

# The Impact of our Giving

Over the last year, the St Nic's Outreach fund has given over £36,000 to a number of Missions and Charities. Some are local, others in different parts of the world; some have been visited by people from St Nic's and supported for many years. We know them and pray for them and are confident that every pound we give is being put to good use.

Thank you!

Here is news from some of them:

## Chinchpada Christian Hospital, India

This Hospital in Northern India (Maharashtra) seeks to provide world class health care to the poorest of the poor. In 2023, Rachel Shepherd and her father were able to spend a wonderful few days at the hospital, meeting the staff and patients and seeing first-hand the work and its impact. Our St Nic's donation helped to build and equip a new Intensive Care Unit that was opened at a Christmas event attended by many patients (past and present) and their families.



Praise God for the loving, skilful care received by patients and their families at the hospital – it is a place of great blessing. Please pray for the medical staff and for the many disadvantaged patients who arrive, often in



desperate need.

# COINS

(Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools)

Over 25 years ago, COINS was started in Newbury.... It is still flourishing!

The COINS team work in local schools and are very grateful for the prayers, volunteers and financial support we receive from St Nicolas church in serving our local school community.

It's been a busy year with new staff, Kristina and Clare joining Kate as our part time staff team. They have given various assemblies, held staff room pop-up café's and run COINS Connect clubs in four primary schools and a COINS Hub for year 7's at Trinity secondary school. In the second half of each term, we focus on delivering our popular Year 6, 2-hour engaging and fun events, The Christmas Gift, Easter Eggsplored and It's Your Move.



In the last two weeks they have completed 12 sessions of Easter Eggsplored involving nearly 500 children.

Prayer, supporters and volunteers all welcome!

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*Clare, Christina and Kate*



# Jeel al Amal, Bethany

Two weeks before the war broke out in Israel and Gaza some of our church were visiting the Holy Land. We had visited Jeel al Amal, a school of 230 boys and girls with a Boarding house for 51, in Bethany, Palestine.

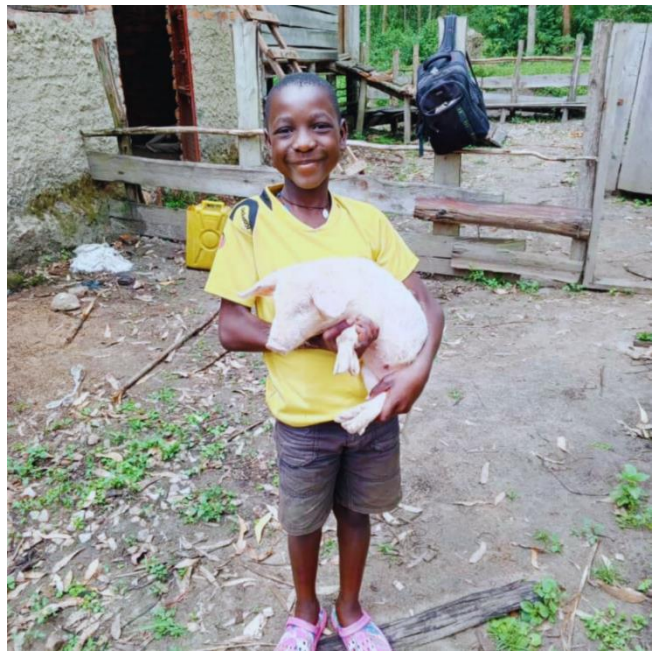
Our amazing Christmas Collection was sent here to resource a Kindergarten and provide help with water storage.

*Najwa ,the Principal writes:*

*Thank you, St Nic's!*

*We always strive to create peaceful and loving surroundings through meaningful activities, despite the situation and difficulties we face on a daily basis. The children are kept safe and most importantly, happy, inside the home. Bethany is isolated and primitive in its services; there are many restrictions on the lives of citizens and we cannot leave to go to areas like Jerusalem. We continue to pray for better days and for peace to prevail. We are so grateful for the kind donation from St. Nic's Church. We are now in the process of getting quotes and will soon purchase resources for the kindergarten and the water tanks.'*





We are grateful that St Nic's has supported Biojemms since it was founded. It grew from the vision of a group of young people who visited Uganda and saw the plight of many vulnerable children. Since then, Biojemms has aimed, through developing residential and community activities, to care for children at risk and to build communities through practical, emotional and spiritual support.

St Nic's most recent gift has been towards the priority of installing a safe, reliable water supply. We also contributed to the Goat and Pig project which was started with our 2018 Harvest Appeal and is now on its way to becoming a self-sustaining project. People have been trained in money management, animal rearing and business skills enabling them to make positive changes for themselves and their families.

Biojemms continues to see people coming to faith through this work and has ambitious plans now to build a community centre.

**'Thank you, St Nic's!** for your prayers, encouragements and gifts that support Christian initiatives throughout the world... If you would like to know more about the charities we support, or be involved with Outreach, please ask the office for contact details.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**