



Annual General Meeting 2010 for FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

DATE commencing: Friday 5th Mar 2010 TIME: 9 am
DATE completion: Friday 2nd Jun 2010 TIME: 10 pm

INTERNET VENUE: FreeSchools Literacy Australia email network
fswl-australia@googlegroups.com

Member pre-registration is essential to participate and vote

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Rollcall of members present and apologies.

There were 16 participants in attendance (*Committee member)

Linda Alcorn*
Melissa Alldis*
Rev Ashish Amos
Bernie Belarski
Merindi Belarski*
Ben Bowler*
Robert Coenraads*
Ian Esmore*
Sister Crescence
Betty Lyon*
Julian Martin*
Saskia Raevouri
Delphine Swadling*
Kathleen Swadling*
Sue Tennant
Judy Townsend*
Vern Verass

2. Welcome and background briefing by the Chairperson/President.

Dear Committee and Friends,

Please find attached the agenda for the FreeSchools World Literacy 3rd Annual General Meeting.

It may seem a bit odd to be having an AGM so soon after the last one, but as you remember, we moved a motion in our 24th Meeting to adopt a standardized end of calendar year reporting and accounting system in ACFID format. *THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF FREESCHOOLS WORLD LITERACY FOR 2009* and finalize a few other items in preparation for submittal of our application to become AusAid accredited.

The AGM opens today Friday 5th March at 9:00 am. We will allow the AGM to run throughout March to make sure that all of the Committee have a chance to register and vote.

Please reply to this email to formally register your attendance at the AGM and *INDICATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE DURING 2010*

Thank you for your continued support since the last AGM and for your attendance at this very important 3rd Annual General Meeting.

Kind regards,
Dr. Robert Coenraads
President; FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia

3. Minutes of previous years Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2nd Oct 2009.
As circulated to membership

Motion: That the minutes of the 2009 AGM be accepted by the Committee.
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Merindi Belarski Carried

4. President's Report.
As circulated to membership

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 2009

Dear Committee and Friends,

It has been a full decade now since Mark Bloomfield and I travelled to Motihari Evening School in Bihar State, India in 2000 – a single schoolhouse for the poor being run by Sister Crescence. There, I realized for the first time in my life, the real need for free education for the poor, and the ability of education to drastically change the lives of those who were lucky enough to get it. I also saw the benefits of that knowledge spread from the student back to their poor families and to the local community.

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Dr. Robert Coenraads

President – FreeSchools World Literacy (Australia)

Motion: That the President's report be received and accepted as read.

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

5. Treasurer's Report.

I have the pleasure of being able to submit to the Committee our Treasurer's Report as part of full FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report for 2009 (see APPENDIX 1). This 24-page document complies with the ACFID requirements for a FULL financial report. It contains FULLY AUDITED accounts of the organization's detailed cash movements since January 2001.

This document now fulfils the requirements of a public document that can be issued to any member of the public upon request, and stands as independent audited proof of our organization's credibility.

This report will now form the essential cornerstone of our ACFID application.

I would like to move a motion that this Annual Report for 2009 be accepted by the meeting.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report, as part of the FSWL Annual Report for 2009 be received and accepted as read.

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

6. Election of Committee of Management and Nomination of Public Officer

The 2009 FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management indicated its willingness to restand for office during 2010. They were elected as follows:

ROBERT COENRAADS nominated as President Chairperson FSWL

Move: Kathleen Swadling Second: Ben Bowler Carried:

BEN BOWLER nominated as Vice-President FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

DELPHINE SWADLING nominated as Secretary FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Merindi Swadling Carried:

MERINDI BELARSKI nominated as Treasurer FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

IAN ESMORE nominated as Public Officer FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

LINDA ALCORN nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

MELISSA ALLDIS nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Merindi Swadling Carried:

BETTY LYON nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Merindi Swadling Carried:

JULIAN MARTIN nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ben Bowler Carried:

KATHLEEN SWADLING nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

JUDITH TOWNSEND nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

7. Chairperson to confirm appointments.

President Robert Coenraads confirmed the appointments to the Committee of Management as listed in Item 6.

8. Confirm schedule of membership fees

It was confirmed that FSWL Australia will have NIL membership fees. Robert Coenraads has moved that we are to have NIL membership fees. Ian Esmore seconded this motion

9. General Business :

ROBERT COENRAADS – I would like to table the 2010 India Report from Sue Tennant dated March 5, 2010 (see APPENDIX 2)

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling

COMMUNICATIONS –

ROTARY AUSTRALIA

Good evening Dr. Coenraads,

My name is Glenis Marshall and I belong to a world wide organisation called Inner Wheel which is a womens friendship and service group attached to Rotary.

Last year I attended a fundraiser organised by Judy Townsend on the Central Coast for Free Schools. I was introduced to you there and I later thought that maybe our Inner Wheel District could help with fundraising.

Each year our District, comprising of 5 Clubs, mainly located on the Central Coast, raise funds for a dedicated International Project, and we feel perhaps Free Schools could be the type of organisation that we could support.

The criteria for I.W. is that the organisation needs to be a registered charity ... Judy has indicated Free Schools is in the process of obtaining same.

I have since spoken to someone who co-ordinates this project and she suggests I should ask for more details in regard to fundraising and banking and this information may cover the I.W. criteria. I have read of your banking details in the brochure and of your ABN No., but I understand that I.W. has a CFN No. and this maybe all what is needed.

We sincerely hope that the information you are able to send to me will cover the criteria , as we fully support the wonderful work you and your team are carrying out.

Hoping to receive your reply soon.

