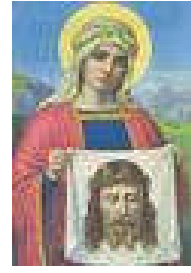




ST VERONICA WELFARE COMMITTEE



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Founded in 1956 by Mr. Colin Bennett B.A., LLB. and Mrs. Eileen Bennett OAM

A registered charity supporting education for needy children, and poverty relief projects in developing countries.

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WHO ARE WE? A BRIEF HISTORY

- † The St. Veronica Welfare Committee was established in 1956 by Colin and Eileen Bennett in West End, Brisbane, Qld.
- † In response to an appeal by Elizabeth Reid, a Grail lady working in Hong Kong with refugees, Colin and Eileen began to raise funds through film evenings, barbeques and soccer matches.
- † As the work grew a Committee of unpaid lay persons was formed and named The Saint Veronica Welfare Committee. Mrs. Bennett chose St. Veronica as a symbol of the charity and compassion which should animate our work.
- † In 1980 the Committee began operating a thrift shop and office in West End, Brisbane. Thrift shop takings now pay for all of our administrative expenses and provide extra funds for projects.
- † In 1990 Mrs. Bennett received the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of her work.
- † Through sponsorships thousands of children have been lifted from destitution and this enabled them to complete their formal education.
- † Employment generation, vocational training, dairy, chicken and goat rearing projects have been funded through thrift shop sales and individual donations



WHY ARE WE SPECIAL

The St Veronica Welfare Committee has a unique place amongst charities because:

EVERY CENT OF YOUR DONATION REACHES THE BENEFICIARY.

All centres, children and projects recommended for funding are approved by the local Catholic Bishop or Religious Superior. Children are selected on the basis of need, not caste or religion.

CHILDREN ARE IN NEED



In countries without the social, education and health services we take for granted, misfortune, eg. a tsunami, can be disastrous.

All children referred to us by a Religious Superior or parish priest are in special need, either because of the desperate poverty of their families, being orphaned or abandoned, or because of handicaps.

Without sponsorship support, a child may be required to leave school at an early age and work to supplement family income. In other cases where family income is too pitifully small, orphanages are required to take over and provide care for a child.



HOW CAN WE HELP? EDUCATION SPONSORSHIPS

A donation of \$100 PER YEAR will cover the payment of school fees and purchase of text books, note paper, stationery, uniforms etc. for your sponsored child.

Amounts sent in excess of \$100 are often used for personal items, medicine, and any emergency need which may arise.

You receive a photo, history and annual update of your sponsored child's progress as well as a short pen picture of the centre.

PROJECT APPEALS

You can donate ANY AMOUNT; no amount is too small towards one of our appeals. In recent years we have funded target appeals, where for example:

- We support a Nursing Training Centre in Bereina PNG for village health workers.
- We provide funds for general education expenses in East Timor (shoes and books).
- We provided funds for Technical Training and Motivation programmes for school drop-outs.
- We provided funds for a 12 month course for women in NE India to learn sewing and embroidery skills.
- We provide for rice and other food rations for a small orphanage for a month.

We receive many appeals for assistance e.g. to assist students with fees for further training, to provide computers etc.

COMMENDATIONS

"We have been sponsoring children in India since hearing about your organization from a friend. It has helped our children to understand that not all children live as well as they do. Being a sponsor to one child each has made it a personal thing as they talk about their "Indian" children by name and think about them often, as well as praying for them in their night-time prayers.

Mother of six young children

"Many thanks to the Committee for the donation to the centre. It gives us the chance to help deserving persons who approach us to improve their situation, however small that be. We help more for educational needs." One of our centres in Kerala

This year 12 of our students has been successful in their matric exams. Thank God for it. We have to motivate these children with much difficulty as they do not have the support of their parents to do well. What we give them in the boarding school is the only means for their studies"

Sister from Shillong, NE India

The St Veronica Welfare Committee consists of all voluntary workers. No salaries are paid and sales from the thrift shop cover all running expenses,

The St Veronica Welfare Committee is registered with the Justice Department and an audited statement is submitted annually in accordance with their requirements.

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



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I'D LIKE TO HELP

I WANT TO SPONSOR A CHILD

Enclosed please find \$.....

NAME:

ADDRESS:

.....P/CODE.....

Please send me more information about

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

PROJECT APEALS

Please return to: The Secretary,
St. Veronica Welfare Committee,
PO Box 5098, WEST END. QLD