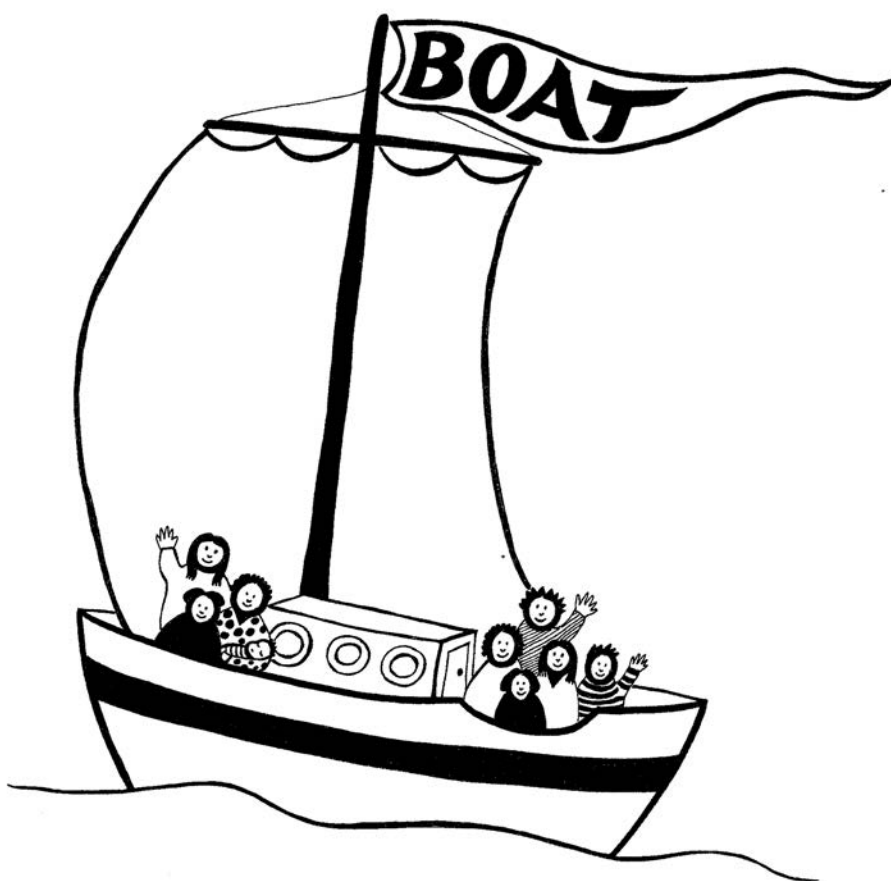


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Italics indicate the project for which members are responsible.

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 2021

Dear Friends of BOAT,

There's a beautiful poem on a plaque in Addison's Walk. It was written by C.S. Lewis and ends: "Often deceived, yet open once again your heart, / Quick, quick, quick, quick! – the gates are drawn apart." It seems to me to be an exhortation to hope against hope – that though winds often *do* strip the blossom from the apple trees and that rain generally *does* destroy the peas, yet must we avoid despair and dare to believe, as per Sheenagh Pugh's poem, that "Sometimes things don't go, after all, / from bad to worse. Some years, muscadell / faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail, / sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well."

But how can we remain hopeful without appearing naïve – or foolish even? We must have a real seed to grow a real tree. This is why we are so very, very lucky to have BOAT in our lives. The people whom BOAT supports in their mission to bring health, education, fairness, and happiness to their communities are the seed; the men, women, and children who are finally able to live in dignity are the tree.

The impact of COVID continues to aggravate already difficult circumstances, and the rise in the cost of food, fuel, medicines, and building materials is hitting projects hard. Fr Sebastian, in Uganda, had planned ahead and bought timber in anticipation of construction work resuming after the lockdown. Unfortunately, at that time, there was not enough money to pay the night watchman and, without his vigilance, thieves were able to steal most of the timber. Likewise, the challenges faced by the school in Allapalli are increasing: the cost of living is affecting the school directly and indirectly (by causing donors to reduce the amount they give), which means "There is a constant struggle to provide food for all."

For most of us, such obstacles might be terminally discouraging. Thankfully, our projects have stalwart leaders who are able to fight the good fight. One such leader is Father Miguel Fuertes who was behind the project we supported for the Lenten Appeal 2021. He saw how critical it was for children and young people in isolated parts of Amazonian Northern Peru to be able to continue with their education and made sure that they were equipped to do so.

Many of the reports contain thanks from our contacts. We offer them heartfelt thanks in return and can find no better way to respond than by borrowing the words of Sister Sylvie (our contact in Ethiopia): "Some people make the world brighter just by being in it, we are proud to say that you are among them."

Despite COVID restrictions and our regretful reliance on screen interactions, BOAT has been able to count on your support. A huge thanks to you all for keeping BOAT in your thoughts. It is because of your generosity that BOAT has been able to increase the donation to each project by £500 to £4,000 per year.

I would like to thank all the Committee; in particular, John Thanassoulis, the Treasurer, who manages the BOAT accounts and financial planning so capably, and Filomena Nave, the Assistant Treasurer, who this year secured a record £26,046 of Gift Aid for BOAT. Special thanks to René Bañares-Alcántara who is stepping down after five years of dedicated service as BOAT Secretary. 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. After nine years as Chairman, I will also be stepping down. It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege!

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 (£4,000 in 2021). 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.

We are always looking for good projects to support on a one-off or regular basis. Thank you for putting BOAT in touch with so many dedicated people – please keep your suggestions coming in. This period of separation has made us all realize, I think, that no man is an island, entire of itself. Through BOAT, our involvement in mankind is extended and strengthened, and our hope is founded more strongly in God.