Yours truly,
Glenis Marshall
District Historian
Inner Wheel District A52

Dear Ms Marshal,

Thank you for your kind thoughts that your organization "Inner Wheel" might be able to assist FreeSchools World Literacy with fundraising. As you know, Judy Townsend is a powerhouse of energy and drive. Under her watchcare, together with that of her family and friends, donations raised by FreeSchools have jumped from an average of \$2,000 - \$3,000 per annum (2005-2008) to a total of \$18,751 in 2009. She has virtually single-handedly enabled FreeSchools to commence major support of the schools projects in Thailand that we otherwise would not have been able to do.

The requirements for becoming a registered international charity here in Australia are very stringent. We currently are an incorporated organization with modal rules and objects and a Committee of Management that meets monthly online. I am currently working though applying for FreeSchools to become a signatory to ACFID (Australian Council For International Development) requiring our accounts to be presented in a standard format and annually audited. These accounts will be presented for approval at our 2010 AGM this month allowing us to the next step. ACFID is a mandatory requirement for accreditation with AusAID, and the granting of this will, in turn, allow us to apply to become a registered charity with the ATO. Unfortunately I am unable to rush this lengthy governmental process, compounded by the fact that I have a full time job that keeps getting in the way!!!

As part of the AusAID application, I have compiled everything about FreeSchools World Literacy in a logical format in the Profile Document (attached) with annexes totaling hundreds of pages (not attached). These annexes include our audited annual accounts (which I also attach). If you wish to have a look at any of the other annexes cited in the Profile Document please let me know. Perhaps some of these may allow you to satisfy "Inner Wheel's" technical requirements to be able to help us.

I have also just learned that FreeSchools World Literacy is also to be honoured with an award for international service at a dinner held by the Rotary Club in Belrose. I was advised of this by Mr Neville Marsh, Director of International Services of Belrose Rotary, just last night, so perhaps he might have some technical details for you as to how Rotary was able to do this. His home phone number is (02) 9451 9053

I hope all of this may be of help to cover Inner Wheel's criteria, and please let me know what other information (listed in the attached Annex list) that you might need.

Thank you again so much for your interest in supporting FreeSchools World Literacy.

Kind regards,
Robert Coenraads, President FreeSchools World Literacy – Australia

Dear Dr. Coenraads,

Thank you very much for your quick reply. The information you have sent through is very detailed and I'm very much hoping that this will satisfy the criteria set by Inner Wheel. You and your team of volunteers have had to spent many hours on this application to be registered, I commend you for your dedication.

I will now forward this info. to the District International Officer and hopefully, she agrees with me, that the info. has enough detail to satisfy the criteria.

Yours sincerely,
Glenis

Dear Robert,

Thank you very much for the prompt and in depth reply to my request for Inner Wheel. The District I.W. Officer felt that the information you sent would satisfy the I.W. criteria very well. With the help of the info. you sent, plus relevant details from the brochure I had, I compiled a presentation for my I.W. Club. They voted to nominate Free Schools and then it was presented to our District at a meeting held in Scone last weekend. I was unable to attend, so another very capable member of our Club presented it. The District Clubs will now consider Free Schools, plus any other nominations that were presented, to be the project they consider to be worthy of next year's District Project and then vote at the District Meeting in early July.

So, I do hope the other Clubs feel the same way we do about your wonderful project, but there are so many worthwhile causes out there we will have to wait until the District Meeting vote.

Thanks again and best wishes in meeting the requirements set down by AusAid for registration.

Yours in Inner Wheel Friendship,
Glenis

10. Set date and time for next COM meeting. Close meeting

Meetings of the Committee of FSWL Australia will be held on the first Friday of each month. The next AGM will be held in February 2011

The business of the meeting concluded at 10:00 pm on Monday 2nd June 2010

The Committee is thanked for its involvement in the AGM

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX 1 - Freeschools World Literacy Annual Report for Year Ended 31st December 2009

APPENDIX 2 - 2010 India Report dated 5th March 2010 prepared by Sue Tennant.



**FreeSchools World Literacy
(Australia)**

Annual Report

for the year ended

31 December 2009

**FREESCHOOLS WORLD LITERACY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2009**

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PURPOSE

The purpose of FreeSchools World Literacy is to provide free education in order to break the cycle of ignorance and poverty that leaves millions in hopeless despair. The organization provides free literacy programs; teacher employment and training; income-producing skills, health education; food and clothing; and is documenting changes in the wellbeing of the community as a result of its programs. By providing ongoing funds and scholarships for the existing and planned new schools, FreeSchools World Literacy hopes to replicate its model throughout India, Thailand and other Developing Countries of the world.

FreeSchools World Literacy Object Clauses:

1. To provide literacy programs and classes to members of the public.
2. To develop and provide education and training programs to persons who will conduct literacy training.
3. To develop employment training and education programs for needy persons.
4. To relieve poverty in developing nations by providing food and other basic supplies to persons in need.
5. To develop or promote public health in developing nations by educating and instructing the public on prevention of and curative measures for, health problems and by researching and documenting changes in the health of the community

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Presidents's Report

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Our Committee of Management has now been in operation since the first official meeting of FreeSchools World Literacy-Australia in June 2007 and has been meeting online approximately once a month and conducting annual general meetings since that time.

