



The Rotary Jaipur Limb Project

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The Story of the "Workers".

Organisations of any description do not just happen - firstly there needs to be a starting point. Secondly to continue in operation there needs to be a commitment from those involved and, to be fair, the donation of our most precious commodity - our Time. Over the last 27 years so many people around our world have benefited from that donation and commitment from our existing team of workers.

However time moves on and catches up with each individual and sadly it has overtaken 3 of the Project's Trustees in the last 2 years. We shall miss greatly Colin James, John Neasham and Gerry Powell, not only as Trustees, but as key Speakers in our fund raising efforts. As the wonderful DVD showing Paul Merton in Jaipur says very clearly - it is the smiles of the people as they get their leg that makes it all so very worthwhile. Becoming a speaker for the project may well be the starting point of further service as a Manager or Trustee..

The more you do the more smiles you will see and be affected by too

The Trustees sent out invitations to attend a special Speaker Training and Rotary Awareness day in Alcester during March this year as a starter to help overcome our increasing concern. If for some reason we did not know of your interest in time for this event then please contact our Secretary as soon as possible and we will find a way to give you a similar opportunity.

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE THE STILL THOUSANDS AWAITING A NEW LIMB AND A NEW LIFE ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Please see P4 of this newsletter which shows the contact

Working in Bukoba, Tanzania for the Izaas Charity



Hamjambo wrote - *"This past week I had the opportunity to visit Bukoba, a small town located on the shores of Lake Victoria.. I also volunteered my time to my uncle and his charity organization Izaas."* The picture shows me with a young boy Jeremiah who has lost 3 of his limbs as a result of being knocked down by a car. Another candidate for Izaas to pass to the Jaipur Centre in Kampala. Just this past December, 2 amputees were sent to Kampala by Izaas to be fitted for Jaipur prosthetic limbs. They came back to their church in Mwanza on Christmas Eve and the priest, in what was dubbed a "Christmas miracle", told them to come to the front of the church and to demonstrate how they were now able to walk.

Word spread like wildfire around Mwanza and the surrounding areas and now Izaas will be sending 112 amputees from the Bukoba region to be fitted for limbs in Kampala. Personally, I wondered how much difference prosthetic limbs could make to a person who usually used crutches, but after meeting with amputees who had been given prosthetic limbs, their smiles and positive attitudes told me all I needed to know.

Bangalore's 15th. Mega Limb Camp

The Rotary Club of Bangalore Peenya held their fifteenth annual mega limb camp from the 5th to the 11th of January 2012 at Ganeshbagh, Infantry Road, Bangalore. The camp was inaugurated on the 5th by The chief Minister of the Government of the State of Karnataka in South India. During the inauguration he presented a Jaipur limb to the twenty-five thousandth person to benefit since the camps were started. As usual the camp was a hive of activity with Rotarians, Members of Inner wheel, Rotaractors, nursing students, doctors and volunteers from other agencies helping to ensure the camp ran smoothly. Technicians from BMVSS in Jaipur were there with all necessary equipment and materials to fabricate the various aids needed. Doctors from one of the local hospitals were at hand to offer advice to suitable people about polio reconstructive surgery and vocational advice and help in finding suitable jobs were provided by other agencies. The catering department did a tremendous job keeping over 600 people well fed every day. On offer again were LN-4 prosthetic forearms. By the end of the week over 2000 people had benefited with 550 Jaipur limbs, 1004 calipers, 500 crutches and 69 LN-4 prostheses being fitted.

A worthwhile project once again supported financially by RJLP

YOU Can Make a Difference .

For so many amputees around our world the provision of a Jaipur Limb or Foot not only gives Mobility but gives Independence and a New Life.

Donations can be directed towards specific projects or used by the Trustees to fund projects as required.

Haiti 2 years on.

The story of Haiti continues to unfold. There are some very positive issues but, sadly, some very difficult ones too. A report from a Shelter Box Response Team (SRT) member working with International Organisation for Migration (IOM) identifies the still 500,000 people living in overcrowded tents on private land. In many cases the landowners are using violent methods to evict families long before completion of transitional shelter or reconstruction programmes are completed. These too have been slowed down by political issues, poor weather and the cholera outbreak which has killed nearly 7,000 people since it began. Last October the SRT was asked to return for help with the relocation programme using some of the 28,000 tents originally sent.

The Rotary Haiti Task Force with whom the Jaipur Limb Project is working has overcome all these issues and the three Buildings forming the new unit at Bienfaisance Hospital in Pignon are now complete.



Picture 1 shows members of that group, including Past RI Director Barry Rassin, with the sign Jaipur House, that is now affixed to the new Workshop. That particular part of the overall project funded by RIBI donations. It should be noted that we have also been extremely fortunate in that the whole range of the workshop tools have been supplied by the charity Trade Aid.