Anna Lucas

Chairman

Brazil

São Paulo da Cruz, Calvário Church

The Serviço Social e Promocional São Paulo da Cruz (SSPSPC), based at the Calvário Church in the city of São Paulo, provides a day centre for children and teenagers from low-income families. Without a place like the SSPSPC, school age children would be left unattended for a large part of the day while their parents are at work, since schools in Brazil operate in half-day shifts, either morning or afternoon. The project offers the children counselling, social and educational activities that complement state school education. Most importantly, it serves three meals each day, with emphasis on a healthy diet and hygiene. It helps the parents too, with adult literacy courses and regular talks and workshops for the families, who are encouraged to participate in the development of their children. The manager, Dona Ida Oliveira sends us very detailed monthly reports, describing how SSPSPC adapted their work during the pandemic, when one of the most important activities became supporting the families, with food packets and other essential items, as many lost their jobs and had to deal with losing loved ones.

At the beginning of 2021, 35% of the children were back, the number increasing to full capacity by Christmas, although activities were often interrupted and the centre closed a few times when someone tested positive with Covid-19. Online activities, started in the previous year, continued with Facebook and other social media, becoming an important medium of contact with the children. Each week, a different group of children would help to prepare the material that would be shared via the SSPSPC's social media, helping them to develop important IT and organisational skills. Each month activities focused on one special theme, for instance March was Women's Month, October Children's Month, November Black Awareness Month. An important event, giving hope for a return to normality, was the vaccination of all the teenagers in September. The photos show an art class in October, when the children made toys from recycled material.



Filomena Nave

Cameroon

ARCH, Dibanda

BOAT has been supporting 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. The team of well-trained health care and other staff is now managed by Matron Sr Hostencia Njang.

Sr Hostencia reports that, with support from BOAT, ARCH helps provide varied forms of assistance to vulnerable and less privileged persons. She says that this “has been a very rewarding experience to the beneficiaries, and to the diocese of Buea that created this centre to provide rehabilitation services to people living with disabilities, helping them become sustainably re-integrated into

society. We render immense thanks to God for the successes of 2021, in spite [of] the difficult times of the ongoing socio-political crisis and the Covid19 pandemic. Things are gradually getting better, as compared to the previous years. This can be seen in our patient intake which rose from 1,789 to 2,083 patients.”

As well as the purchase of specialised appliances for the disabled, support from BOAT has allowed ARCH staff to continue to provide quality services to patients. This has been particularly important for those who are unable to pay. The current crisis has increased the level of poverty while exposing people to more danger. Sr Hostencia describes one patient “whose parents were unable to pay her bills as they had been in hiding in the bush for the past three years. She was diagnosed with multiple deformities. She stayed at ARCH for a month. Thanks to BOAT we were able to get her knee braces and some orthopaedic shoes and arm crutches.”

This year’s support from BOAT was used to build covered walkways for patients to practise their walking exercises. The adult walkway is spacious enough to accommodate some machines from the gymnasium and create space for more patients to carry out their exercises at the same time.



Assistance received from BOAT also enabled them to build a plinth and purchase a 2000-litre tank to store water beside the poultry farm. This eases the labour of those working on both the vegetable and poultry farms, especially during the dry season (see photo).

Furthermore, thanks to BOAT, “ARCH was able to celebrate the joy of the Nativity of our Lord with some of our patients and staff. This was a time of great relaxation, which brought so much smiles on the faces of the children and the staff as they [made] merry together and received Christmas gifts from

BOAT through ARCH.”

Sr Hostencia ends her report by writing “It is with a heart full of joy that I, on behalf of the staff and patients of ARCH, deeply express our gratefulness for BOAT’s generous and faithful support which goes a long way in assisting the smooth functioning of the centre and bringing joy and relief to many suffering with disabilities. BOAT remains in our prayers for God’s continuous elevation. And may our good Lord reward and replenish the sources.

Lucy Carpenter

Ethiopia

Gode: Mission of Hope

Gode is a town on the Ethiopian–Somali border, an arid place, frequently afflicted by drought and food-shortage, as well as long-term political instability. Many, especially children, suffer malnutrition. The presence of a military base and the influx of workers in recent years for infrastructure projects in the town have meant that many young women who come seeking employment in the area end up working as prostitutes, and incidents of sexual harassment and violence are high.

BOAT is supporting a small project recently launched by the Mission of Hope called 'Nazareth'. Nazareth aims to establish several small family dwellings in a secure complex, to provide a safe space for women and their children who are escaping dangerous situations or seeking a better life. There is work available on a small papaya and banana plantation; the women are also able to learn handicrafts. This helps to provide some income and to equip the women and children with the necessary skills to engage in safe and productive forms of work when they leave Nazareth.

Sr Mary Joachim, who leads the Mission of Hope, is hopeful that Nazareth will become an 'oasis of peace' and a known safe space, not just for its residents but for vulnerable women and children more widely, in an area where the Church is hardly present and there is otherwise little compassion.

Bede Mullens OP



Ethiopia

Zizencho and Arekit

BOAT has continued its support for the two schools in the villages of Zizencho and Arekit. They are run by the Bethany Sisters and are about 225km south west of Addis Ababa. Around 80% of the students attending both schools are from extremely poor families, so the schools provide not only free education, but also other services such as school uniforms, stationery, midday meals, shoes and medical help.

The Lord Jesus Catholic Kindergarten and Primary school in Zizencho was founded in 2004. Last year it had 556 students from kindergarten to 8th year. The 32 students who sat the 8th grade Ministry of Education exam were prepared mornings and evenings for two months and were provided with meals for the whole period.

The Infant Jesus Catholic Kindergarten and Primary school is in Arekit, 7 km from Zizencho, and was established in 2010. It has 548 students from kindergarten to 8th year. Students from this school achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in the Gumer Woreda (district) in Ethiopia.

Both schools started classes on 19th October 2020, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic they have had to follow strict health rules and regulations: for example, only 25 students could be in a classroom at any one time. For this reason the cohort had to be divided into two, and the shortage of teachers and classrooms meant they had to teach in shifts: 8:30 to 13:00 hours for first to fourth grades, fifth to eight grades in the afternoon. Masks, sanitiser and soap were provided, and the schools ran a Covid-awareness programme for parents and children. Schools reopened on 13th September 2021 for the current academic year.



On behalf of the school communities Sister Sylvie sends her greetings and thanks, and writes to BOAT donors “some people make the world brighter just by being in it, we are proud to say that you are among them”.

