



THE GOOD SHEPHERD AGRICULTURAL MISSION  
BANBASA, UTTARAKHAND, INDIA

**ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023**

# DIRECTOR'S DESK

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To our dear friends, supporters, and the GSAM family,

I begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to Warwick Shipway, our outgoing Director, and my father. After decades of unparalleled service, his well-deserved retirement marks the end of an era. His dedication, hard work, and inspiring leadership have shaped the Mission into what it is today. Following in his footsteps and the long shadow he has cast is a challenge I am excited to embrace. I know I speak for many when I express my gratitude and wish him a happy and restful retirement in Canada.

I am deeply humbled by the trust placed in me by the Society members through their unanimous vote into my new position as Director. I will do my utmost to lead the Mission with the same values my father, mother, and grandfather instilled, and I sincerely thank each of you for your confidence in me.

To our global network of volunteers and supporters: your contributions—whether through time, resources, or prayers—continue to be the lifeblood of our work. Thank you for the unwavering dedication and trust that you put in me, my team, and the children here. I believe it is this strong community of supporters that truly makes GSAM what it is—a family bound by the common goal of helping others.

Looking forward, I am filled with excitement for the projects we have planned. Maxton Strong School, in particular, holds enormous potential for growth in education and new learning initiatives. I believe our school will be a resource for the community of Banbasa, uplifting those who are downtrodden. We are expanding our efforts in the classroom, enhancing the curriculum, and incorporating new practices that will benefit the children in the years ahead. By providing access to high-quality education, we are giving children the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty and lead empowered, independent lives.

Our Mission University program continues to be a shining success, with students excelling in their studies. We owe special thanks to John at TeachHer for his generous support, ensuring our children have the opportunity to attend university, with a dedicated team supporting them along the way. I look forward to seeing the incredible places these students will go—the sky is truly the limit!

However, education is just one part of the solution. I believe that GSAM has the potential to grow its scope even further. Beyond education, we have the opportunity to reach into the wider community through social programs that address healthcare, vocational training, and sustainable agricultural practices. By investing in the future of Banbasa's families, we can create lasting social change and help them lift themselves out of poverty.

On the construction front, I am proud to announce that our Kindergarten building and Carpentry workshop projects are making steady progress, as this report will show. These are major undertakings, especially the Kindergarten, which will be a long-term project, but we are committed to seeing them through. A huge thank you to the Samartha Saxena Foundation, TURBOCAM, and the Spaulding family for their support in making these projects happen.

The farm has also delivered positive returns, despite challenging weather, including flooding and hail. This report covers the details of these successes, and it has been a joy for me to reflect on God's incredible blessings as I put this annual report together. The farm is a vital part of our Mission's self-sustainability, and we are continuously exploring innovative agricultural techniques that will not only feed our children but also serve as a model for sustainable farming in the region.

Within the following pages, you will find a summary of our Audited Financial Report. We continue to see growth in both the farm and school. The Mission is moving toward self-sufficiency for daily operations, with donations now focused more on major capital projects. In fact, donations have increased this year—a testament to your generosity and our shared commitment to this work.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities we have to expand the impact of GSAM. We have always focused on the children in our care, but I believe we can broaden our outreach into the wider community through social programs, vocational training, and partnerships that focus on sustainable development. Together, we can drive lasting change for the people of Banbasa, helping them not only to survive but to thrive.

Overall, I am left with a sense of wonder at how many people work so incredibly hard to make this place so special. This is no one-man show; it is a team of like-minded people working together for a common goal: to make the world a better place. Together we stand strong, breaking the cycle of poverty, and I am humbled and honored to play my small part in it all.

With gratitude and anticipation, I look forward to all that the future holds for us.



Rev. Clifton S. Shipway  
Director  
(Elected as of 02-05-2022)



# ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (GSAM) is an independent, non-governmental, social development organization that has provided support to those in need since 1952. 'The Mission' works in an array of areas: education, support to lepers, community training & development, as well as disaster relief. However its primary focus is the care and protection of children.

The Mission works hard to provide a loving home for every child in its care; working diligently to promote family relationships and impart a spirit of responsibility in every member of the organization.

## REGISTRATION DETAILS:

The GSAM is a non-profit that is registered under the following Acts/Government Offices:

### Societies Registration Act

UK0650162021006196

### Income Tax Act

Section 12A, 80G, PAN: AAATG3113G

### Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)

Registration Number: 136620006

### Uttarakhand Education Department

Registration Number: 779-53/2015-2018

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The following people make up the elected Board of Directors of The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission as of March 31st, 2023:

Name	Gender	Position	Occupation	Meetings Attended
Clifton Shipway	Male	Director	Photographer	6 / 6
Eugene George	Male	Secretary	Agriculturalist	6 / 6
Paula Karada	Female	Deputy Director	Teacher	6 / 6
Priscilla Shipway	Female	Treasurer	Childcare Worker	6 / 6
Simeon Karada	Male	Member	Teacher	5 / 6
Josie Singh	Female	Member	Agriculturalist	5 / 6
Jack Johnson	Male	Member	Social Worker	6 / 6



# FINANCIAL REPORT

The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (GSAM) has experienced another year of financial stability, supported by the generosity of our donors and the growth of internal revenue streams. For FY 2022-23, the Mission's income was primarily driven by international donations, alongside school fees and agricultural income. This diversification allowed us to meet the rising costs of child welfare, education, and infrastructure projects, while also enabling us to invest in our long-term development goals. Our financial team continues to uphold a commitment to transparency, ensuring that each rupee is carefully managed to maximize its impact. By optimizing expenditures across various sectors, we have been able to stretch resources, ensuring that every area of the Mission benefits from sustained funding.