The Members of the Committee elected during the 2010 Annual General Meeting are as follows:

ROBERT COENRAADS President of FSWL Australia
8 Trigalana Place, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086
coenraads01@optusnet.com.au
Professional Qualifications: BA Hons Geology (Macquarie University), M.Sc
Geophysics (University of British Columbia, Vancouver). Ph.D Geology (Macquarie
Uni), Fellow Gemmological Association of Australia), Fellow Australian Institute of
Mining and Metallurgy
Occupation: Director (Coenraads GEMS Pty Ltd)/
Principal Project Geologist (Australian Gemstone Mining Pty Ltd)/

Lecturer, (Gemmological Association of Australia)/
Author – non-fiction

BEN BOWLER Vice President of FSWL Australia
58 Lisbeth Ave, Donvale, Vic 3111
ben.bowler@bigpond.com
0403 023 432

Professional Qualifications: B.Theol in prep (Melbourne University United Faculty of
Theology)
Occupation: Field Manager (BloodFoundation.org)

IAN ESMORE Public Officer of FSWL Australia
Daylesford Design Studio, PO Box 335, Daylesford, Vic 3460
daylesforddesign@bigpond.com
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Professional Qualifications: Dip Mechanical Engineering, Dip Ed (Technical Division),
Dip Computer Graphics (Chisholm), Registered Building Practitioner, DP AD-1995
Occupation: Director (Daylesford Design Studio)

DELPHINE SWADLING Secretary of FSWL Australia
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Delphine@mumnubhampers.com.au
Mobiile: 0438443834. Home: (02) 49449550
Occupation: Director (Mum & Bub Hampers)

MERINDI BELARSKI Treasurer of FSWL Australia
Unit 7,165-167 Herring Road, Macquarie Park, NSW 2113
belarski@bigpond.com
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Professional Qualifications: Bachelor of Business
Major in Human Resources, minor in Ethics and Sustainability
Occupation: Operational Manager (Macquarie Bank)

LINDA ALCORN Committee Member of FSWL Australia
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Occupation: Teacher

MELLISA ALLDIS Committee Member of FSWL Australia
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Professional Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts majoring in psychology (Macquarie
University)
Advanced Catering Cert (Ryde TAFE)

Occupation: Brand Development Coordinator
Propel Interactive (Creative Merchandising ideas)

BETTY LYON Committee Member of FSWL Australia
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Occupation: Retired/ Volunteer Worker

JULIAN MARTIN Committee Member of FSWL Australia
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Phone Mobile, Home (02) 99532326
Occupation: Donor Relations Director (Opportunity International)

KATHLEEN SWADLING Committee Member of FSWL Australia
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Occupation: Project Officer for Benevolent Society

JUDITH TOWNSEND Committee Member of FSWL Australia
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Professional Qualifications: B Ed (Newcastle Uni); Grad Dip Library & Information
Science (Charles Sturt Uni)

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR

FREESCHOOLS WORLD LITERACY
(AUSTRALIA)

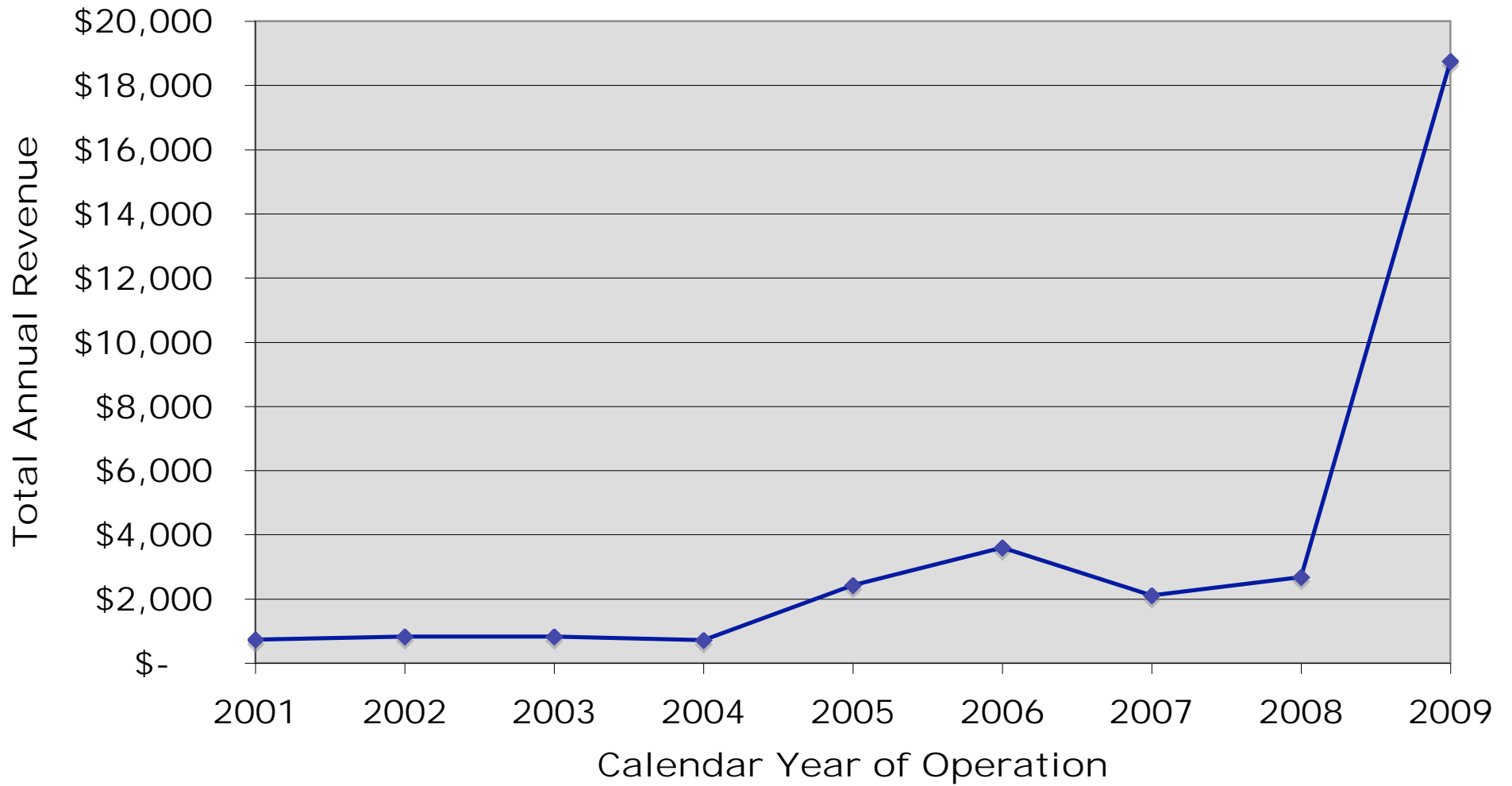
FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 2009

FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia							
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING							
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
REVENUE							
Donated Funds	\$ 18,736.13	\$ 2,674.00	\$ 2,101.30	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 716.00	\$ 816.00
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 15.22	\$ 6.87	\$ 0.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$ 18,751.35	\$ 2,680.87	\$ 2,101.99	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 716.00	\$ 816.00
EXPENSES							
Overseas Projects	\$ 18,253.02	\$ 2,539.00	\$ 713.30	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
Community Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 85.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 18,338.02	\$ 2,584.00	\$ 733.30	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 716.00	\$ 816.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 413.33	\$ 96.87	\$ 1,368.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOTES: Administration costs are bank transfer fees							
(2008 figure does not include \$25 paid by cash 5/2/2008)							
(2009 figure does not include \$25 paid by cash 23/3/2008)							

FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia		
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING		
	2002	2001
REVENUE		
Donated Funds	\$ 827.00	\$ 727.00
Grants	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$ 827.00	\$ 727.00
EXPENSES		
Overseas Projects	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
Community Education	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Costs	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 827.00	\$ 727.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
NOTES: Administration costs are bank transfer fees		

FreeSchools World Literacy (Australia)



FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia					
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Frenchs Forest, NSW 2086					
TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES					
Cash movements for year ended	Designated Project	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
2009	Bihar, India	\$ 465.56	\$ 3,854.45	\$ 4,241.12	\$ 78.89
2009	Thailand	\$ -	\$ 13,446.90	\$ 12,646.90	\$ 800.00
2009	E.Callan MF	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -
2009	Africa	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL 2009	All Projects	\$ 1,465.56	\$ 18,751.35	\$ 18,338.02	\$ 1,878.89
2008	Bihar, India	\$ 1,368.69	\$ 1,680.87	\$ 2,584.00	\$ 465.56
2008	Thailand	\$ -			\$ -
2008	Africa	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Total 2008	All Projects	\$ 1,368.69	\$ 2,680.87	\$ 2,584.00	\$ 1,465.56
2007	India	\$ -	\$ 2,101.99	\$ 733.30	\$ 1,368.69
TOTAL 2007		\$ -	\$ 2,101.99	\$ 733.30	\$ 1,368.69
2006	India	\$ -	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 3,590.00	\$ -
TOTAL 2006		\$ -	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 3,590.00	\$ -
2005	India	\$ -	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ -
TOTAL 2005		\$ -	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ -
2004	India	\$ -	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00	\$ -
TOTAL 2004		\$ -	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00	\$ -
2003	India	\$ -	\$ 816.00	\$ 816.00	\$ -
TOTAL 2003		\$ -	\$ 816.00	\$ 816.00	\$ -
2002	India	\$ -	\$ 827.00	\$ 827.00	\$ -
TOTAL 2002		\$ -	\$ 827.00	\$ 827.00	\$ -
2001	India	\$ -	\$ 727.00	\$ 727.00	\$ -
TOTAL 2001		\$ -	\$ 727.00	\$ 727.00	\$ -

FREESCHOOLS WORLD LITERACY

DETAILED

CASH

MOVEMENTS

FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2001 - 2009

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2009						
Date	Description	Project Bihar,India=1 Thailand=2 E.Callan=3 Africa=4	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-09	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ 465.56			
1-Jan-09	opening balance (Thailand)	2	\$ -			
1-Jan-09	opening balance (E.Callan Mem Fund)	3	\$ -			
1-Jan-09	opening balance (Africa)	4	\$ 1,000.00			
13-Jan-09	Doug Bird	1		\$ 80.00		
13-Jan-09	Forest Kirk Womens Group	1		\$ 100.00		
22-Jan-09	Forest Kirk	1		\$ 105.00		
27-Jan-09	Swadling Family	1		\$ 15.00		
2-Feb-09	PayPal	1		\$ 0.23		
16-Feb-09	Belarski Family	1		\$ 15.00		
25-Feb-09	Judy, Murray & Jo Townsend	2		\$ 4,703.30		
27-Feb-09	Swadling Family	1		\$ 15.00		
5-Mar-09	Katja Maajen Our Place at Tilpa	1		\$ 200.00		
9-Mar-09	Judy Townsend	2		\$ 870.00		
11-Mar-09	Jo Townsend	2		\$ 650.00		
16-Mar-09	Belarski Family	1		\$ 15.00		
16-Mar-09	Colin Barker	1		\$ 100.00		
23-Mar-09	Draft Sent to India (fees \$25)	1			\$ 1,110.79	
27-Mar-09	Kathleen Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		
31-Mar-09	Interest 31 Mar 2009	1		\$ 3.30		
16-Apr-09	Merindi Belarski	1		\$ 15.00		
27-Apr-09	Kathleen Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		
29-Apr-09	Linda Alcorn	2		\$ 1,273.30		
12-May-09	Melissa Aldis	1		\$ 220.00		
18-May-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
22-May-09	Linda Alcorn The Junction	2		\$ 1,223.75		
27-May-09	Swadling Famiy	1		\$ 15.00		
11-Jun-09	TT sent to Thailand (fees \$30)	2			\$ 8,749.60	
11-Jun-09	Betty Lyon	1		\$ 257.00		

Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1 Thailand=2 E.Callan=3 Africa=4	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
16-Jun-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
29-Jun-09	Swadling Famiy	1		\$ 15.00		
30-Jun-09	Interest	1		\$ 6.12		
16-Jul-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
27-Jul-09	Swadling Famiy	1		\$ 15.00		
7-Aug-09	Chelsea Mclean	1		\$ 72.00		
14-Aug-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 100.00		
17-Aug-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
27-Aug-09	Swadling Famiy	1		\$ 15.00		
28-Aug-09	Townsend Family	2		\$ 950.00		
7-Sep-09	R.Coenraads for Thailand	2		\$ 50.00		
16-Sep-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
17-Sep-09	Judy Townsend(Margaret Reid \$50 and	3		\$ 150.00		
21-Sep-09	Linda Alcorn	2		\$ 1,100.00		
24-Sep-09	Jo & Judy Townsend	2		\$ 20.00		
28-Sep-09	Swadling family	1		\$ 15.00		
30-Sep-09	Linda Alcorn	2		\$ 47.30		
30-Sep-09	Judy Townsend ()	3		\$ 300.00		
30-Sep-09	Interest	1		\$ 1.91		
30-Sep-09	Julian Martin Donation	1		\$ 500.00		
1-Oct-09	Robert Coenraads	2		\$ 29.25		
16-Oct-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
20-Oct-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 12.50		
20-Oct-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 17.50		
23-Oct-09	Heidi Donation	1		\$ 50.00		
27-Oct-09	Betty Lyon	1		\$ 500.00		
27-Oct-09	Swadling Famiy	1		\$ 15.00		
4-Nov-09	Jo & Judy Townsend	2		\$ 50.00		
5-Nov-09	Meredith family	1		\$ 200.00		
6-Nov-09	Jo & Judy Townsend	2		\$ 1,680.00		

Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1 Thailand=2 E.Callan=3 Africa=4	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
10-Nov-09	Judy Townsend ()	3		\$ 1,000.00		
10-Nov-09	Betty Lyon (Uniting Church \$500; S&M)	1		\$ 600.00		
11-Nov-09	Joan McHarg	1		\$ 15.00		
11-Nov-09	Blarski (\$100); Swadling (\$50) Alldis (1		\$ 180.00		
16-Nov-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
16-Nov-09	Chelsea Mclean	1		\$ 75.00		
20-Nov-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 12.50		
20-Nov-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 17.50		
23-Nov-09	Grant Cunningham	1		\$ 50.00		
25-Nov-09	TT sent to Thailand (part 1) (f \$30)	2			\$ 3,897.30	
25-Nov-09	TT sent to Thailand (part 2) (f \$0)	3			\$ 1,450.00	
25-Nov-09	Draft Sent to India (fees \$25)	1			\$ 3,130.33	
27-Nov-09	Swadling family	1		\$ 15.00		
16-Dec-09	Belarski family	1		\$ 15.00		
21-Dec-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 12.50		
21-Dec-09	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 17.50		
21-Dec-09	Jacob Hoogesteger	2		\$ 300.00		
21-Dec-09	Linda Alcorn The Junction	2		\$ 500.00		
29-Dec-09	Swadling family	1		\$ 15.00		
31-Dec-09	Interest			\$ 3.89		
31-Dec-09	TOTAL		\$ 1,465.56	\$ 18,751.35	\$ 18,338.02	\$ 1,878.89
31-Dec-09	2009 Total Bihar, India	1	\$ 465.56	\$ 3,854.45	\$ 4,241.12	\$ 78.89
31-Dec-09	2009 Total Thailand	2	\$ -	\$ 13,446.90	\$ 12,646.90	\$ 800.00
31-Dec-09	2009 Total E.Callan Memorial Fund	3	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -
31-Dec-09	2009 Total Africa	4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
31-Dec-09	TOTAL		\$ 1,465.56	\$ 18,751.35	\$ 18,338.02	\$ 1,878.89
NOTES:						
2009	Interest			\$ 15.22		
	Bank Fees (not including \$25 paid by cash)			\$ 85.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2008						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1 Thailand=2 E.Callan=3 Africa=4	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-08	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ 1,368.69			
1-Jan-08	opening balance (Thailand)	2	\$ -			
1-Jan-08	opening balance (E.Callan Mem Fund)	3	\$ -			
1-Jan-08	opening balance (Africa)	4	\$ -			
21-Jan-08	Chelsea Mclean	1		\$ 72.00		
5-Feb-08	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 1,439.00	
5-Feb-08	Donna Cervantes Donation Africa	4		\$ 1,000.00		
14-Feb-08	Coenraads family	1		\$ 250.00		
7-Mar-08	Donna Cervantes (Sewing Machines)	5		\$ 250.00		
7-Mar-08	R.Coenraads (donation for TT Fees)	5		\$ 20.00		
31-Mar-08	Interest	1		\$ 2.02		
14-Apr-08	Internet transfer (Sewing Machines)	5			\$ 250.00	
21-Apr-08	Yvonne Hirt	1		\$ 120.00		
2-May-08	R.Coenraads (Telg Trans Fees Sewing)	5			\$ 20.00	
5-May-08	Kevin Bermeister	1		\$ 50.00		
5-May-08	Yvonne Hirt	1		\$ 100.00		
5-May-08	Allan Platcher	1		\$ 250.00		
27-May-08	Yvonne Hirt	1		\$ 77.00		
10-Jul-08	Robert Coenraads (Fees via cash)	1		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
10-Jul-09	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 850.00	
30-Jun-08	Interest Carried forward 31 July	1		\$ 2.21		
22-Sep-08	Forest Kirk Uniting Church	1		\$ 100.00		
22-Sep-08	Rev Henry Martin	1		\$ 100.00		
22-Sep-08	John Coenraads	1		\$ 20.00		
22-Sep-08	Anonymous	1		\$ 5.00		
22-Sep-08	Val Billington	1		\$ 100.00		
22-Sep-08	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 100.00		
30-Sep-08	Interest 30 Sept	1		\$ 1.36		
4-Oct-08	ANZURA Canberra Conference	1		\$ 35.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2008						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1 Thailand=2 E.Callan=3 Africa=4	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
31-Dec-08	Interest 31 Dec	1		\$ 1.28		
31-Dec-08	TOTAL		\$ 1,368.69	\$ 2,680.87	\$ 2,584.00	\$ 1,465.56
	2008 Total Bihar, India	1	\$ 1,368.69	\$ 1,680.87	\$ 2,584.00	\$ 465.56
	2008 Total Thailand	2	\$ -			\$ -
	2008 Total E.Callan Mem Fund	3	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	2008 Total Africa	4	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
	2008 Sewing Machine Special Project	5	\$ -	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00	\$ -
31-Dec-08	TOTAL		\$ 1,368.69	\$ 2,950.87	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 1,465.56
NOTES:						
2008	Interest			\$ 6.87		
	Bank Fees (not including \$25 paid by cash)			\$ 45.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2007						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-07	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
1-Jan-07	Valeria Paiva	1		\$ 150.00		
1-Jan-07	Yvonne Hirt	1		\$ 158.30		
22-Jan-07	Yvonne Hirt (22 Jan)	1		\$ 100.00		
22-Feb-07	Yvonne Hirt (22 Feb)	1		\$ 105.00		
6-Mar-07	Allan Platcher	1		\$ 200.00		
6-Mar-07	R.Coenraads (O/S TT Fees via cash)	1		\$ 20.00		
6-Mar-07	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 733.30	
29-Nov-07	Westpac A/C opens	1		\$ 1.00		
30-Nov-07	Deposit	1		\$ 1,367.00		
31-Dec-07	Interest 31 Dec	1		\$ 0.69		
31-Dec-07	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 2,101.99	\$ 733.30	\$ 1,368.69
NOTES:						
2007	Interest			\$ 0.69		
	Bank Fees			\$ 20.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2006						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-06	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads	1		\$ 850.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 20.00		
8-May-06	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 870.00	
	Val Billington	1		\$ 100.00		
	Allan Platcher	1		\$ 300.00		
	Cathy Hoffman	1		\$ 500.00		
	Gerhard Neuwiller	1		\$ 72.00		
	R.Coenraads	1		\$ 8.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 20.00		
7-Aug-06	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 1,000.00	
	K&T Swadling	1		\$ 50.00		
	A&D Swadling	1		\$ 20.00		
	Rita Schaad	1		\$ 50.00		
	Robyn Hromeck	1		\$ 50.00		
	Donna Cervantes	1		\$ 500.00		
	Allan Platcher	1		\$ 300.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 10.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 20.00		
17-Oct-06	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 1,000.00	
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads			\$ 700.00		
	Robert Coenraads			\$ 20.00		
28-Nov-06	Draft Sent to India				\$ 720.00	
		1				
31-Dec-06	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 3,590.00	\$ -
NOTES:						
2006	Bank Fees			\$ 80.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2005						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-05	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads	1		\$ 700.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 30.00		
24-Mar-05	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 730.00	
	Allan Platcher	1		\$ 150.00		
	Allan Platcher	1		\$ 1,200.00		
	Neil Francy	1		\$ 220.00		
	Val Billington	1		\$ 100.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 10.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 20.00		
4-Oct-05	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 1,700.00	
		1				
31-Dec-05	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ -
NOTES:						
2005	Bank Fees			\$ 50.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2004						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-04	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads	1		\$ 700.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 16.00		
5-Mar-04	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 716.00	
		1				
31-Dec-04	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00	\$ -
NOTES:						
2004	Bank Fees			\$ 16.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2003						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-03	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads	1		\$ 800.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 16.00		
25-Aug-03	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 816.00	
		1				
31-Dec-03	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 816.00	\$ 816.00	\$ -
NOTES:						
2003	Bank Fees			\$ 16.00		
Draft sent to India 6 March 2003, returned to Australia and resent 25 August 2003						

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2002						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-02	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads	1		\$ 800.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 27.00		
16-Aug-02	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 827.00	
		1				
31-Dec-02	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 827.00	\$ 827.00	\$ -
NOTES:						
2002	Bank Fees			\$ 27.00		

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Movements for year ending 31 December 2001						
Date	Description	Project Bihar, India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
1-Jan-01	opening balance (Bihar, India)	1	\$ -			
	A.Platcher/R.Coenraads	1		\$ 700.00		
	Robert Coenraads	1		\$ 27.00		
21-Jun-01	Draft Sent to India	1			\$ 727.00	
		1				
31-Dec-01	TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 727.00	\$ 727.00	\$ -
NOTES:						
2001	Bank Fees			\$ 27.00		

Audit Report of FreeSchools World Literacy

Following an audit of the above organisation, it is my opinion that the financial records and supporting statements give a true and fair view of the activities of this organisation over the period 2001 to 2009.