René Bañares-Alcántara

India

Allapalli, Andhra Pradesh

Allapalli Mary Matha Boarding Home and School is located in the diocese of Eluru, in the Indian region of Andhra Pradesh. Every year more than five hundred orphaned or destitute children are given free shelter, clothing, food and education. Education covers typical school activities and all spheres of life ranging from spiritual and moral to psychological support. The aim is to build up hope and confidence in the children, and prepare them for a fruitful future. Since the early 90s



thousands of children have benefitted through this institution and are now doing well in their lives.

2021 has been a challenging year. Covid had a range of negative impacts, from reduced financial support to the additional costs associated with the provision of

vaccines and safety measures to control the spread of the virus. BOAT’s support went towards the purchase of vaccines, medicines, masks and sanitizer kits for the safety of the children and of the staff looking after them.

The orphanage plays an active part in the local community. The villages in and around Allapalli are in a remote area, where the impact of Covid and the benefits of vaccination were not clearly understood. The orphanage staff undertook the task of educating the local community and assisting in the vaccination effort, providing the vaccine to those who were not able to afford it.

A range of challenges remains, and these are even more critical in 2022. The main one is the increased cost of all that is purchased for the children. The rising price of food and clothing is the main concern, particularly when donations stagnate as people around the world adjust to the new challenges brought in by Covid. There is a constant struggle to provide food for all. Currently, they are not managing to provide breakfast for everyone. This is where BOAT’s 2022 contribution will be spent, in ensuring that all the children have something to eat in the morning.

Rinaldo Caprotti

India

Sugandh (New Delhi)

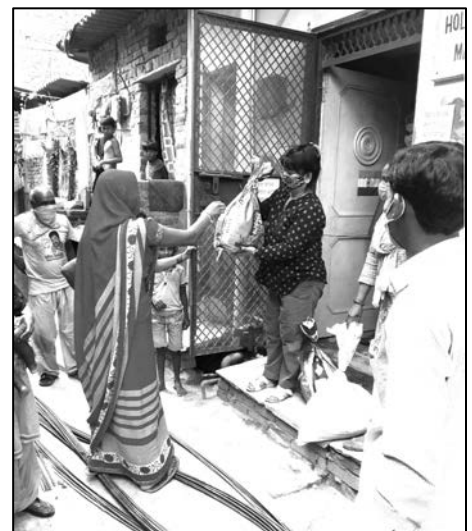
Sugandh is a charity based in some of the poorest slums of New Delhi. Thanks to the support of BOAT and other donors, Sugandh seeks to transform the lives of marginalised women, men and children through holistic community development in which individuals are taught to empower themselves. Working with families in the Madanpur Khadar and Holambi Kalan neighbourhoods, Sugandh focuses on child development and education, supports women's self-help groups that provide vocational training and micro-financing, offers basic healthcare and health-awareness training, and advocates on behalf of poor families trying to access education, medical care and other key government entitlements.

Last year, they realised a long-term goal by formally registering the women's self-help groups based at Holambi Kalan as a Jagriti Mahila Bachat Sangathan Trust. In the coming year, they hope to achieve the same goal for the Madanpur Khadar self-help groups. Over 1,000 women are members of these groups, working together to empower themselves in the face of great hardship. Sugandh helps them open bank accounts (often difficult to do without the required documents) and encourages the groups (88 in total) to make collective decisions about loans for small business start-ups, medical care and children's educational costs. This past year, a number of women were offered loans to purchase mobile phones so their children could attend online classes. The groups also offer vocational training, for example, in embroidery and tailoring, (*see photo*) which provides crucial opportunities for women to learn new skills to support their families.



Nearly 100 children are enrolled in Sugandh's educational programmes. Many of these children come from New Delhi's poorest families, who work as rag-pickers, rickshaw drivers and casual labourers. The charity is able to supply stationery, shoes, school uniforms and a mid-day snack free of charge. In its educational centres, Sugandh provides tuition to young children seeking to enter formal education for the first time, as well as to older children who have fallen behind in the state school system, often after having been excluded for extended periods of time.

Last year over 4,700 outreach visits were made to help families advocate for their rights. For example, through Sugandh, Neena learned about various government schemes to help women after the death of a family member. In Neena's case, she was introduced to the Delhi Pension Scheme and other programmes that are now providing much-needed financial support to help her look after her six children after the death of her husband.



The pandemic inevitably had an enormous impact on Sugandh's work. The charity provided rations to families suffering illness or job losses (*see photo*), and sewed and distributed face coverings. In the case of Sushila, when she and her husband lost their jobs as manual labourers, Sugandh provided rice, dhal, oil, sugar and other supplies, and helped them get ration cards to access state aid. Sushila also had

some savings thanks to her participation in one of Sugandh's self-help groups, which helped her and her family survive lockdown and its economic fall-out.

Parents were particularly grateful for Sugandh's educational offerings during the pandemic, since government schools could not provide online classes for families unless they had access to the required technology or data allowances – although, as noted above, some women obtained loans from Sugandh's self-help groups to purchase the mobile phones required for online learning.

Sugandh raised awareness within the communities it serves about the severity of Covid and provided advice about how to reduce transmission of the virus via social distancing, good hygiene and mask-wearing. The charity also continued other health-related work, for instance by teaching families about water sanitation and raising awareness about TB, cancer and AIDS.

BOAT's ongoing support has been crucial in helping Sugandh continue its important community work, as well as respond to the exceptional challenges of the pandemic.

Geraldine A. Johnson

Jamaica

Christ the King Basic School, Kingston

Christ the King Basic School receives pupils aged between three and six years old. Besides providing primary education, the school importantly offers the children warm, nutritious food – which they might not receive at home – and a safe shelter while their parents and older siblings are out working. BOAT's support has enabled the school to maintain its staff (three teachers, a cook, and an assistant) throughout the lockdown, despite the increased financial hardship of the period; further, the school has been able to provide two meals rather than just one a day for the pupils attending. Christ the King is the parish school attached to a Dominican-run parish in Jamaica. Fr Clifton, our contact, a Dominican, is the parish priest, as well as the chaplain and chair of school governors.

