12,651
Net Current Assets		
	30,911	12,651
Total Assets	£30,911	£12,651

The Funds of the Charity:

Restricted Income Funds	515	4,865
Unrestricted Income Funds	30,396	7,789
	30,911	12,651
	£30,911	£12,651

Approved by the Executive Committee on 20th January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Anna Lucas

Chair

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in 2005.

Income

- (1) Donations and grants are included in the accounts when they are received.
- (2) Interest income is included in the accounts when it is received.
- (3) Tax recoverable in respect of Gift Aid donations is included in the accounts when it is received.

Expenditure

All grants to partner organisations and other expenditure is included in the accounts in the year they are paid.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received for the objects of the charity without a specified purpose and are available as general funds. From time to time the Trustees may establish Designated Funds out of the Unrestricted Funds to meet contingencies.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

2 DONATIONS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations received under Banker's Order (unrestricted)	62,621	18,619
Donations received under Banker's Order (restricted)	1,000	3,065
Other Donations (unrestricted)	6,848	5,485
Other Donations (restricted)	5,020	8,357
Tax Recovered under Gift Aid	-	7,261
	£75,489	£42,759

3 EVENTS AND SALES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Harvest Auction	651	395
Christmas Café	-	523
Card Sales	1,322	254
Summer Café	-	242
Spring Café	-	291
Pub Quiz	420	-
BLEAT, Children's Café	-	460
	£2,403	£2,165

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Grants (Unrestricted) to Overseas Projects

	2020	2019
	£	
Nicaragua, Leon	3,500	2,500
Pakistan, WIS	-	1,250
Uganda Cancer UK	3,500	2,500
Uganda Fr Sebastian	3,500	2,500
Cameroon Arch	3,500	2,500
Ethiopia Jean Grove Trust	3,500	2,500
Uganda, Sr Clemensia	3,500	2,500
Philippines, Columban Sisters	2,153	2,500
Zimbabwe, African Mission, Dungu	3,500	2,500
Peru, San Benito, Bro Ed O'Connell	2,500	2,500
India Sugandh	3,500	2,500
India, Operatori di Pace	3,500	2,500
Grenada Grand Anse, Primary School	-	2,500

Myanmar Living Water	3,500	2,500
Brazil, St. Paolo	3,500	-
Solomon Isles	-	2,500
Darjeeling Emergency	1,000	-
Sierra Leone	3,500	-
SUB-TOTAL	£46,653	£37,250

Grants from Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	£	£
Kenya Education	1,000	1,160
San Benito, Peru	-	460
Myanmar, Living Water	3,020	2,905
India, Operatori di Pace	-	4,500
Philippines, Columban Sisters	3,347	-
Sierra Leone	2,000	-
Uganda, Sr Clemensia	500	-
Uganda Fr Sebastian	500	-
TOTAL	£57,020	£46,275

5 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2020	2019
Cost of Printing the Annual Report	-	£249

GOVERNANCE

	2020	2019
Bank Charges	£210	£195

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid or was payable for the year directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity to any member of the committee or to any person known to be connected with any of them.

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Balance at January 1*	4,862	1,465
Incoming Resources	6,020	11,422
Expenditure	(10,367)	(9,025)
Balance at 31 December 2020	£515	£3,862

* Donor reassigned prior donation as restricted

9 GENERAL FUNDS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Balance at January 1*	7,789	15,145
Incoming Resources	69,470	31,338
Expenditure	(46,863)	(37,694)
Balance at December 31	£30,396	£8,789
Represented by:		
Current Assets	£30,910	£12,651

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust (BOAT)

Registered Charity No. 288585

A Standing Order for regular donations, which can be cancelled by you at any time, greatly helps BOAT. We need more people to give regularly so that we can predict over a year how much money we can send to our projects overseas.

HOW TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER

1. With most banks and building societies, you can set up a Standing Order online or by phone.
2. Alternatively, you can go into your bank to complete a Standing Order form. You'll need the BOAT account number and sort code (as well as some personal identification).

Beneficiary Name: Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Beneficiary Account Number: 00087533

Beneficiary Sort Code: 30-96-35

Beneficiary's Bank: Lloyds Bank plc, 1 High Street, Oxford OX1 4AA.

GIFT AID DECLARATION (FOR REGULAR OR ONE-OFF DONATIONS)

Boost your donation to BOAT by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.
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Just tick this box Yes! I would like to Gift Aid this donation and any other BOAT donations I have made in the past 4 years or may make in the future. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Please notify BOAT if you

- wish to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Signature..... **Date**

Please return to: The Gift Aid Treasurer, Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust (BOAT), c/o Porter's Lodge, Blackfriars, St. Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LY. Or email it to: boatblackfriars@gmail.com

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