It is noted that while no official receipts were issued each donation was acknowledged by letter and can be traced to the bank account. It is understood that the committee of the FreeSchools World Literacy Charity is seeking to be registered as a charitable organisation in Australia and will be able to issue tax deductible receipts at a future date.



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**FreeSchools World Literacy
India Report
To the Boards of FSWL in Australia, Canada and USA
March 5, 2010**

Greetings Board Members,

I was indeed looking forward to getting back to you sooner! But after arriving home, a pinched nerve has had me quite miserable and off my feet for the last two weeks. What a drag I am! But thankfully, I've been feeling much better in the last few days.

Visiting Team

I'm very proud of our Board members who visited the Bihar schools. Dr. Heather Palmer (FSWL-Canada), just barely out of a cast from a complicated foot fracture, was stalwart – never complaining of the pain and always fully engaged in the jam-packed schedule. Sonja de Roo's (FSWL-Canada) energy, optimism and sincerity were unfailing gifts. Both were well prepared and supportive. I suffered the same insomnia I get every year and I hope I didn't get too grouchy. 8-year old Hayley was an unexpected delight for the villagers and an inspiration to the FreeSchools students. Her role as ambassador of the FreeSchools Kids Clubs was invaluable and we hope that we can capture her spirit in a short video for Ontario schools.



Heather Palmer at the Havergal FreeSchool



Hayley



Sonja & Sr. Elise



Last morning – catching the train to Delhi

As mentioned in previous updates, Rajiv Lochan (FWSL-USA) and Anu Radha (FWSL-India) offered stellar support, adding much depth and meaning to this particular short but intense visit. Their fluency in language and culture allowed them to seek out the children, teachers, parents and by-standers and encourage them, on the spot, to share thoughts and experiences. They were a major help to Risa and Kumar as they worked hard to capture audio and visual footage for the telling of the FreeSchools story.

I can't thank these five wonderful people enough for sharing the responsibilities of the visit. Their charming personalities made this year's visit one of the best ever.

Documentary Film Project

As mentioned in a previous update, we were not expecting to visit so many schools in just three days. We had asked to focus on 6 or 7 very different schools to allow Risa more time for in depth observations and spontaneous interviews. With Rajiv and Anu interviewing, we got first-hand material from many people, information we might not otherwise know about. But we will have to wait until the transcripts are translated to know what issues to address. Rajiv's father in Patna, a book publisher, will do the translation. The schools are not without problems and it will require much more time, as well as having a translator on hand, to sort these out. Dr. Ashish Amos and Ella Sonawane of the ISPCCK FreeSchools (south Delhi and Uttar Pradesh) would like to travel to Bihar with me in November and they could be a great help.

Risa was a big hit with Sr. Crescence but clearly the needs of FreeSchools conflicted with the needs of the film crew. While Risa, Kumar, Rajiv and Anu worked very effectively as a team, they were not allowed the time they really needed to explore situations and people which arose spontaneously. Although hoping to forgo the ceremonial parts, we could see that the children loved performing for us (even after waiting so many hours) and were eager to meet and welcome first-time visitors, especially Board members and Hayley. But in terms of a film shoot these scenes quickly became repetitive and superficial. After discussions with Risa, we agreed that the film crew can now make their own way to Bihar independently and so when the funding becomes available, they will organize their own documentary logistics.

Establishing FreeSchools World Literacy India as a Charitable Trust

Two years ago, both Sr. C. and Ashish Amos of ISPCCK agreed that we needed a secular FreeSchools Trust in India to make fundraising potentially more sustainable. But neither Sr. C. nor Ashish could move forward with the initiative. Since both are recipients of funds and both must answer to their own Boards, they cannot serve as founders or trustees of FWSL-India because that would be a conflict of interest. When Rajiv offered to incorporate FWSL-India in time to register ownership of the vehicle, I felt there was a window of opportunity to seize and thankfully, the Trust is now in place. But we are in a learning curve.

First, we need to obtain a Foreign Contribution Registration Number (FCRN), something Fakirana Sisters Society and ISPCCK already have. No foreign money designated for charitable use can be accepted by an Indian bank without this number. We have



submitted our application and it could take three months or up to three years to acquire. Meanwhile, funds from outside India will continue to flow to Fakirana Sisters Society or ISPCK FreeSchools in the same way as before. Donations from within India can be made directly to FSWL-India without need of the FSRN. Any new Field Partners will require their own number or use ours when we get it.

Second, the Trust is a practical adaptation to the realities of fundraising, but since we are volunteers with only so much time to give, we must keep it as simple as possible. For all intents and purposes FWSL-India is a legal shell to help achieve the goals of FreeSchools in India. It will not manage programs. All management issues, audits and government filings will continue to remain the responsibility of the Field Partners. It will however, in due course, receive and receipt donations and disburse funds according to the wishes of the donors. Online banking will make it possible for me to make the bank transfers within India from Canada. To keep required meetings and administrative costs (communications, banking, bookkeeping and government filings) to a minimum, we will limit the number of Trustees to three.

Thirdly, the Trustees must be Indian citizens and arm's length to serve the goals of FreeSchools with impartiality. The Founding Trustees are Rajiv Lochan (Patna/Delhi), Anu Radha (Delhi) and Dileep Kumar Bachan (Patna). We have an account with the Axis Bank in Patna that has a branch office in Bettiah. There is some question as to whether Rajiv can continue as a trustee since he is a U.S. citizen, but being born and residing in India may still qualify him. If not, I plan to invite Anu Amos from Delhi to replace him. Anu is principal of St. Thomas School for Girls in Delhi. She oversees one of the five most progressive schools for girls in India and a staff of 350. She is a trusted friend and committed to the goals of FreeSchools.