A key aspect of our success this year has been our strong partnerships with organizations like Health & Development Aid Abroad, TURBOCAM International, the Samartha Saxena Foundation, S.Group, Change Overnight Hotel, BILD International, and Door-of-Hope. These partnerships have played an essential role in our ability to push forward with large-scale projects, such as the ongoing construction of our Kindergarten building. The Samartha Saxena Foundation and TURBOCAM both honored their commitments to this project, ensuring that we could proceed with confidence into this gigantic undertaking. These organizations provide not only financial support but also invaluable guidance and expertise, and their continued partnership remains a cornerstone of our success.

In terms of financial accountability, we continue to work closely with AKRSS and Associates, our statutory auditors and chartered accountants, based in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Their oversight ensures that our financial management remains compliant with regulatory standards, giving our donors the confidence that their contributions are used effectively. A full copy of the 2022-23 Audited Report is available for review on our website though the most important pages are contained within the pages that follow:

[www.IndianOrphanage.com/financials-annual-reports](http://www.IndianOrphanage.com/financials-annual-reports)

## INCOME

For FY 2022-23, our income reached ₹2.83 crore. A significant portion of this, 61%, came from foreign donations, reflecting the strength of our international relationships. In addition, school fees contributed 29% of our total income, a testament to the growth of our student body and the increasing demand for quality education. Agricultural operations contributed ₹6 lakh, making up 4% of our overall income. Although this figure represents a slight decrease from the previous year, it is important to note that the wheat harvest for FY2022-23 will be reflected in the next fiscal year's audit, as the crop was not harvested or sold by the March 31st cutoff date. Our agricultural team also tackled the challenges of cultivating a sugar cane crop independently for the first time, which, despite some difficulties, yielded positive results.

A major area of investment this year was in education, particularly through our Mission University (MU) program, which supports children pursuing higher education. Nearly ₹50 lakh was dedicated to educational expenses, with the vast majority of this going toward the MU program. This substantial investment underscores our commitment to giving every child under our care the opportunity to excel academically and pursue their dreams. Furthermore, over ₹50 lakh was allocated to the construction of our new Kindergarten building, a critical project that will continue into the next fiscal year, along with over ₹5 lakh spent on completing our boundary fence, ensuring the full security of our campus.

## EXPENSES

Our total expenditure for FY 2022-23 amounted to ₹2.93 crore, our highest ever. The largest portion of these funds went toward the care and education of the children, with nearly ₹50 lakh spent on their schooling and tuition, primarily through the Mission University program. This program continues to be a beacon of hope for many of our children, offering them access to higher education and the possibility of a bright future. We also made significant investments in infrastructure, with more than ₹55 lakh spent on the ongoing construction of our Kindergarten and Carpentry Workshop buildings and over ₹5 lakh used to complete our boundary fencing project. These efforts are crucial to ensuring the long-term sustainability and safety of our campus.

Additionally, ₹7 lakh was used to purchase a second hand vehicle, enhancing our ability to transport goods and people across the campus and surrounding areas. This year, we also implemented the Employee Provident Fund (EPF) program for all of our employees, a move that required careful financial planning. The EPF is a government-backed retirement savings scheme, and while it posed challenges during the setup phase, it is a critical step in ensuring long-term security for our staff. We are so proud of our team for successfully launching this project.

While our agricultural income was slightly lower this year at ₹6 lakh, it is important to acknowledge that these numbers don't fully reflect the return from our wheat crop, which will be accounted for in FY2023-24 due to a late harvest. Furthermore, our first solo effort in sugar cane cultivation yielded valuable lessons and decent returns, despite the challenges of managing this crop for the first time.

Despite rising operational costs, including the increase in employee benefits through the EPF program, our prudent financial management has ensured that we stayed within budget while maintaining the quality and reach of our programs. Our focus on careful resource allocation has allowed us to continue expanding our impact, both within the Mission and in the broader community we serve.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Sch. No.	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>				
Capital Fund			4,94,79,790.88	4,87,18,036.18
Add : Excess of Income Over Expenditure			8,63,559.82	7,61,754.70
Secured Loan	10		5,03,43,350.70	4,94,79,790.88
			2,90,258.00	5,45,670.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,06,33,608.70</b>	<b>5,00,25,460.88</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Fixed Assets		5,26,05,907.72		
Less- Depreciation for the Year	1	36,81,396.00		
Written down Value			4,89,24,511.72	4,46,93,897.72
<b>CURRENT ASSETS , LOANS AND ADVANCES</b>				
Cash and Bank Balances	2	28,86,909.98		56,83,098.16
Loans and Advances	11	10,55,183.00		8,75,770.00
			39,42,092.98	
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions			5,28,66,604.70	5,12,52,765.88
Sundry Creditors	12	13,25,479.00		6,84,137.00
Salary Payable		8,44,017.00		4,56,494.00
Audit fees Payable		60,000.00		60,000.00
TDS Payable		3,500.00	22,32,996.00	26,674.00
				12,27,305.00
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			17,09,096.98	53,31,563.16
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,06,33,608.70</b>	<b>5,00,25,460.88</b>

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts (As per Schedule 'A')

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Partner



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### Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended March 31, 2023


	Schedule No.	As at March 31 2023 Amount (Rs)	As at March 31 2022 Amount (Rs)
<b>INCOME</b>			
Agricultural Income		6,16,922.00	8,91,935.00
Other Income	3	2,77,64,973.49	2,31,56,207.22
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,83,81,895.49</b>	<b>2,40,48,142.22</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Direct Expenditures</b>			
Agricultural Expenses		19,82,450.00	26,08,804.00
Children's Home Expenditure	4	69,05,420.13	52,87,382.29
School Project	5	51,33,626.00	43,86,397.00
<b>Indirect Expenses</b>	6	<b>1,34,96,839.54</b>	<b>1,10,03,804.23</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>2,75,18,335.67</b>	<b>2,32,86,387.52</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>8,63,559.82</b>	<b>7,61,754.70</b>

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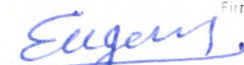
Receipt & Payment for the Year Ending March 31st 2023

