

Strathaven Friends of Health Help International

Newsletter No 36

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest **HHI** Tidings which we hope you will read with interest

Love Letters Down Under - As you will read in the Tidings this is the title of Iain's latest book which, along with remaining copies of his previous three books, is being sold to raise funds for HHI. Iain will be signing copies of his books and giving a short presentation about this latest one in the Avondale Community Wing on Tuesday afternoon, 26th April between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm. Tea or Coffee and biscuits will be served. A review of Love Letters Down Under penned by Keith Roberts in his own inimitable style is attached which will give you a flavour of what others are finding to be an enjoyable and entertaining read. A donation of £15 is requested all of which will go to Health Help International.

Latest News from India and Zambia - Although the situation in both India and Zambia is still far from normal and the problems arising from the Pandemic still persist many of the projects supported by **HHI** are gradually returning to normal and the Charity has been able to meet many of the additional needs during the past months.

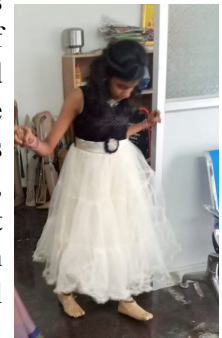
HHI Chairman, Edmund Plummer having braved the problems of travel and restrictions has just returned from a three weeks visit to Kerala to get a firsthand look at what is happening.

Two items of news are particularly heartening and demonstrate how effective the efforts of **HHI** can be.

New Legs for Beulah. - Beulah was little girl of about five when we first saw her on our visit to the AKA school



for handicapped children in Tamil Nadu in 2016. She had deformed hands and no feet but was a lively little girl with a lovely smile and was a bundle of energy despite her infirmities. She touched our hearts when we saw her and following that visit were able to organise funding to pay for her to have artificial legs. She has now grown up to a lovely young teenager and, thanks to her prosthetic legs, is now able to attend a normal school. As she grows, replacement legs are necessary and she has just been provided with the latest set which will last her until she is about 18 years of age. **HHI** has again been able to pay the £1,500 needed for these. The photograph illustrates how well



Beulah is adapting to them.

New Bus for Happy Valley School – this school run by Philip Mathews,



Tom Sutherland's successor in Kerala caters for over thirty severely handicapped children and young adults who have to be taken to and from the school every day. The twice daily journey over the dreadful roads in the area takes a toll of the school's two vehicles and their replacement was becoming vital. Thanks to monies raised by SFHHI and contributed to by one or two generous donations from individuals and from the Round Strathaven 50 Committee we were able to contribute towards the cost of one bus and have paid the full cost of the other – a total of £11,000



Tuition Groups – Edmund was able to visit two of the Tuition Groups which are supported by the monies raised by Ian Gow from the Avondale Church Group and was pleased to see that the children had returned with their usual enthusiasm after the enforced shut down due to the Pandemic



Painted Leaf Cards - These are available on line from our website at www.sfhhi.co.uk

or telephone your order to Kath. She has plenty in stock including some new designs. Please order some and help us to continue to provide the vital support we give to the ladies of the painting group.

On behalf of the **SFHHI** Committee

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