Bede Mullens OP

Myanmar

Living Water Myanmar



“Water is life. Giving water is giving life

BOAT remains committed to supporting the life-giving work of Living Water Myanmar (LWM), a charity founded by Rosemary Breen in 2011, working to improve the lives of people in remote villages in the Dry Zone of Central Myanmar, who suffer from severe shortages of potable water. Co-ordinator Soya Toe and his team work with local communities to ascertain where water insecurity is most acute. They then construct and install water tanks and piping system on the grounds of local schools and health clinics. To date, LWM has constructed

over 378 tanks. These tanks have transformed the lives of local people (over 30,000 of them at last count), who no longer need to travel great distances just for clean water.

Due to Covid and the political situation in Myanmar, building has slowed in the last two years. Accordingly, BOAT did not make a new donation in 2021 to LWM. However, the remainder of BOAT's 2020 donation was used in 2021 to construct four new 5000 gallon tanks: tank number 365 in Linsky Village, Chauk; tanks numbers 366 and 368 in Paybingone, Chauk; and tank number 367 in Myetkhardaw, Nyanung Oo (see Facebook "Living Water Myanmar" for more details).

Rosemary confirmed that building continues and that LWM aims to bring the total number of tanks constructed to 500 in the next few years. BOAT will therefore resume its donations to LWM in 2022. She expressed her deep gratitude for our continual support and generosity: "Thank you to BOAT – you have changed so many lives. With much love and gratitude to you all."

Julie Lynch Bridson

Nicaragua

Leon

With the support of BOAT, the Nicaragua Education, Culture and Arts Trust (NECAT), a UK-registered charity based in Oxford, has been working with its contacts in Nicaragua to provide meals for children from low-income families living in areas suffering from extreme levels of poverty. The meals project has been running for over a decade. Although the project always takes the same form – the feeding of hungry schoolchildren – it has moved between sites for various reasons. Its most recent base was at the NECAT 'Learning Reinforcement Centre' in Guadalupe.

Wherever it takes place, in this country riddled with social injustice and inequality, the effects are the same: the children want to come to school, because there is food there, they learn to appreciate healthy food that includes vegetables and requires serious cooking, their families are drawn in to help with cooking and serving and to learn in passing about healthy diets, and last but not least, the children's school work benefits because they are not distracted by empty bellies.

In 2021, Covid had its effect on the School Reinforcement project, which had to be suspended, as there was not enough money in the coffers to guarantee the salary of the teacher. They tried to make it work by charging a small fee for each child attending, but the socio-economic and health crises were such that it was not possible to keep the programme going. Unemployment is very high, and jobs tend to be in the informal sector where irregular employment means that there is sometimes not enough money to feed the families. The food provided at the centre makes a real difference.

The main project at the Centre is now early education for following the Montessori method. There are 30 children, and BOAT money funds the meals. The academic year started on February 1st in 2021, and continued to December 11th. Normally term would have ended on 27th November, but Covid had forced closure for the month of August so it was extended for some extra weeks to make up for what had been lost.



The entire work team came down with Covid, but “we are currently in good health, despite the fact that the co-ordinator (Gioconda) was quite badly affected. Thank God we have pulled through and are alive to be able to continue working for the education of children.”

“As every year, we try to guarantee a healthy diet, rich in proteins, carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins for the good development of children. We prepare a monthly menu, we put it on the wall and so the mothers know what is going to be prepared during the day. Normally we serve ‘gallo pinto’ (a mixture of rice and beans), tortillas, cheese, cream, pancakes, fruits (bananas, papaya, pineapple, apple, grape), vegetables (cucumber, beets, pumpkin, lettuce), toasted bread with natural jams, fresh fruit juices, cocoa drink, oats, cereals, nuts, among others.”

The children’s families play an active part in preparing the food, which has the double effect of integrating them into the running of the school, and inculcating an understanding of a healthy diet, which they can then apply at home.

The project has recently purchased a new stove, and they are now freshening up the kitchen area so that conditions are more hygienic. There is a need for new kitchen equipment, since the utensils have deteriorated over the years of use.

Says Gioconda, our regular contact: “We thank all the people of the BOAT who have guaranteed one more year, the school meals for the children, which is very important for the integral development (psychic and physical) of each of them.”

Ag MacKeith

Peru

Lima and Ayacucho

BOAT has been supporting the work of Columban Fr Ed O’Connell and the Warmi Huasi project in San Benito for many years. At Warmi Huasi and in two communities in the mountainous region of Ayacucho, children who would otherwise be at risk of violence and bullying while their parents are at work can find a safe space, as well as learn to play a part in the political process in the local community.

Fr Ed wrote to us in January 2022, updating us on the latest Covid figures in Peru, which has a population of around 33 million. The total official number of cases in Peru up to that date was about 2.5 million, and the number of deaths about 204,000. Like us, Peru has recently been hit by the Omicron variant. Around 89% of the population over 12 had received at least one jab by the start of 2022, 80% had received the second, and 20% had a booster.

Fr Ed must have extraordinary energy. As well as his work with the Warmi Huasi project, he has parish duties in 5 of the 18 churches in the parish of ‘Holy Archangels’, a vast parish with 130,000 people. And along with other Columban Fathers, he works in the Manuel Duato Special Needs School, with 428 ‘virtual’ students (most of them severely disabled) during the worst of the pandemic, with a small number now returning for face-to-face education.

Fr Ed writes, “The Warmi Huasi project supports children at risk in the Lima districts of Carabayllo and San Martin de Porres and in the Province of Paucar de Sara Sara, high up in the Andes in the department of Ayacucho. We have teachers visiting homes, in a very limited way, in Lampa (Ayacucho) and also small numbers of children of the homework clubs meeting in the Warmi centre in San Benito (Carabayllo), respecting protocols of bio-security and safeguarding. It is an effort to help children catch up, as many dropped behind in their schoolwork.