Receipt	Amount	Payment	Amount
Opening Balance			
Bank	54,89,804.16	Agricultural Expenses	18,45,935.00
Cash	1,93,294.00	<b>Children's Home Expenditure</b>	
Agricultural Income	6,16,922.00	Children's Education & Tuition Fees	49,24,785.00
School Fees & Miscellaneous	77,61,645.00	Children's Clothes & Wearing	2,53,264.00
Domestic Contribution/ Donation	1,68,500.00	Food & Consumables	11,60,710.13
Foreign Contribution/Donation	1,98,34,828.49	Medical & Health Care	4,86,669.00
		<b>School Project Expenses</b>	
		Right To Education	2,47,907.00
		Salary & Wages	40,35,146.00
		School General Expenses	1,94,913.00
		Software Subscription Fees	97,702.00
		Staff & Workers Welfare (School)	41,875.00
		Advertisements	784.00
		Bank Fees & Charges	38,261.60
		Contribution & Disaster Relief Exp	850.00
		Epf Employer Contribution	3,67,836.00
		Festivals and Ceremonies	6,45,735.31
		Interest Paid on Loan	46,784.00
		Legal & Professional Fees	4,59,294.00
		Newspaper & Periodicals	28,065.00
		Office & Administration Expenses	75,153.00
		Postage & Couriers	1,150.00
		Printings & Stationary	2,71,154.00
		Salary & Wages (GSAM Staffs)	10,66,436.00
		Staff & Workers Welfare	5,97,398.00
		Telephone & Internet	48,083.50
		Travel & Conveyance	2,67,515.80
		Vehicles Insurance	2,28,546.00
		Water & Electricity	16,90,085.00
		Diesel & Fuel	17,09,604.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	3,72,831.56
		<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	
		Repairs & Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment	31,414.00
		Repairs & Maintenance of Building & Furnitures	7,03,196.87
		Repairs & Maintenance of Computers	2,01,145.90
		Repairs & Maintenance of School	1,74,143.00
		Repairs & Maintenance of Vehicles & Generators	1,27,130.00
		Repairs & Maintenance School Vehicles	2,73,132.00
		Fixed Assets	68,43,319.00
		Security with Uttarakhand Power Corp	1,87,909.00
		<b>Payments not taken as Application</b>	
		Previous year payments	11,76,809.00
		Repayment of Loan	2,55,412.00
		<b>Closing Balances</b>	
		Bank	28,25,913.98
		Cash	60,996.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,40,64,993.65</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,40,64,993.65</b>

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Schedule (3) Other Incomes	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
School Fees & Miscellaneous	77,61,645.00	79,09,936.00
Domestic Contribution/ Donation	1,68,500.00	11,29,700.00
Foreign Contribution/Donation	1,98,34,828.49	1,40,56,571.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,77,64,973.49</b>	<b>2,31,56,207.22</b>

Schedule (4) Children's Home	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Food & Consumables	12,01,406.13	10,87,927.30
Children's Clothing & Wearings	2,53,264.00	2,66,795.20
Medical & Health Care	5,25,965.00	5,22,170.79
Children's Education & Tutions	49,24,785.00	34,10,489.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,05,420.13</b>	<b>52,87,382.29</b>


Schedule (5) School Projects	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Salary & Wages	45,51,229.00	40,59,805.00
Staff & Workers Welfare	41,875.00	25,335.00
School General Expenses	1,94,913.00	55,824.00
Software Subscription	97,702.00	97,702.00
Right to Education	2,47,907.00	1,44,731.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,33,626.00</b>	<b>43,86,397.00</b>

Schedule (6) Indirect Expenses	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Advertisement	15,783.00	4,333.10
Audit Fees	60,000.00	60,000.00
Bank Fees & Charges	38,261.60	53,956.93
Contribution & Disaster Relief	850.00	-
Depreciation	36,81,396.00	37,11,622.00
EPF Employer Contribution	4,06,438.00	-
Festivals & Ceremonies	6,45,735.31	4,38,352.60
Interest Paid on Loan	46,784.00	72,811.00
Interest Paid on TDS	-	5,149.00
Legal & Professional Fees	4,86,000.00	3,66,457.00
Newspapers & Periodicals	28,065.00	15,537.00
Office & Admin	75,153.00	1,19,248.00
Postage & Couriers	1,150.00	1,971.00
Printing & Stationary	2,71,154.00	70,716.80
Salary & Wages	12,91,488.00	15,03,036.00
Staff & Workers Welfare	6,05,384.00	4,72,557.00
Telephone & Internet	48,083.50	73,559.00
Travel & Conveyance	2,67,515.80	80,070.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,28,546.00	1,02,234.00
Water & Electricity	16,90,085.00	10,75,107.00
Diesel & Fuel	17,09,604.00	9,53,812.80
Repair & Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment	31,414.00	23,958.00
Repair & Maintenance of Buildings & Furnitures	7,19,566.87	10,77,680.00
Repair & Maintenance of Computers	2,01,145.90	54,920.00
Repair & Maintenance of School Projects	1,74,143.00	9,145.00
Repair & Maintenance of Vehicals & Generators	4,00,262.00	3,34,678.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,72,831.56	3,18,483.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,34,96,839.54</b>	<b>1,10,03,804.23</b>


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**Consolidated Schedule "1" of Depreciation for the FY 2022-23**

