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Christian Compassion For A Hurting World



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Introducing International Aid Trust



**It all began in 1991 with a vision -
to make a difference in the world...
...today that vision is a
reality for many thousands**

Thank you for your interest in International Aid Trust

This leaflet will give you a quick overview of our work.

International Aid Trust (IAT) began its work back in 1991, following a visit by our CEO & Founder Rev Bernard Cocker to the former Soviet Union, where he saw such scenes of pain and suffering that would never leave him. He returned to the UK with a vision to make a difference. That vision soon became a reality, turning despair into hope for hundreds of thousands of needy people around the globe, including those in our own country. Our vision covers a huge practical and spiritual ministry, with the Good News and the aid going together. Bernard sees the aid containers as 'giant seed pods of Christ's' love.'

Our work includes:

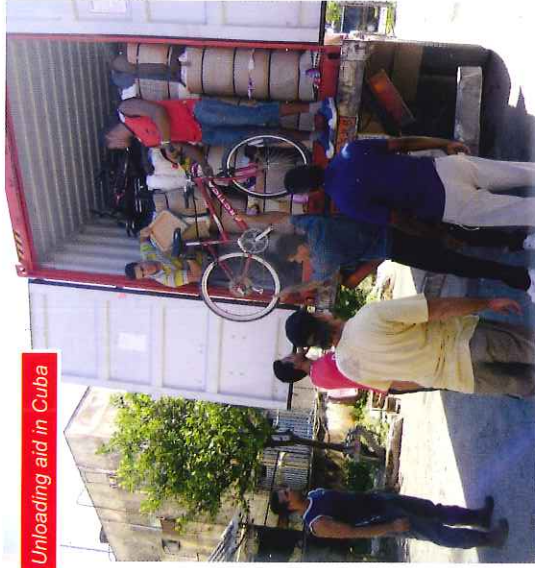
In the UK networking with other charities on projects including rehabilitation of offenders, helping the long term unemployed, work experience for youngsters with learning difficulties, housing programmes for the homeless.

Humanitarian aid – collecting, sorting and distributing millions of pounds worth of much needed aid to places as varied as Africa, Eastern Europe, Mexico, Cuba and the Philippines amongst others.

Christian Holidays for deprived children – Providing disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe with life changing holidays. It is wonderful to see how many lives have been changed for ever by this simple programme. Sisters Anya & Alissa who went to a camp several years ago and now give time to help with new youngsters. Both are training to become doctors.

Homes for rescued children – places where former orphans and street children can live in a 'family' environment with house parents.

Family sponsorship – for those in extreme poverty, some of whom can't even afford the basics of life like bread or milk. We arrange sponsorship of families in Eastern Europe, Sierra Leone and India.



Unloading aid in Cuba



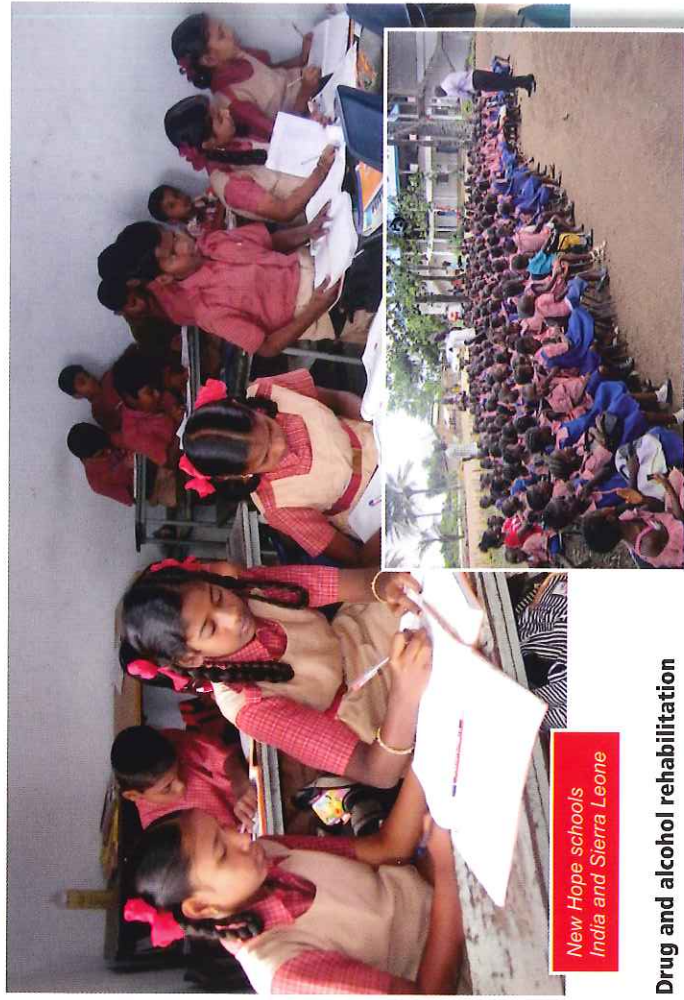
Children enjoying the beach



Sisters Alissa & Anya whose lives were transformed by a camp. Qualified training as doctors and helping at camps as volunteers

Education – For families living in poverty, paying to educate their children just isn't an option and yet education is part of the way out of the cycle of poverty. IAT has built and runs New Hope schools in India and Sierra Leone as part of its practical expression of Christian love. We also run skills training programmes.

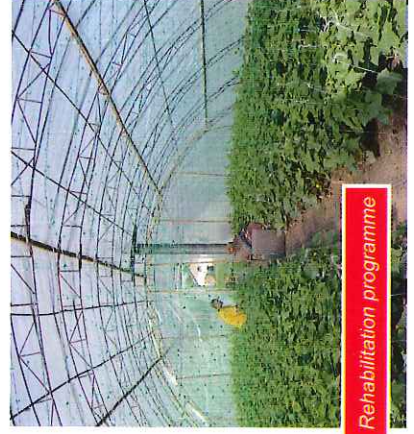
Building projects – like the New Hope Schools, Houses of Joy for orphans and rescued children and rehabilitation projects.



New Hope schools India and Sierra Leone

Drug and alcohol rehabilitation

Prison and AIDS hospital ministry – working with people in Eastern Europe, Africa and India as well as the UK, to bring practical help as well as Christian love.



Rehabilitation programme

Gospel work – reaching out with the love of Jesus to meet people's greatest and deepest need is fundamental to the work of IAT. The Trust sponsors pastors and church building, provides Bibles and teaching and has more than 2,000 partner churches all round the world.



Baptism at women's prison in Ukraine