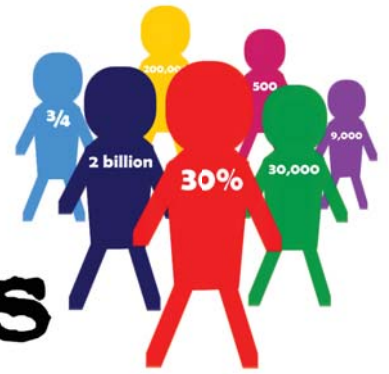


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names not numbers newsletter



Welcome to 2009!

Hello, and welcome to the Names Not Numbers newsletter; this is the first edition. We've written it to keep everyone up to date with how we are doing, and to provide you with updates on the three charities that we support.

All in all, 2008 was a busy year for Names Not Numbers. We formed in April, and thanks to your contributions, we have already sent off nearly £1000 to our charities! Whilst this was going on, Katherine and myself married in August, and Lucy and Jon tied the knot in September; this means our entire board married this year!

The next year should be exciting, but our work is far from over; this month we welcome the Raffa Home to our fold (read about this below). We are also hoping to begin claiming Gift Aid, which means we can claim back tax, making many donations more effective. However, none of the work we do would be possible without you, so, from the whole Names not Numbers team, thank you, and enjoy the rest of the newsletter!



Update...

Have a read about the charity news from the last few months:



The
Ian Burnell
Trust

The Ian Burnell Trust has been running since 2007 and the first group of medical student applicants have now returned from their electives – you can read some of their testimonies on the next page. The IBT helped eleven individuals and groups on their electives to some of the poorest countries in the world, with over £2000 granted for the purchasing of medical equipment.

Planning is now underway for the 2009-2010 elective period, with £500 already donated by Names Not Numbers. If you are interested in finding out more about the IBT, please visit www.ianburnelltrust.org.uk.

 **tshwaranang**
community centre

Our outreach in Makgolokoeng village is thriving, with a new full time volunteer for the community centre, and new vegetable gardens which are nearing ready for harvest.

However, Hope House orphanage is suffering from lack of donations, which are only covering about 50% of costs; they are now a month behind on paying bills! They are also beginning a small building project, for which they need materials and furnishings.

Since government support and social workers were withdrawn, the Child Care Forums have also struggled, leaving our workers unable to intervene in sometime desperate situations.

To find out more, please visit www.tshwaranang.org.



INTRODUCING the raffa home

Names Not Numbers seeks to support small charities and organisations, and it is with great excitement that we introduce the latest addition.

When Lucy, one of the Names Not Numbers team, went to India on her gap year in 2005, she spent several months working with an amazing bunch of people in New Delhi; the Raffa Home. This is a small, family-run home, established in 2002 by a couple who wanted to provide orphaned and abandoned HIV positive children with a stable and safe environment where they could grow, in the knowledge that they are loved and cared for. Currently, they house seven boys from across India, alongside the couple's own children.

Lucy says: "I shared experiences with this family that changed my life and transformed my outlook on our world. When I came back from India, I heard statistics about the global problem of HIV/AIDS - before I went to India, I did not know anyone with the virus, let alone anyone in one of those far-

away places. Everything is different now".

The Raffa Home is one of a number of church-led community projects in New Delhi, working with some of the most marginalised groups in their society. Whilst HIV/AIDS is acknowledged in many Indian communities, the stigma attached to the virus can be huge. Many of the boys are there because their parents have been unable to look after them, or have not known how to cope.

The Raffa Home are currently hoping for funding to move to a bigger location in the city. At Names Not Numbers we are committed to raising regular monthly amounts to support them in this new phase, and in the ongoing costs of the home. These include food, water purification, school supplies, transport and household necessities. Names Not Numbers is passionate about supporting this cause and if you are too, please consider a regular donation to help with the stability of our financial commitment.



Rachel's Testimony

Rachel Haines went to Santa Cruz Island, 'Hospital republica del Ecuador', and took medical supplies given by the Ian Burnell Trust:



The hospital was as underfunded and poorly staffed as I thought it would be... and I know that the bits I took out to them were very gratefully received. Because of a lack of equipment the only things that they can really do in the hospital is deliver babies and treat diarrhoea and vomiting.

They can't even fix a broken bone - people have to wait till the next day to catch the next commercial flight to Quito on the mainland - if they can afford it! Those that can't afford it either suffer, or allow the inexperienced doctors to try to treat them. Since there are only paediatricians and obstetricians on the islands you can imagine what fracture repairs turn out like. Even if the 'step-in' surgeon manages to fix the fracture there is no Xray anyway so they can't confirm the position of the bones.