I visited the five communal kitchens in San Benito and the one in Misiones parish just before Christmas, to thank those who run them, for all they do for their communities (*see photo above*). They serve a grand total of 1,000 meals each weekday, including 132 social cases. We have helped each communal kitchen with the purchase of vegetables, chicken or fish, gas, bio-security equipment and a small fire extinguisher. Of the social cases: 32 are elderly, 73 children, 16 with Covid and 11 disabled, and all these are helped with meals at no cost. The communal kitchens teams, out of their poverty, show their solidarity with the most vulnerable. The children and elderly had a special Christmas lunch!

Latest news from Ayacucho: two of the Warmi Huasi team visited Ayacucho, a 24 hour trip up the Andes, and carried out end-of-year activities and also co-ordinated with officials of the provincial and district authorities and with representatives of the health, education, police and judiciary sectors to plan the work of 2022. Part of the work is to undertake a survey of the number of disabled children in the Province of Paucar de Sara Sara.



From November, working with Unicef and the educational authorities in northern Lima, a Warmi Huasi team started 14 'Points of Encounter' in community and chapel meeting rooms to work with children who dropped out of school over the past two years. Three of the Points are in the parish where I work. Over 1,000 primary and secondary school students will hopefully be brought back into school for March 2022. They are being helped with their schoolwork by teachers and volunteers and the programme will continue into March (*see photo*).

I find people resilient by nature but somewhat worn down by the length of the pandemic and their grieving for those they lost. May God's love for us reignite our hope for better times in 2022, and may our humanity be renewed! Love and blessings, Happy New Year, Ed."

And we send love, blessings and thanks to Fr Ed in return.

Helen Ghosh

Philippines

Midsalip, Missionary Sisters of St Columban

Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the destruction brought by Typhoon Odette, the Missionary Sisters of St Columban, under Sister Winnie Apao's leadership, continued to provide ongoing support to the local Subaanen people in Midsalip in accessing education and health care and in protecting their ancestral homeland against mining activity, natural disasters and destructive farming practices. Specifically, the Mission conducted face-to-face local language, cultural-based

teaching to over 200 students in their seven pre-schools, and through home visitations during the Covid lockdown. Through these schools, the Mission provides a feeding programme of rice porridge, vegetables, mung beans, dried fish and milk to their students, many of whom suffered malnutrition during Covid. Of particular note was the Certificate of Recognition which the pre-school programme and its co-ordinator received from the Department of Education of the Philippines, an unexpected, but very welcome, highlight of the year. BOAT funding supports these schools, as well as scholarships for 17 high school and four college students from different barrios, eager to attain an education to provide work to support their families.



In addition to the pre-schools, the Mission also ran two three-day residential youth camps, ranging from kindergarten through high-school-aged students, focusing on promoting confidence and pride in indigenous cultural practices. Over 230 students, many travelling great distances, attended these camps. They were great fun and provided much needed social interactions after lockdown restrictions were lifted. The Mission also continues to provide on-going educational programmes to local people on sustainable farming, encouraging tree planting (*see photo*) to avoid mudslides and the use of organic fertilizers made only from compost and fermented fruit juices.

Sister Apao, who provides ongoing updates to BOAT on the Mission and its inspiring work, wrote in her Christmas letter: ‘With heartfelt gratitude to each of you who contributed to making miracles happen here. With God’s grace and blessings we were able to continue our tasks to bring life, inspiration and joy to others... On behalf of my Subaanen brothers and sisters, my deep appreciation to each one of you who continuously support and help us. Thank you so very much. May God bless you always and abundantly. Rest assured of our constant thoughts and prayers.’

Julie Lynch Bridson

Rwanda

Network For Africa

For many years, Network for Africa has provided psychological counselling to help those suffering with post-traumatic stress in the wake of the genocide. Many widows and orphans, however, have remained impoverished and with few opportunities to rebuild their lives. Network for Africa has for some time been planning an entrepreneurial training programme for launch from January 2022, which will equip some 60 of these widows and orphans with the necessary business-planning and technical skills, as well as the initial financial impetus, to embark on their own enterprises and secure a sustainable income. BOAT is sponsoring this programme.

Bede Mullens OP

Sierra Leone

Koindu

2021/22 is the fourth year in which BOAT has supported this 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 had 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', so it is a place where not only do they receive nourishment, medical attention and clothing, but also where their academic, social and physical needs are met.

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 the lives of these children.

In previous years our money had helped to build a well and a dining room for the

Orphanage. Over the last year we have funded ten tables and 50 chairs for the dining room, food and medical supplies, uniforms, an end-of-year function in December 2021, and the fencing off of the Orphanage compound to protect the children from the road they live next to. The balance of last year's donation will be used to buy toiletries and promote hygiene in the School.

Sadly, the School's longstanding Head Teacher, Pastor Kendema, died last year. His mantle of leadership has now been taken up by new Head Teacher Francis Kettor. The School continues to be a busy place, with Primary 6 pupils working assiduously to prepare for the National Primary Certificate examinations in May.

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.

We have continued to give the social workers a small remittance as they do an awful lot of unpaid work for the orphanage, but their wages (from the Sierra Leone government) continue to be both very meagre and paid only intermittently. Just to give you an outline of what they do for the orphanage: 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. Without their support, the orphanage would be in a very precarious position.

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 longstanding links in Sierra Leone and knows the Orphanage well.

Jenifer Dye



Uganda

Cancer Trust

We continue to support Uganda Cancer Trust (UCT). This UK-based charity, raises money to support cancer treatment, education and care in Uganda. We are lucky to have close contact and regular updates from Dr Michael Minton and Elizabeth Minton who are trustees and respectively Palliative Care Consultant and Patient Care Support. The UCT's own most recent Annual Report reminds us how important the work of UCT is: more than 60% of cancer deaths occur in developing countries, but only 5% of cancer spending. UCT funds go towards: supporting individuals suffering from cancer in Uganda, where the treatment needed far exceeds their ability to pay; supporting Ugandan organisations who are trying to improve cancer treatment, care or education; and raising awareness of the growing problem of cancer in Uganda. UCT work with local partners in Uganda and with others already engaged in these issues, thereby ensuring they can make a difference.

