

The Vision: Giving a new life to a child, through sponsorship and provision of resources for health, education and motivation of village communities on the issue of children's education.

Sponsorship: An extraordinary interest has been shown by people of the parish and elsewhere to St Anne's overseas project. There are many ways to sponsor the project to suit everyone. Sponsorship of an individual child, donation or supporting the project in other ways through fundraising for example. We have at present 35 children to be sponsored. Some parishioners have expressed a desire to sponsor an individual child but are worried that if anything happened to them their child would be abandoned. But be assured that there are contingency plans in place so this situation would not happen. Interest in sponsorship has also been shown outside the parish. Staff and pupils of St. Anne's school have sponsored 2 children.

Fundraising: Generous patrons of The Open Arms in Cheylesmore raised £2,000 pounds towards the project. We are very grateful for their support. A cheque was presented to Father Dominic in February of this year. Through the media. articles appearing in the Coventry Evening Telegraph and the Universe, donations to the project were sent from various areas in the country and Northern Ireland.

St Anne's Chelmsley Wood.

Fr. Gerardo Fabrizio (Vice Chair of Executive Committee) Parish Priest of St Anne's, Chelmsley Wood, parishioners and children from schools of St Patrick's and St Anne have been busy fundraising, through non uniform days, crib money, collections, car boot and green bucket donations.

Fundraising ideas are always welcome.

Progress to date: Executive committee set up for fundraising. Father Dominic Chair, Father Gerardo Vice Chair.

Sponsors for children have come forward. More sponsors needed.

Charity status applied for.

Phase 1: Purchase of Land

On his return to India in February 05 Father Dominic was able to purchase two and a half acres of land through the generosity of a kind benefactor who loaned the money to the trust interest free. Originally the estimated cost of the land was 7K, but due to soaring land prices the land was purchased for 8.8K. We were lucky to get this loan now as the cost of

land is going up all the time. A lot of thought has gone into the location and accessibility of the land. Key workers in India, who are volunteers and have their own daily lives to lead and families to support have been working hard negotiating the best deals for the land and buying of materials. The cost of building a school and dispensary is in the region of 25k. Clothes, books and satchels were sent to the children for Easter.

Message from India.

On behalf of the children and myself I would like to thank sponsors, benefactors and patrons for your hard work and dedication for the trust. Because of you nearly 35 children have a new life. I thank the Lord for your work and pray for you and your continued support. We are very grateful. Thank You.

Raju (Secretary)