Picture 2 shows the completed Residential building which has rooms for use both by patients and families brought here for limb fitment or prosthetic surgery. The units have en-suite facilities and will provide all the necessary living materials for the patients and carers stay. Appropriately named "Maison d'Agape" and funded by the Caribbean Partnership Districts of RI from the East coast of the USA.



The third building of the group, named "The Goose" after Doctor Guy Theodore's pet goose, funded totally by RIBI, is the Training Centre. The Training Technician is from E. Africa with a knowledge of the French language so necessary in Haiti. The necessary feet for use with the work have been shipped in from India and work began at the end of February to meet the desperate need of so many patients. It should be noted by all that the Haiti Task Force also created a scheme which has enabled materials to be shipped in free from Customs hold-up and cost. It would also be noted about the big part played by the Rotary Foundation with many aspects of the work being assisted by TRF Matching Grants. The Haiti Task Force have also created a fund to assist those who cannot afford the cost of their limb - RJLP have a policy that no-one shall be refused a limb for lack of money.

Not least is Picture 3 showing the Toyota 4x4 ambulance complete with the Rotary Logo and identified as the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project vehicle. This vehicle was again funded by the Partnership who in total, with over 100 other projects in Haiti, are spending some US\$ 18million. That spend exclusively used for Health and Education projects across Haiti. Together RIBI and the Caribbean Partnership can be extremely proud



Dr. Guy Theodore in front of "The Goose"

This story has to recognise the very important role played by Doctor Guy Theodore, a Haitian who served in the US Air Force as a very senior Medical Officer and who, on return to Haiti, knocked down his parents home to build the Pignon Hospital. He has been the key player in this project since the beginning. Finally much is due to Trustee Don Short and Rosemary for their efforts in starting the process and continuing to check progress throughout and to all the Rotarians in the Haiti clubs and the Haiti Task Force who have helped in this Project. Rotarian Roger White, now residing in the Cayman Islands, provided these photographs following the very recent visit with his wife to check on progress for us.

The National War Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh Castle.

One of the many items on display here includes examples of Jaipur technology. The exhibition is in the entrance area of the Castle and will be open from March 9th in the section named “Reconstructing Lives”. The number of visitors passing through is expected to be around 500,000 during the year.

THE AMAZING WAYS OF ROTARY

A Matching Grant project in Sri Lanka (Scotland Again)

A few years ago nine Rotary clubs in RI Dist 1020 (Scotland) with the help from a District Grant raised \$10854 to help victims of the civil strife and tsunami in Sri Lanka. They wanted to help the more than four thousand people who had lost lower limbs. They approached RJLP for assistance to find a suitable project. Despite the efforts of Trustee Ian Rule it proved very hard to get a N. Sri Lanka Rotary Club to be a project partner or to find a centre using Jaipur technology. Early in 2011, Ian had approaches for help from “The Meththa Foundationa UK registered charity, for support for their operations in Sri Lanka. This organisation is run by ex-patriate Sri Lankans headed by an orthopaedic and orthotic specialist in Birmingham, Dr Panagamuwa. Trustees quickly visited Birmingham to learn about their work in Northern Sri Lanka. They maintained a small limb centre in a hospital in Mannar using useful parts of discarded artificial limbs from UK and making limbs using Jaipur technology. Clubs in D1020 agreed to the suggestion that we could all work with the



Laser Alignment Equipment in Store

Meththa Foundation. RC Cinnamon Gardens in Dist.3220 (Sri Lanka) agreed to act as host Club for a matching grant project. A hurdle arose because D1020, is a “Pilot District”, and so could not embark on this project with D3220, who were not also a pilot District. Ian together with Trustee Ganesh arranged for RC Merthyr Tydfil in D1150 (Wales) to come in and to act as the international partner. A project was quickly set-up to develop the centre in Mannar with necessary equipment and also modify the existing vehicle to work as a mobile Jaipur limb workshop. Total project cost amounted to \$20,000, with the money coming from 9 clubs in D1020, 5 clubs in D3220 and 2 clubs in D1150. There was additional money from the 3 districts and a Matching Grant from Rotary Foundation. The Meththa Foundation agreed carry out the work and meet the conditions of the Matching Grant programme and the grant was approved. Most of the equipment needed has been sent to Sri Lanka and the centre is fully equipped. An official opening ceremony is planned to which our Sri Lankan partners will go, but the date has not been fixed as we go to print. Thus 16 Rotary

Clubs, 3 Districts, Rotary Foundation, RJLP and a Non-Rotary co-operating organisation have come together in a project that will improve the lives of more than 4000 people.