Our BOAT funds directly provide for Liz Nabirye who acts as Information Nurse (*seen in the photo with her colleagues*). Liz does wonderful work, providing information, symptom management, ongoing counselling and support that ensures continuity of care for patients and families. She also oversees the work of a dedicated team of volunteers who support patients on the ward. This last



year has of course been dominated by the pandemic. Apart from health issues, the main impact of the pandemic has been on the economy. This affects everyone, but disproportionately the poorer members of society, who rely on a daily income, and have nothing in reserve. One key challenge for cancer patients has been how to get to hospital for their treatment: and for patient hostels, how to ensure safety of residents with prevention and protection measures. Staff of the palliative care team were also hit by Covid and services were briefly suspended. The Ministry of Health provided support to allow team members to get to the hospital.

Liz Nabirye and her volunteers have been dealing with the negative impacts on palliative care services this past year, where some cancer patients including children have indeed found it difficult to access treatment due to the national lockdown, grounding of public transport, loss of livelihoods and the fear of contracting Covid (or of dying from it). UCT has helped with one-off payments to offset the additional costs incurred because of the epidemic, with treatment costs, and a Comfort Fund to help make life a bit easier for patients.

This last has been put towards transport costs to get home after treatment or to provide a toy to give a child a bit of joy while undergoing treatment. In particular, during this period the need for psycho-social support for patients and carers was more crucial than ever. BOAT's funds contributed towards additional sponsored airtime, enabling patients to keep in touch with their families.

We are lucky to have some quotes from a family that illustrate the importance of her work:

"Thank you for being supportive to us. I know you can't solve all our problems. You are very passionate and caring. You listen and allow us the chance to ask questions for clarity. I now have a good understanding of my child's condition and know what to expect but you have continued to visit and support us in our hopeless situation.

“We have spent all that we had... I lost my job, other children have had to drop out of school. Caring for your child with cancer is emotionally draining. This was worsened by the Covid times, where other family members couldn’t visit.

“I am thankful that your team is able to control her pain... she can sleep now.

“Thank you for being available and being there for us to offload our distress. Our needs when in the hospital are more than just the medicines for the patient. God bless you and your funders.”

Our BOAT donation is acknowledged with thanks in the UCT’s own Annual Report and this feels humbling in light of the deep need and wonderful work of Liz and her colleagues. Seeing her smiling face can make us all realise how lucky we are that Liz, her team of volunteers, the Minton and all the wider team of UCT are there and enable us to do our small part.

Nicolette Michels

Uganda

Church of Christ the King, Butema Catholic Parish, Hoima

In his report Father Sebastian Benyumiza describes the particularly difficult conditions that his parish has had to face during 2021. He ordered timber in April, so that it could be seasoned, and purchased it in May: mahogany, mivule and other hard timber. It was stored in the shade at St. Bruno’s Primary school to continue seasoning. In June 2021 the pupils returned to their homes for the second lockdown until January 2022. Unfortunately, because there was no money to pay him, the night watchman went away. As no-one was sleeping at the school, thieves stole the timber. Stationery and textbooks from inside the school also went missing. A few pieces of timber remained, but much had to be replaced. There is some good news, however! The solar energy system for the school, bought in July/August 2021, was fully installed in September and October ((see photo). An essential part of the project had been completed successfully and everyone was happy. The pupils can now continue studying when it gets dark, they can read and write and do their homework. The security lights on the building are vital, as they deter thieves. The excellent new classroom block and the solar lighting system have had a positive effect on enrolment: there are now 650 pupils on the roster.



Father Sebastian describes how badly the pandemic has affected the parish. Schools closed and the pupils went back to their villages, where they laboured in the fields for long periods of time. Some of them were forced into early marriages, some died of Covid or other illnesses, some have not returned to school at all. Those who have come back are often seriously malnourished, due to lack of proper food or famine in the villages. Some have returned with HIV, others are infected by chiggers (tropical fleas), and have severe sores. They have no uniforms and lack other essential clothing. Some urgently need psychological rehabilitation, and during 2022 it is intended to bring in counsellors to help these children settle.

In 2022 Father Sebastian intends to continue according to the project plan and equip the classrooms and provide essentials for the pupils.

Karungu Convent, Kigumba

Sister Clemensia describes in her report how precarious life was in 2021 for the people and the community in Karungu, because of Covid 19 and the lockdowns. She explains that surviving was very difficult. Many parents could not pay anything for their children's education and as a result some of the teachers resigned and left teaching. Thanks to the grant from BOAT she was nonetheless able to continue with the next stage of the building project. She purchased the building materials necessary for the rehabilitation of the dilapidated classroom block in May/June. The work of plastering and painting, both inside and out, began almost immediately. The work was finished by October and she and all the community were delighted with the result (*see photo*). Their main problem has been with the rise in prices. Everything has risen in cost: fuel, building materials, and all commodities. The labour costs, too, have spiralled. The remaining work will be finished in 2022. The most urgent need continues to be feeding the pupils and the teachers, who are now returning, as well as the sisters in the convent, since hunger and even starvation are widespread in the area.



Rosaleen Ockenden

Zimbabwe

African Mission

African Mission is a small British charity, which has been active in Uganda and Zimbabwe since 2003. Initially it centred on the work of Dr Ray Towey, a consultant anaesthetist from London who for the last thirty years has dedicated his life to training medical staff in Africa. Over the last two decades their work has expanded to include major education projects in Zimbabwe, principally Fatima Mission, a 600-square-mile Franciscan mission to the north of Bulawayo which includes 16 primary schools, five secondary schools and a project for disabled children.

BOAT made its first donation in 2011, and over the last nine years has contributed to the building and maintenance of a primary school and, most recently, an ongoing project for disabled children, which offers education and training to 17 blind, deaf or mute young Zimbabweans.

The children live at the Mission during term time, next to the





school. It's the only school in the province that offers a curriculum, specifically designed for blind and mute children. As well as their academic work, they learn to live in a small supportive community and are taught the life skills that will enable them to cope better with their disabilities in the future. Before coming to Fatima many of these young people led isolated lives and were faced with a bleak future. Thanks to the education they are receiving and the fact that they are living in community with others, their confidence and ability to relate to others is growing.