ASSET	PREVIOUS WDV as on 1-4-2022		ADDITION Less than 180 days		DELETION		TOTAL Amount (Rs)	Rate (%)	Depreciation Amount (Rs)	CURRENT WDV as on 31.03.2023	
	Amount (Rs)	More than 180 days Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)				Amount (Rs)	
<b>BUILDINGS</b>											
Building (Girls Hostel)	22,44,036.00						22,44,036.00	5%	1,12,202.00		21,31,834.00
Building (Kindergarten) WIP	32,01,631.00						32,01,631.00				86,82,647.00
Building (School)	1,49,06,313.00	13,91,345.00		40,89,671.00			1,49,06,313.00	5%	7,45,316.00		1,41,60,997.00
Building (Library)	47,69,992.00						47,69,992.00	5%	2,38,500.00		45,31,492.00
Building (Workshop)	1,34,898.00						1,34,898.00	10%	13,490.00		1,21,408.00
Building (Staff Accommodation)	99,88,200.40						99,88,200.40	10%	9,98,820.00		89,89,380.40
Building (Sewing Center)	62,473.75						62,473.75	10%	6,247.00		56,226.75
Building (Teper Colony)	83,438.00						83,438.00	5%	4,172.00		79,266.00
Building (Dining Room)	11,23,343.00						11,23,343.00	5%	56,167.00		10,67,176.00
Building (Carpentry Shop) WIP				5,33,060.00			5,33,060.00				5,33,060.00
<b>AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT</b>											
Hydraulic Tractor Trailer	50,283.00						50,283.00	15%	7,542.00		42,741.00
Fishtank Tubewell	5,020.00						5,020.00	15%	753.00		4,267.00
Orchard Tubewell	41,567.00						41,567.00	15%	6,235.00		35,332.00
General Agricultural Equipments	44,994.00						44,994.00	15%	6,749.00		38,245.00
<b>GENERAL ASSETS</b>											
Boundary Fence	6,22,479.00	4,57,006.00		25,117.00			11,04,602.00	15%	1,63,807.00		9,40,795.00
Live Stocks	7,60,500.00						7,60,500.00	0%			7,60,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	13,51,782.00	8,550.00		5,636.00			13,65,968.00	10%	1,36,315.00		12,29,653.00
Electrical Fittings	8,97,620.00	3,96,100.00		75,800.00			13,69,520.00	10%	1,33,162.00		12,36,358.00
Office & Miscellaneous Equipments	75,213.00						75,213.00	15%	11,282.00		63,931.00
Goobar Gas Tank	18,965.00						18,965.00	15%	2,845.00		16,120.00
Generators	2,04,145.00						2,04,145.00	15%	30,622.00		1,73,523.00
Washing Machine	5,205.00						5,205.00	15%	781.00		4,424.00
Laundry Machine	22,660.00						22,660.00	15%	3,398.00		19,262.00
General Equipments & Machines	11,31,313.97	5,700.00		47,652.00			11,84,665.97	15%	1,74,126.00		10,10,539.97
School General Equipments	20,473.00						20,473.00	15%	3,071.00		17,402.00
Motor Cycle	25,155.00						25,155.00	15%	3,773.00		21,382.00
Musical Equipments	24,982.00						24,982.00	15%	3,747.00		21,235.00
Library Resources	10,359.60						10,359.60	40%	4,144.00		6,215.60
Computer and Twp	8,60,648.00	1,33,729.00		31,848.00			10,36,225.00	40%	4,08,639.00		6,27,586.00
Salary Payment System	12.00						12.00	80%	10.00		2.00
<b>VEHICLES</b>											
Vehicles											
Car (UK031A1455) - Bolero Plus	1,60,663.00						1,60,663.00	17%	24,099.00		1,36,564.00
Car (UK03C3057) Suzuki S-Presso	4,59,777.00	7,01,000.00					7,01,000.00	15%	1,05,150.00		5,95,850.00
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The Depreciation is calculated as per Written Down Value Method and Rate of depreciations are as per Income Tax Act 1961

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**THE GOOD SHEPHERD AGRICULTURAL MISSION'S LEADERSHIP TEAM, JOINED BY DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, STANDS TOGETHER OUTSIDE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), SYMBOLIZING THE STRENGTH AND UNITY OF THE MISSION. THIS YEAR MARKED A HISTORIC TRANSITION AS CLIFTON SHIPWAY WAS OFFICIALLY ELECTED AS DIRECTOR, FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF HIS FATHER, WARWICK SHIPWAY, WHO LED WITH UNWAVERING COMMITMENT FOR DECADES. EACH PERSON PICTURED PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE MISSION'S ONGOING SUCCESS, EMBODYING THE VALUES OF COMPASSION, DEDICATION, AND COMMUNITY.**

## RICK'S RETIRES

This year marked the end of an era at GSAM, as Rick Shipway retired from his role as Director at the age of 70. To celebrate his retirement and milestone birthday, the Mission held a massive birthday and farewell party for Rick. The event brought together people from all over the area, including many former Mission kids who returned to wish him well. It was a fitting tribute to Rick's decades of dedication, filled with heartfelt speeches, laughter, and fond memories. The very next day, Rick officially retired, passing the torch to the next generation.

Rick's journey with the Mission began in the 1970s when he traveled to India from Australia, initially intending to assist the founding Directors, Max and Shirley Strong, who had established the Mission in 1948. What started as a short stay quickly turned into a lifelong commitment to the community in Banbasa. During his time at the Mission, Rick fell in love with and married Maxine Strong, the daughter of the founding Directors, making the Mission not just his workplace, but his home.

For over 50 years, Rick served with unmatched dedication, taking on numerous roles. He oversaw agricultural projects, managed daily operations, and ensured the Mission's finances were in order. Known for his tireless work ethic and deep compassion, Rick was always ready to offer guidance to the children and staff alike. Whether it was working alongside the team on construction projects, or simply ensuring that every detail was attended to, he played a central role in the Mission's success.

Though Rick has now moved to Canada for his retirement, the impact of his leadership and care will continue to shape GSAM for years to come. He leaves behind a legacy of selfless service, love, and unwavering dedication to the Mission, its children, and the wider community. While Rick will be deeply missed, his spirit remains a guiding force, inspiring future generations to carry forward the values he upheld so faithfully.



## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting at the Mission this year was a significant event, bringing together all members to discuss progress, make key decisions, and plan for the future. One of the most important outcomes of the meeting was the formal transition of leadership. Rick Shipway, who recently retired after decades of dedicated service, was replaced by Clifton Shipway as Director through a unanimous vote of all members, marking the start of a new chapter for the Mission. Clifton, who has spent over 20 years at the Mission and served alongside his father on the Board, was warmly welcomed into his new role.

In addition to this leadership change, Paula Karada was elected as the new Deputy Director, bringing her experience and deep commitment to the Mission to this vital position. The meeting also saw Jack Johnson being voted from the General Body into the Governing Body of the society, reflecting the trust and confidence the members have in his contributions to the Mission's growth.

The meeting covered a wide range of topics crucial to the Mission's future. Principal David Chirag Din provided updates on the progress of the school, including new initiatives to enhance the educational experience for students. Reports were also presented on the farm's successful harvests and new agricultural projects. Updates on the Mission University program highlighted the achievements of students and plans for future expansion.

The budget for the coming year was discussed in detail, with a focus on maintaining financial sustainability while continuing to improve facilities and services. Members also reviewed ongoing legal proceedings and discussed strategies for navigating the challenges they present. Overall, the meeting was a time of reflection, planning, and renewed commitment, ensuring that the Mission continues to thrive and fulfill its purpose in the community.



## IT'S A NEW CAR!

This year, the Mission purchased a second hand Mahindra Bolero Plus, a sturdy and reliable vehicle well-suited for the challenging terrain of the region. The Bolero has been essential for transporting supplies, running errands, and providing safe transportation for the children and staff. It has become a valuable asset for trips to nearby towns and villages, as well as for emergency situations and community support activities.

The new car was made possible through the generosity of our supporters, enhancing the Mission's ability to respond to the needs of both the campus and the surrounding community.



## FUN WITH ART

Art has become a vibrant part of life at GSAM, providing our children with a creative outlet to express themselves. This year, kids of all ages dove into various art projects, from painting murals that brighten up our spaces to making handcrafted gifts. Art classes and workshops encouraged them to explore new techniques, creating everything from colorful drawings to pottery pieces.

The Mission's walls have come alive with their creations, turning everyday spaces into galleries of their imagination. These artistic activities not only foster creativity but also help the children build confidence, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment as they see their works displayed for all to enjoy.



## LAUNDRY ROOF COLLAPSE

In September 2022, the roof of the Mission's old laundry building unexpectedly collapsed on a quiet Sunday morning. Built in the 1960s, the structure had served the community for decades. Fortunately, no one was inside at the time, and there were no injuries. An old washing machine was damaged, but the most important thing was everyone's safety. It was rumored that a large monkey might have triggered the collapse, though no primates were found at the scene.

The incident highlighted the need for continued maintenance and the challenges of preserving older buildings on our campus, prompting plans for improved facilities in the future.



## PETER'S BROKEN ARM

Earlier this year, Peter, one of our special needs residents, suffered a significant injury when he slipped and fell in the Senior Boys' Hostel, breaking his humerus bone. The injury presented challenges, as Peter's existing medical conditions made surgical intervention too risky. Instead, doctors opted for a non-surgical approach, placing his arm in a cast. However, Peter struggled with keeping the cast on, managing to tear it off within just a few days due to discomfort. His restless nature also led to further complications, such as sleeping on the injured arm and an accidental fall from his bed. Despite these setbacks, Peter's spirit remains strong, and the staff continue to support his healing journey with extra care and supervision.



## NEW ELECTRICAL GRID AND POLES

This year, GSAM undertook a major overhaul of its aging electrical system, a project that had become necessary due to decades of ad-hoc extensions. In collaboration with the local power department, the Mission installed around 20 new power poles, creating a much more organized and reliable grid. Shielded cabling was used in key areas where children play, prioritizing safety. The project required the efforts of a dozen hired workers alongside our own team, who helped raise poles and set new wiring across the campus. Now, all hostels, offices, and common spaces are connected to the new grid, allowing for better power management and providing much-needed stability for our daily operations .



## COVID-19 BOOSTER DRIVE

This year, GSAM organized another successful COVID-19 booster drive, ensuring that eligible residents and staff received their booster shots. The drive took place at the Mission's school, providing a convenient location for everyone to receive their vaccinations. The initiative aimed to bolster immunity among our community members, maintaining a safer environment for all, especially as new variants emerged. The effort also included educational sessions to ensure everyone understood the importance of boosters for continued protection. The drive is a part of GSAM's ongoing commitment to health and safety, helping to keep our campus and surrounding community well-protected during these challenging times.



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Sunday at the Mission featured our much-loved tradition, the Easter Egg Hunt. Following a special service, the children and staff gathered to paint our own chicken eggs—no store-bought chocolates here, as the heat would melt them! Once decorated, the older boys helped hide the colorful eggs across the campus, with some hidden more cleverly than others. The youngest kids got the first chance to search, sprinting through the mango orchard and gardens. After everyone found their share, the celebration wrapped up with a refreshing treat—delicious ice cream, a perfect reward for a sunny afternoon of fun and laughter .



## SWIMMING POOL AT THE MISSION

The Mission's swimming pool, though simple—a concrete tank filled with bore water—has become a vital resource during the scorching summer months. It offers much-needed relief and a space where kids can cool off, play, and learn. Teaching swimming is a key focus, as it's considered a life-saving skill, especially for children in our area, where rivers and monsoon waters can pose risks. Each hostel group has designated swimming times, and the pool is also used by the school for lessons and recreational activities. Regular maintenance by staff and children, including both boys and girls, ensures it stays clean and safe, making the pool a hub of joy and learning throughout the summer.



## PAULA'S BRAIN TUMOR DIAGNOSIS

This year, Paula, the Deputy Director of our Board, faced a challenging diagnosis—a brain tumor. The tumor had been causing severe symptoms, including headaches, nausea, and vision issues. After consulting with doctors, she underwent urgent surgery in Delhi, which was thankfully a success. However, her healing process is expected to be long, likely taking several years of recovery and adjustment. Throughout this time, the Mission community has provided unwavering support, helping to cover medical expenses and offering emotional encouragement. Paula's resilience during this difficult period continues to inspire us, and we remain committed to supporting her journey to full recovery.