Finally, when the legals are sorted out we will add an appropriate page with profiles of the Trustees on the website for FSWL-India.

Breakthrough for FreeSchools

At the time of this writing Roxie Overaker, a 19 year old American student from Boston is acting as a volunteer assistant to Sr. Crescence for 6 weeks. She has been able to completely reorganize Sr. Crescence' office and files and attends meetings with her. Earlier this week she was interviewed by the Patna newspaper. She also plans to teach Sr. Elise how to use the computer.

Roxie is the first student volunteer with FreeSchools. She completed the Himalayan Gap program last November and was sufficiently fluent in Hindi to be of great help to Sr. Crescence. Over the last two weeks Rajiv reports that in making presentations to colleges in the US to promote Himalayan Gap, he has met others who are interested in

volunteering with FreeSchools. We have students in the UK and Canada who are bilingual in Hindi and English who may volunteer for a couple of months this summer.

Progress of the ISPCK FreeSchools

During my second week in India, I had a very productive time visiting the ISPCK FreeSchools and Women's Empowerment Centers with Dr. Ashish Amos and Ella Sonawane. I'm proud to say I learned to use the Metro in Delhi to save on travel time and saw a good deal more of that immense city in 3 days than in the last 5 years. I was the only Westerner that I could see on the train but I felt right at home!

It was the first time Ashish had been able to join us for the full tour and we had plenty of time to brainstorm in the car as well as share three wonderful meals together at the end of the day. Our visits were relaxed, unpressured and very enjoyable.

On the morning of first day, we inaugurated a new FreeSchool at Uttar Nagar, southwest of Delhi. A young pastor had offered his small church for a junior and senior class and his wife had become one of the two teachers. The other teacher is a young Muslim woman who had just given birth five days before. All the children are from very poor Muslim families and ISPCK was able to provide two sets of uniforms to the 50 children who were registered. The day after the uniforms were handed out, the enrollment rose to 80!



New uniforms are a big hit!

According to Ashish, Christian communities in Delhi do not support FreeSchools so this young pastor is fortunately an exception. This lack of support is very disappointing to Ashish and Ella who have always been of the mind that the best way to preach the gospel is to live it. But they have acquired some great Muslim friends and recently one of them was very intrigued by FreeSchools. When Ashish asked him if he was willing to tithe to support the cause, this land developer said that he could do better than that. In the afternoon, we visited his "farm-home" development project 50k outside of Delhi, far from the pollution and chaos, where the wealthy are building second homes in a peaceful field to escape the city. Right in the middle of the development, our donor has (except for hard costs) provided ISPCK a large fully-serviced lot on which to build a FreeSchool. Anyone who knows me knows I love to build things, and together, that afternoon we envisioned the whole thing.

Our dream is a 3-story flagship FreeSchool with a playground and garden for the children. It would offer adult literacy, tailoring classes, and



accommodations for training volunteers and teachers. It would service the nearby poor village and in addition, the children of the trades who will be building the large homes that will surround the school. These illiterate workers and their families typically live in makeshift shelters and without access to education. We became very inspired by the opportunity and vision. Now, all we need is to raise the money!

Over the next two days, we visited the FreeSchools and Women's Empowerment centre in Ghaziabad and the FreeSchools and Women's Empowerment centre in south Delhi.

Unfortunately, the two oldest FreeSchools had to be closed. The owner of the property was pressured by the Imam in his community to stop renting the space to FreeSchools because the girls were getting *too* empowered. The parents did not want the schools to close but there was no other location that could be found to keep them open. Ashish and Ella told me that the only way to be certain that the schools will stay open is to own the property. Last year, another wonderful Muslim donor made it possible to buy the building in Ghaziabad for \$12,000. But they have quickly outgrown the first floor and badly need a second floor addition. Actually if the money could be raised, it would be much better if two more floors were added.

And so it turns out that the FreeSchools model in Delhi requires continued adaptation. But the wonderful work of spreading literacy and empowering women is still being carried out with great love. Though the cost by Bihari standards is higher, it is still much, much less than \$130/child/year that Plan India offers.

\$50 Sewing Machine Campaign

While we have several fundraising strategies in the works, we launched the \$50 Sewing Machine Campaign on our last visit. I discovered that the sit-down treadle sewing machine, that does all the fancy stitching costs \$150, but the hand operated manual machines, ideal for learning, cost only \$50. A teacher for a year costs \$900. Since sewing and embroidery skills can make such a difference in a young girl's life and because I have the opportunity to speak to several groups this spring who are interested in girl's empowerment, I want to experiment with focusing on the practical benefits of the sewing machine in India. This "campaign" has the goal of establishing tailoring centres in 50% of our FreeSchools in India. We are hoping that we get good results by asking for donations to fund something concrete. We have revised our Sewing Circle brochure and it should be on the website by Monday. Please check it out.



Launching the \$50 Sewing Machine Campaign

Final Words

I plan to return to India October 13. I'm hoping that Dr. Robert Coenraads will be able to join me to make a presentation on FreeSchools at the ISPCK Tercentenary celebrations

(October 15-17) in Delhi, right after the Commonwealth Games, and to visit Sr. Crescence and the Bihar FreeSchools after that. I expect to visit the Thai FreeSchools the week of October 23 and spend 2 weeks with Sr. Crescence in November.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for serving on one of the FreeSchools Boards. It may be true that we are still a small charity meeting humble needs as best we can, but I believe that we are part of a dream, a big dream, one that will change our world. Thank you for sharing the dream of world literacy and for giving so generously of your time and energy to FreeSchools.

Sue Tennant
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