Over the last two years, the Mission and the schools in Zimbabwe have struggled with Covid, with several periods of closure. Thankfully, things are now getting back to normal and the disabled children have been back at Fatima since the end of January. There's a dynamic new priest in post, Fr Gabriel, who's assisting the long standing Parish Priest, Father Jeya. Recently they have sunk a bore-hole near the pastoral centre which has significantly enhanced their water supply, and

with our support they continue to develop the school buildings and a new classroom that doubles as a music facility. The photos show some children enjoying the chance to play music.

Mick Conefrey

2021 Lenten Project

Peru

This year's Lenten Appeal brought our 9.30 community very much together – despite its having to be coordinated remotely (for we were, in March 2021, still unable to attend church in the normal way). Suggestions were sought from the congregation and duly came in – a heartening indication of people's engagement with BOAT. The suggestions were discussed at BOAT's virtual committee meetings and one really stood out: a project to make solar-powered radios for distribution to children and teenagers in very remote parts of Peru in order that they continue with their education despite the isolation and fragmentation caused by COVID.



The project was overseen by Father Miguel Fuertes Prieto, an Augustinian who has carried out his priestly mission in Peru for nearly forty years. He is currently the Diocesan Administrator of the Apostolic Vicariate of Iquitos, which is in Amazonian Northern Peru and covers an area approximately the size of Scotland. Fr Miguel's "parish" is vast and parts of it are only accessible

by river – but this has proved no obstacle for Fr Miguel, who radiates kindness, resourcefulness, efficiency, and dynamism (even over Zoom!), and whose commitment to his flock is heroic.

From the very beginning of the global pandemic, Fr Miguel rolled up his sleeves to address the challenges faced by the people scattered throughout the region. One of his first initiatives was to raise funds to buy an oxygen plant for the city of Iquitos since the ones at the hospital were out of order. The fundraising drive was so successful that there was enough money to buy four plants.

He quickly turned his attention to the effect of the pandemic on indigenous communities in remote parts of the Amazonian jungle. He saw how they risked being overlooked in terms of medical advice and treatment and, moreover, that the children and young people in such communities would fall drastically behind in their education if they were not given the means to engage in remote learning. He therefore instigated the project, which we were fortunate to be able to support, and which saw local carpenters and technicians assemble solar-powered radios in a sports centre in the parish of San Juan Bautista. Fr Miguel reacted speedily but not hastily: he thought through the details of the project and considered aspects such as minimizing the environmental impact of the radios: he did not want to run the risk of contaminating the river and jungle with bits of plastic or toxic battery chemicals; this is why putting the radios together was found to be the best option (allowing, as it did, the use of biodegradable parts wherever possible, together with solar-power technology).

With the £7,500 donation BOAT was able to make, thanks to your Lenten efforts, Fr Miguel was able in turn to provide approximately 485 radios. That is 485 children and young people whose life chances have been safeguarded – and 485 families who will have access to all sorts of essential information in the future. As Fr Miguel writes: “The radios are going to be an extremely useful tool, not only for educational purposes, but also for health and agriculture ... Indeed, other organizations working with rural communities are interested in this project as they can see that, for many jungle regions, this will be the only possible means of communication.”



The project also included the improvement of the transmitters of *Radio la Voz de la Selva* (the radio station of the Catholic Church of Loreto). Very sadly, on 1st July 2021, the director of the radio station, Oraldo Reátegui Segura, who fought tirelessly against the terrible inequalities in his country, and who spoke up for the indigenous population, died from COVID. Fr Miguel wrote at that time: “This was a very hard blow for us all and also for the radio project. We have only recently [25th July 2021] found the right people to carry through the plans we had dreamt of with Oraldo. ... With God’s help we will accomplish what we have set out to do.” You can see in the accompanying photos some of what Fr Miguel and his team have been able to achieve.

Fr Miguel writes: “Once again I send my thanks to you all.” We send Fr Miguel our thanks and assure him of our continued prayers – for him and the people of the Apostolic Vicariate of Iquitos.

Anna Lucas

Dominican Sisters in Iraq

Towards the end of 2018, whilst in Cologne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe mentioned to one of his brethren that BOAT had been collecting money for their sisters in Iraq. This conversation resulted in a donation of €400 specifically to fund the work of the Dominican Sisters of St Catherine of Siena in Iraq, whom many of you will recall supporting through the BOAT Lenten Appeals in 2015, 2017, and 2018. These brave sisters returned to the Plain of Nineveh to rebuild the schools that had been destroyed during the violent incursions by Islamic State in 2014.

The precarious situation in Iraq meant that BOAT then had difficulty in getting the donation to the Sisters.

After so many years, we are very happy indeed to report that the donation has at last reached the intended recipients. Sister Nazik Matty reported its safe arrival in January 2022.

This was thanks to the extraordinary collaborative effort involving Cardinal Vincent Nichols, one of his auxiliary bishops, the chaplain to Iraqi Catholics in London, an Iraqi Dominican visiting London, a London Dominican visiting Oxford, and our ever-helpful Dominican representative on BOAT, Br Bede Mullens! Thank you to them all!

Anna Lucas

Boat Christmas Cards

This year, these raised £758, and we were surprised and pleased to raise so much. The team of three had met in various ways to make the cards, as lockdowns came and went in 2021. We had quite a few to sell, but we hadn't been able to make them available after mass in the usual way. However, thanks to the newsletter, people were able to order them up remotely. Some took the opportunity to post Christmas cards to all those friends and relations they hadn't been able to see for the past couple of years, and BOAT reaped the benefits. Many thanks to those who created and packaged the cards, as well as to Joshua Dubin and Jenifer Dye who generously funded the costs.

Ag MacKeith

Reserves policy and risk management

The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserves of approximately £12,000. This was a decision made by the Trustees at a meeting in February 2021, 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 £12,000, 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:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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
- 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 2022

Treasurer's Report on the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 December 2021

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

Notwithstanding lockdowns, we have been able to raise the amount we send out to projects around the world. In 2020 we supported our projects with about £57,000 worth of grants. In 2021 this increased to around £76,000. This is magnificent growth. It reflects the generosity of our donors. None of this would be possible without our donors.