## RAJESH'S VISIT TO AIIMS

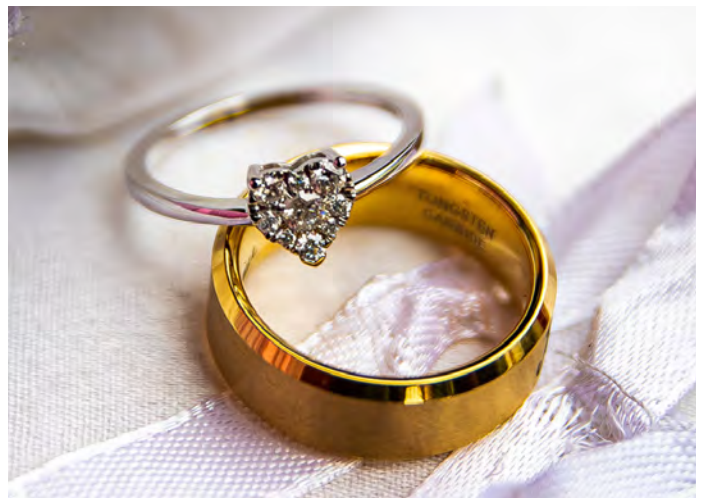
This year, Rajesh traveled to Delhi to undergo genetic testing at the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS). For years, he has struggled with symptoms like poor coordination, speech difficulties, and balance issues. After initial tests in Bareilly suggested a possible diagnosis of Spinocerebellar Ataxia (SCA), further testing at AIIMS became necessary. During his visit, Rajesh underwent a range of tests, including MRIs, physiotherapy sessions, and genetic analysis, with the support of Dr. Alka Saxena, in Australia, and the compassionate hospital staff at AIIMS. The road ahead is challenging, but with the support of the Mission, Rajesh's journey toward diagnosis and treatment continues with hope and determination.



## APRIL AND VANITA'S MARRIAGES

This year, two of our former Mission kids, April and Vanita, returned home to celebrate their weddings. Despite both working in Hong Kong, they chose to get married at the Mission, a place they still see as home. Vanita married the son of another former Mission child, weaving together two generations of shared experiences. April's wedding was equally filled with joy, laughter, and the presence of loved ones from the Mission.

Their choice to celebrate their unions here reflects the deep, lasting connections they have with us, reminding us that the bonds formed at the Mission endure well beyond childhood. Their weddings were truly family celebrations.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT THE MISSION

Christmas at the Mission is a season filled with joy, laughter, and heartfelt traditions. Preparations begin weeks in advance as children and staff decorate the campus with twinkling lights, hand-made ornaments, and vibrant garlands. A large Christmas tree in the dining hall, adorned with ornaments and a shining star, sets the festive atmosphere, becoming a central gathering spot for everyone.

The Christmas Eve celebration starts with a short service, offering a time for reflection on the season's themes of love and gratitude. Afterward, everyone gathers for a special dinner, enjoying a warm and hearty meal with seasonal favorites. The highlight of the evening is a DJ dance party, complete with colorful lights and a smoke machine, turning the night into a lively celebration. Children and staff dance together under the dazzling lights, letting loose and enjoying the festive music. Laughter, excitement, and a sense of togetherness fill the air, creating memories that will be cherished long after the season ends.

On Christmas morning, the children awake to find a gift waiting for them under the tree in their hostel—a surprise that brings smiles to their faces. Later, everyone gathers for a late brunch, where a delicious feast awaits, featuring traditional dishes, local favorites, and seasonal treats. After the meal, each person, including visitors, receives a thoughtfully chosen gift, followed by a treat bag filled with goodies, snacks, and sweets—a delightful way to keep the holiday spirit going. The joy on each child's face as they explore their treats is a reminder of the warmth of the season.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of Christmas at the Mission is the return of many past Mission kids, who come back to celebrate with their families. Often, we have over 100 guests with us, making the occasion feel like a grand family reunion. Old friends reconnect, share stories, and make new memories together, adding to the festive atmosphere. The dining hall buzzes with conversations, laughter, and the joy of being together again.

Beyond the festivities, the spirit of giving extends to the surrounding community. The Mission's children and staff visit nearby villages, distributing gifts and Christmas cake to loved ones, embodying the true meaning of the season. Carols are sung as a part of the festive season, with children and staff joining together to spread cheer to everyone they meet. As Christmas day ends, a bonfire is lit, and everyone gathers for an evening of singing, storytelling, and enjoying the cool winter night under a sky full of stars. Christmas at the Mission is more than just a holiday; it's a time of togetherness, celebration, and reflection. It's a season where family bonds, old and new, grow stronger, creating cherished memories that last a lifetime. Each year, the celebration reminds us of the importance of love, generosity, and the joy of being part of a big, caring family.



## YOUNG LEADERS EMERGE

At the Mission, our children are not just growing—they're stepping into leadership roles that benefit the entire community. From organizing team activities during the Summer Games to helping with daily chores and mentoring younger kids, many have taken on responsibilities that showcase their maturity and growth. These young leaders guide their peers, lead by example, and foster a sense of unity among all. Their initiatives, like organizing clean-up drives and leading group study sessions, demonstrate their readiness to make a positive impact. These experiences not only build their confidence but also prepare them for future challenges, embodying the values of service and responsibility that define our Mission.



## STAFF TRAINING SESSIONS

This year, our staff participated in a series of training sessions aimed at enhancing their skills and knowledge. From workshops on child development and educational techniques to safety protocols and agricultural innovations, these sessions have been invaluable in ensuring high standards of care and efficiency. The training also emphasized teamwork and leadership, fostering a collaborative spirit among our staff members. These learning opportunities not only strengthen their professional skills but also renew their commitment to the Mission's vision. By investing in our staff, we continue to improve the support we provide to the children and the broader community, ensuring a positive impact on all aspects of Mission life.



