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Dear Friends,

Annual Newsletter 2007

It is good to be back in contact with you to update you on the many things that have been happening in Kolkata since the last Newsletter in April 2006. I am sorry that you have not heard from me since then but my worklife has rather got in the way! Regardless, the CRS team in Kolkata has been working very hard to make effective use of the funding that you have been providing, details of which you can see in the Newsletter enclosed - as are the audited accounts for 2006 and the trip "Expression of Interest" form.

2006-07 Highlights

- The very generous donation of one Friend has enabled CRS to build a health centre at Balarampur, the remote village where CRS has already established a school and a women's self-help group. (See Clive Brown's article (last edition) for information).
- We have been able to provide sufficient funding for CRS to build the first health centre in Sangraminagar. This was to honour the deal struck with the Indian Government on our last trip in late 2005 that, if CRS would set the ball rolling, the Government would provide for the other 6 health centres needed for the number of people. (See Kevin Robert's Newsletter article).
- Increase in donations from both individuals (£2,300) and supporting Churches (£1,300) between 2005 and 2006.
- Income tax refund for 2006 boosted by generous single donation (bullet point 1 above).
- Louise (now Doherty) (Ray and Eileen Brookes' daughter) invited guests to donate funds to CRS in place of their wedding gifts.
- Through my running of the Comrades Race in South Africa (June 2006), income was raised by over £2,000. (See my Newsletter article).

I hope that you find the Newsletter interesting. Please let me know if you think that it can be improved. Please let me know **by mid January** if you have any interest in the trip proposed for November and please, please, please can you help by publicising this most important cause or by fixing it for Ray or me to come and make a presentation. Thanks.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Whalley
Hon. Secretary