This year we have raised the amount we give to each of our projects to £4,000 annually. This is a considerable sum of money and one can read about the effect that it has in the earlier pages of the annual report. During 2021 we supported 16 projects from general funds. This covered much of the developing world. We were not however able to get money to Myanmar during 2021. The coup and political conditions made this difficult. But we are hopeful that we can restart the support for water tanks in the country during 2022.

The only significant costs BOAT incurs are the banking fees to transfer money to the developing world. This allows the generosity of our donors to be put to the maximal effect.

Despite the difficulties of hosting events during a pandemic the Lenten appeal raised a massive, in the circumstances, seven and a half thousand pounds. This allowed us to support the project (radios for the tribal people of the jungle in Peru) much more handsomely than anticipated. We will have been able to have a sizeable impact and so help to answer some of their prayers.

Thanks are due to many, but a noteworthy contribution has been made by Filomena who patiently completed the paperwork for two years' worth of gift aid recovery. This explains the approximately £26,000 received.

We on the committee are now back to face-to-face meetings. But we completed the year with online committees and some virtual pub quizzes, which allowed the link with our donors to be husbanded and nurtured. We hope that 2022 will allow for more real-life events at which we can work together in our witness.

Signed: John Thanassoulis

BOAT Treasurer

February 2022

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 2021 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act: or
- (2) 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 2022

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2021

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | |
| Donations | 80,247 | 10,154 | 90,401 | 73,086 |
| Events and Sales | 1,473 | - | 1,473 | 2,403 |
| Bank Interest | - | - | - | - |
| Total Incoming Resources | 81,720 | 10,154 | 91,874 | 75,489 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | | | | |
| Fundraising | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable Activities | 66,601 | 9,215 | 75,815 | 57,020 |
| Governance Costs | 245 | - | 245 | 210 |
| Total Expenditure | 66,846 | 9,215 | 76,060 | 57,230 |
| NET RESOURCES | | | | |
| Incoming/Outgoing | 14,874 | 940 | 15,814 | 18,260 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | 30,396 | 515 | 30,911 | 12,651 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | £45,270 | £1,455 | £46,725 | £30,911 |

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

Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust

Balance Sheets as at 31st December 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash at Lloyds Bank | 46,725 | 30,911 |
| Net Current Assets | <hr/> 46,725 | <hr/> 30,911 |
| Total Assets | <hr/> £46,725 | <hr/> £30,911 |
| The Funds of the Charity: | | |
| Restricted Income Funds | 1,455 | 515 |
| Unrestricted Income Funds | 45,270 | 30,396 |
| | <hr/> £46,725 | <hr/> £30,911 |

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

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

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations received under Banker's Order (unrestricted) | 54,201 | 62,621 |
| Donations received under Banker's Order (restricted) | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Other Donations (unrestricted) | 1,473 | 6,848 |
| Other Donations (restricted) | 9,154 | 5,020 |
| Tax Recovered under Gift Aid | 26,046 | - |
| | £91,874 | £75,489 |

3 EVENTS AND SALES

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Harvest Auction | - | 661 |
| Christmas Virtual pub quiz and auction | 350 | - |
| Card Sales | 758 | 1,322 |
| Summer Café | - | - |
| Spring Café | - | - |
| Pub Quiz | | 420 |
| BLEAT, Children's Café | - | - |
| | £1,108 | £2,403 |

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Grants (Unrestricted) to Overseas Projects

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| Nicaragua, Leon | 4,000 | 3500 |
| Jamaica, Kingston School | 4,000 | - |
| Uganda, Cancer UK | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| Uganda, Fr Sebastian | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| Cameroon, Arch | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| Ethiopia, Jean Grove Trust | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| Uganda, Sr Clemensia | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| Philippines, Columban Sisters | 4,000 | 2,153 |
| Zimbabwe, African Mission, Dungu | 5,500 | 3,500 |
| Peru, San Benito, Br Ed O'Connell | 5,000 | 2,500 |
| India, Sugandh | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| India, Allapalli | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| Rwanda Project | 4,000 | - |
| Myanmar Living Water | - | 3,500 |
| Brazil, St. Paolo | 4,000 | 3,500 |

Grants (Unrestricted) to Overseas Projects (cont.)

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Ethiopia, Mission of Hope | 4,000 | - |
| Lenten Appeal (Peru, Apostolico Iquitos) | 101 | - |
| Sierra Leone | 4,000 | 3,500 |
| SUB-TOTAL | £66,601 | £46,653 |

| Grants from Restricted Funds | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Kenya Education | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Lenten Appeal (Peru, Apostolico Iquitos) | 7,400 | |
| Myanmar Living Water | - | 3,020 |
| Iraq | 515 | - |
| Philippines, Columban Sisters | - | 3,347 |
| Sierra Leone | 300 | 2,000 |
| Uganda, Sr Clemensia | - | 500 |
| Uganda Fr Sebastian | - | 500 |
| TOTAL | £75,815 | £57,020 |

5 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cost of Printing the Annual Report | - | - |

6 GOVERNANCE

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bank Charges | £245 | 210 |

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

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance at January 1 | 515 | 4,862 |
| Incoming Resources | 10,154 | 6,020 |
| Expenditure | (9,215) | (10,367) |
| Balance at December 31 | £1,454 | £515 |

9 GENERAL FUNDS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance at January 1 | 30,396 | 7,789 |
| Incoming Resources | 81,720 | 69,470 |
| Expenditure | (66,846) | (46,863) |
| Balance at December 31 | £45,270 | £30,396 |
| Represented by: | | |
| Current Assets | £46,724 | £30,910 |

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

- With most banks and building societies, you can set up a Standing Order online or over the phone.
- 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 donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to BOAT.

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.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Title: First name(s): Surname:

Home Address:

..... Postcode:

Signature ***Date***

Please notify BOAT if you:

- wish to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
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