## VOLUNTEERS' IMPACT

Volunteers have continued to play a vital role in the life of the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission, bringing fresh energy, skills, and perspectives to our community. This year, volunteers from around the world helped in various areas, from teaching new subjects in our school to supporting farm work and mentoring our children. Their contributions have enriched our daily routines and provided our kids with exposure to different cultures and ideas. Volunteers also assist with special projects, offering their expertise and time to enhance the Mission's facilities. Their presence has strengthened the bond between the Mission and our global supporters, making a meaningful impact on the lives of those they serve.



## HOMEMADE TREATS AT THE MISSION

Homemade treats are a beloved part of life at the Mission, bringing everyone together over delicious flavors. One of the most popular snacks is golguppa, or pani-puri. These crispy, hollow puris are filled with a spicy, tangy water, potatoes, and chickpeas, creating an explosion of flavor with every bite. On hot afternoons, it's a refreshing and cherished treat.

Beyond pani-puri, the kitchen team prepares other delights, like homemade ice cream, biscuits, cakes and pumpkin pie made from the Mission's own pumpkins. Treats like these make special occasions even more memorable, offering a taste of home and the warmth of shared moments in our community .



## NEW RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

This year, the Mission introduced new recreational activities that have added excitement and fun to daily life. From board game competitions to badminton tournaments, these activities have provided the children with opportunities to explore new interests and skills. The addition of weekly art and music sessions has been particularly popular, offering a creative space for kids to unwind and express themselves. Outdoor adventures, like nature walks and weekend hikes, have also become a favorite, helping the children connect with the beautiful surroundings. These new activities ensure that there's always something to look forward to, enriching their days with joy and new experiences.



## ANNUAL PICNIC

The Mission's annual picnic is a much-anticipated event, bringing together children, staff, and volunteers for a day of relaxation, fun, and bonding. This year, the picnic was held at a beautiful spot near the river, providing a perfect backdrop for games, swimming, and a delicious shared meal. Kids participated in friendly matches of cricket, tug-of-war, and frisbee, while others relaxed under the shade of trees, enjoying the serene surroundings. The picnic also featured a special treat—delicious home-cooked meals prepared by the staff, including sweet treats and fresh fruit. The day offered a break from the routine and a chance to celebrate the year's achievements, fostering the family-like bonds that define life at the Mission.

## WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP TO TANAKPUR

This year, a group from the Mission, including over 80 children, staff, and volunteers, enjoyed an unforgettable white water rafting adventure on the Kali River in Tanakpur. The trip, hosted by a close friend who runs an adventure company, took place on a river that forms part of the border between India and Nepal. The journey began with a safety briefing, where guides explained the equipment, demonstrated paddling techniques, and emphasized the importance of teamwork. The excitement among the kids was palpable, with both new participants and seasoned rafters eager to embark on the adventure.

For many of the younger children, this was their first time experiencing the thrill of rafting, while several of our older kids have had the chance to participate in this adventure before, making it an annual highlight they eagerly anticipate. The group navigated through various rapids, with names like "Rolling Thunder" and "Cobra's Bite," providing the right mix of challenge and fun. The guides ensured safety at every step, allowing the kids to fully enjoy the thrill of riding the rapids without worry.

The trip wasn't just about adventure; it was also a chance for the children to experience the beauty of nature. The scenic riverbanks, lush with greenery and wildlife, provided a stunning backdrop to the day's activities. Between rapids, the kids could jump into the calm sections of the river, swimming and enjoying the cool water under the watchful eyes of their guides. Laughter and shouts of excitement echoed along the river, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

After the rafting, everyone gathered on the riverbank for a hearty lunch. Staff and kids shared a meal of local dishes, recounting their favorite moments from the day and celebrating the courage of the youngest participants. The trip was more than just an adventure; it was a day of bonding, bravery, and pure joy that reminded everyone of the power of shared experiences and the beauty of the natural world. The rafting trip has become a treasured tradition, and this year's journey was one of the best yet, leaving everyone eager for the next adventure.



## CROCODILE IN THE FISHPOND

This year, the Mission faced an unexpected challenge when a crocodile was found in our fishpond. Likely entering during monsoon floods, the reptile posed a safety risk to our children and fish stock. Clifton, along with staff and older boys, made several attempts to catch it safely using nets. After many hours of effort they gave up, all their efforts in vain. Thankfully that night the crocodile left the tank on its own and was caught out in the open, they succeeded in its capture this time and released the crocodile into a safe, distant habitat. The experience was a lesson in patience, teamwork, and wildlife respect, reminding us of the challenges of living close to nature while ensuring safety for all. It also left the kids with an unforgettable story.



## DINING ROOM REPAIRS

The Mission's dining room has seen important repairs and upgrades this year, ensuring a safe and welcoming space for all. Over time, wear and tear had affected the building, making these renovations necessary to maintain the structure. The repairs included reinforcing parts of the roof, repainting walls, and fixing damaged windows. During the process, the team worked hard to minimize disruptions, allowing daily meals and gatherings to continue smoothly. The improved dining room now provides a more comfortable space for everyone to enjoy their meals and time together. These updates have made a positive impact on our daily routines, keeping the heart of the Mission's community activities in great condition.



## MONSOON FLOODS

This year's monsoon brought its share of challenges to the Mission, as heavy rains led to significant flooding. Torrential downpours filled the surrounding rivers and creeks, quickly raising water levels and causing our fields and some campus areas to flood. While our grounds are designed to handle such conditions with proper drainage, the intensity of the rains kept us on alert. Fortunately, the waters receded quickly, and our preparations helped minimize damage. Despite the challenges, the children embraced the change, enjoying rain-soaked games and exploring the swollen riverbanks under careful supervision. The season served as a reminder of nature's power and our community's resilience, as everyone pitched in to maintain safety and restore order.