Every day I was astonished to find out what the hospital didn't have. They don't even have blankets for the 6 ward beds! The paediatrician said to me that the only thing that they could treat were intestinal infections and even then it depended on the pharmacy stocking the drugs...

I definitely have an interest in medicine on island communities now. Thank you for your support for the hospital and for your interest in my elective. If I can ever do anything to help please don't hesitate to contact me. Some people might think that small grants like the ones you give won't make any difference, but when you literally have next to nothing, £250 worth of equipment goes a long way!

Thank you...

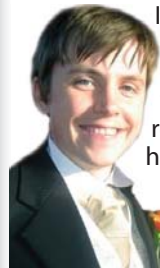
We really hope you have enjoyed the first edition of the Names not Numbers newsletter. Thank you so much for the support you have given us over the past year. Already we are hearing of the difference this is bringing to lives in India, Africa and beyond.

If you would like to further support our work with these charities then even a small donation could make a huge differ-

Finance Report

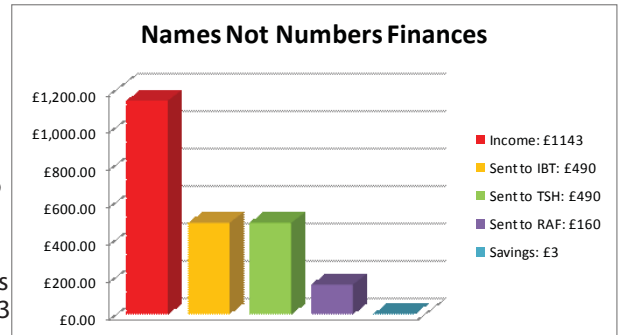
It seems that the collapse of the world markets, a decrease in giving to charity and other credit crunch related tribulations has had no effect on Names Not Numbers, which has seen infinite growth in donations over the last year.

Now... this is partly due to the fact that the organisation is less than a year old, but our detailed financial analysis shows that this is mainly due to the boundless generosity of all who have given over the last year.



In the last six months, Names Not Numbers has received a total of £1,143 pounds, which has already made its way to the charities we're supporting. Just over half of that money has been through donations, with the rest coming from fundraising activities.

That's not it though... with loads more fund raising planned and the ability for people to give monthly via standing order, we're expecting to be able to give more and more to our charities.



Upcoming Events

Quiz Night

At St Thomas church in Sheffield on the 21st March; with pizza and prizes, it will be a night to remember. Donation on entry, and try and remember all that trivia you thought you knew...

For more information, please visit our website at www.names-not-numbers.co.uk. If you are interested in putting on an event for Names Not Numbers, please contact us!

Benefit Gigs

Come down to Cafe Moco in Sheffield, on April 2nd and May 7th; an evening of live music and tasty coffee awaits you. Entry for a donation, and an evening of entertainment and (optional) dancing awaits!

Points for thought and prayer



- 1 Good health for the boys and for the family running the home.
- 2 Finding the right property to move into, and having a stress-free move into the new place.
- 3 Money to fund new place and maintain upkeep of the home.
- 4 Ongoing support for the home when the current volunteer leaves, as he has been a big help.
- 5 India's wider social and economic problems, and the pressure on the state with the subsidy on anti-retroviral drugs for HIV/AIDS.



- 1 Looking forward to the coming year, and being thankful for all that has happened in the last one.
- 2 For new and appropriate applications to come from students.
- 3 For financial commitments and increased awareness of IBT.
- 4 Ongoing relationships between the hospitals already visited and the IBT representatives who went there last year.
- 5 Development of affordable and practical treatment services in developing countries.



- 1 An increase in donations and support towards Hope House orphanage.
- 2 Improved relationships between NGOs in the local areas, Maluti Child Care especially.
- 3 A new volunteer/social worker to perform outreach in the area.
- 4 That the excellent work in Makgolokoeng can continue; the community centre can be finished.
- 5 South Africa's government need to focus on worsening social and health issues in their country.

ence. We are in the process of setting up Gift Aid, which means we can claim back the tax on your donation at no extra cost to you. Please fill in the form to the right to make this happen if you do decide to give or have given in the past.

This year we are hoping to encourage people to set up standing orders. If you feel that you can afford to make a monthly contribution - just £5 a month would help us to promise security for our charities. We have just pledged to provide the Raffa home with £160 a month, and are hoping to support

several children in Hope House as well. However, to make this possible, we need regular donations.

Thank you for reading. We regularly update our website: names-not-numbers.co.uk, so please keep following the stories of each of our charities and feel free to get in touch with us.

God bless,
names not numbers