JIVDAYA FOUNDATION

Funding Rotary Jaipur Limb Projects from a US Charity

The Jivdaya Foundation is a charitable organisation founded in Dallas, Texas, USA over 10 years ago by Dr Vinay Jain and his wife. They provide grants for agencies that work in the fields of medicine and education, their special areas of focus being paediatric oncology, palliative care, rural health care and education, neonatal and maternal health, amputee assistance and education of children. Recently they decided they wanted to expand their activities in the field of amputee assistance, especially in India. They approached us through our website. Trustee Ganesh contacted one of their grants co-ordinators, Ms Allison Elkins, and explained our work to her. Jivdaya Foundation was most interested in our work and wanted information about agencies and projects in India that they could support. Trustee Ganesh gave them information about the projects being undertaken in the field of assistance to people with mobility problems by the Rotary Clubs of Bangalore Peenya, Kothagudem in Andhra Pradesh, Kolhapur in Maharashtra State and The Ratna Nidhi Charitable trust run by Rotarian Mahendra Mehta in Bombay. In September 2011 people from Jivdaya Foundation met with representatives of these four institutions among others at a meeting in Delhi. After listening to their proposals, Jivdaya Foundation decided to support all four of these institutions by offering them grants for their projects



Patients waiting in Bangalore Limb Camp

RC Bangalore Peenya received \$ 5000, RC Kolhapur and RI Dist 3150 (RC Kothagudem) each received 100,000 rupees and the Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust was awarded 150,000 rupees. Another example of RJLP cooperating with other organisations to secure much needed financial support for worthwhile projects.

Yes two more wonderful example of the magical way in which Rotary works.

Financial Details for the year ended 30th June 2011

Open Donations Received	£48531	Funds Brought Forward	£111132
Restricted Donations	£179934*	Incoming resources	£230820
Gift Aid	£2988	Resources Available	£341952
Sales & Collection Boxes	£445	Less :-	
Bank Interest & Tax recovered	£1673	Management and Admin	£5741 =2.4%
Total Incoming Resources	£233571	Project expenditure	£218395 £224876
Less Expenses incurred in Funding:-		Funds carried Forward	£117076
Advertising	£1314	Outstanding payments due on Current Projects	£128182
Leaflets/ Newsletter	£767		
Conference stands	£383		
Badges	£287		
	£2751 = 1%		
Total Available Resources	£230820		

The Trustees are very conscious of the need for watchful approval of projects in line with existing finances and expectation of future donations to maintain both the level and the quality of work required to fulfil the many needs around us.

* Includes £66190 from the RIBI Disaster Fund

In November 2009 "Time Magazine" Printed this story about another successful development

"Tens of thousands of amputees in the developing world wear an inexpensive prosthetic called the Jaipur Foot. But poor patients who lose a knee joint have few options: a titanium replacement can cost \$10,000, and crude models don't work very well. Now a team of Stanford engineering students has designed a knee that's not only dirt cheap — just \$20 — but also mimics the natural joint's movements. Developed with the Jaipur Foot group, the Jaipur Knee is made of self-lubricating, oil-filled nylon and is both flexible and stable, even on irregular terrain. The device is being tested in India; more than 300 people have been fitted so far."

We are delighted to report that all the tests are very successful giving so much more flexibility to "above knee" wearers



The New Knee

Helpful Stories too!

PDG Peter Gay and wife Susan recently held their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Moat House Hotel near Stafford. The well attended dinner by family and friends resulted in a significant donation to the Project made by guests in lieu of presents

Newport Pagnell Rotary Club have held their 16th Annual "Jaipur Dinner" courtesy of the local Jaipur Restaurant and owner Rtn. Ahad. The dinner held on 20th February is a wonderful way of both raising awareness and funds. The total amount raised over this time must now be near too or even exceeding £50,000.

Congratulations to all concerned.

SPEAKERS

If YOU would like to join the Project's Speaker Panel and work to promote the activities of all the current Centres in India, Africa or wherever needed around the world -

PLEASE contact Secretary Margaret and find out HOW and WHEN.

Support material is always available and all Trustees are contactable for update information

Conference or Event Promotion

Units as shown can be provided on loan for any event as an aid to promote the RJLP. DVD's suitable for club or other group meetings or displays can also be provided

Stand-up Banners,

Posters

Display Limbs & Feet available

All the material is suitable for use and display at non-Rotary events and has been well received in many schools.

Table Top Display,

Extra leaflets or Newsletters are also available

Contact – The Secretary or P/R Officer

Notelets for Sale

The late Gerry Powell was a noted artist and allowed use of his drawings in our Notelet Pack. Packs on sale at Rotary & Inner Wheel Events & Conferences or by request.



Price £2.50 per 10 with 5 drawings/pack

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