**TORRENTIAL RAIN CAUSED SIGNIFICANT FLOODING ACROSS OUR CAMPUS, WITH MANY HOMES AND WORKSPACES SUBMERGED UNDER 1-3 FEET OF WATER.**



## BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED WITH JOY

Birthdays are always special at the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission, and this past year has been no exception. From the youngest children to the staff members who make the Mission a home, each celebration is marked with joy, love, and plenty of cake. For our children, birthdays symbolize a day when they feel truly seen and cherished. Surrounded by their Mission family, they are showered with thoughtful gifts, kind words, and, of course, delicious treats. The tradition of gathering in the dining hall to sing, share cake, and celebrate together is a cornerstone of our Mission's culture. Whether it's little ones turning nine, or teenagers like Reena marking her 18th year, each celebration is filled with laughter and the joy of being part of a larger family. For some of our children, it's the first time they have experienced a true birthday party, making the occasion all the more meaningful.

It's not just the kids who are honored on their special day—staff birthdays are equally important. Celebrations include everyone from our long-serving mentors to new team members. These moments allow us to express our gratitude for their hard work and dedication to the Mission. Each birthday is a reminder of how our community thrives through the simple yet profound act of coming together, making each person feel special and appreciated. Through every candle blown out and every wish made, birthdays at the Mission are more than just parties—they are a celebration of life, growth, and the bonds that make our Mission a family.





## ANIMAL RESCUE SERVICE

In partnership with the Forestry Department, our team has become a vital resource for snake and wildlife rescues in the local community. This year, we safely captured and relocated 43 venomous snakes, including cobras, and managed the relocation of two crocodiles. Each rescue is handled with care, ensuring the safety of residents and wildlife alike. By offering this service, we help prevent dangerous encounters and contribute to conservation efforts. This initiative has strengthened our relationship with nearby villages, showcasing our commitment to both safety and environmental stewardship. Through these efforts, we continue to serve and protect the community while respecting the natural world around us.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our Mission remains deeply engaged with the local community, providing essential support and assistance whenever needed. From offering help during natural disasters to sharing resources and skills, our relationship with nearby villages has only grown stronger. This year, we focused on initiatives like helping families recover from monsoon damages, offering guidance on sustainable farming, and distributing essential supplies. The bond between the Mission and the local community is built on mutual trust and cooperation, allowing us to make a tangible impact. By working together, we create a better, more supportive environment for everyone, reflecting our core values of compassion and service to those around us.



## CELEBRATING LOCAL CULTURE

At the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission, we embrace the richness of local traditions and festivals throughout the year. One of the highlights is Harela, a celebration of nature's renewal and the monsoon's arrival. Our children and staff join the community in planting saplings and participating in traditional rituals that honor the Earth. From the colorful joy of Holi to the serene lights of Diwali, these events offer a chance to connect with the broader community. By celebrating local culture, we strengthen ties with our neighbors and instill in our children a deep appreciation for their heritage and environment, creating lasting memories together.

## CRICKET TOURNAMENT

This year, the Mission's cricket team, Strong Farm XI, participated in a district tournament after weeks of dedicated training. Each evening, the boys gathered for practice, refining their skills in batting, bowling, and fielding. Training moved to a new level with a practice match against a nearby village team, Canal Colony. Despite challenges like clearing the pitch of cows and navigating uneven ground, the team embraced the opportunity. Under the leadership of captain Micah, they put up a spirited fight, with Micah scoring an impressive 33 runs. Although the match didn't go their way, the experience and camaraderie fostered through the tournament have strengthened their passion for the sport.



## PARENTS' VISITS

Throughout the year, the Mission welcomes visits from parents and extended family members, creating cherished moments for the children and their families. These visits are important for maintaining strong family bonds, giving parents a chance to see how well their children are growing and thriving. Family days, special events, and holidays often become opportunities for reunions, filled with laughter, shared meals, and joyful conversations. Parents appreciate seeing their children's achievements in school, sports, and other activities, while the kids love showing their families around their home here. These visits strengthen connections and create a sense of continuity and support, making the Mission a welcoming place for families to gather and celebrate milestones together.





ALL THE SUMMER GAMES TEAMS GATHER, DRESSED IN THEIR VIBRANT TEAM COLORS, CHEERING TOGETHER WITH EXCITEMENT. A PERFECT MOMENT OF TEAM SPIRIT AND JOY!



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Kaj  
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Maanya  
Malika

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## SUMMER GAMES BRINGING FUN AND SPIRIT

Summer Games 2022 at the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission brought an exciting mix of competition, teamwork, and laughter that energized our entire community. Over four weeks, our children divided into teams like the Red Knights, King Sharks, Hunters, and Thunderbirds, competing in a series of fun-filled activities. From Kick Ball and Fish Fest to Minute to Win It challenges, the Summer Games provided an outlet for kids to showcase their skills, try new games, and support each other.

Each day began with the teams working together to create strategies, building not just team spirit but also deeper friendships. The children embraced the fun and even the heat, competing passionately for the coveted Summer Games Trophy and year-long bragging rights. The games tested not only physical skills but also creativity and quick thinking, especially in activities like shield design and team chants. Even in the blazing heat, spirits remained high, with water-based games providing a refreshing break and a chance for everyone to cool off.

The event was not just about winning but about building lasting memories. It was a time for the older kids to take on leadership roles, guiding the younger ones through games and fostering a sense of unity. The younger children, seeing their older peers in leadership roles, were inspired to give their best in each challenge. On quieter days, teams spent time bonding over team-building exercises and creating elaborate team banners and cheers that echoed across the grounds.

Parents and staff joined in the excitement too, cheering on the kids and offering encouragement during close matches. The camaraderie extended beyond the field, with shared meals and evening discussions about the day's events, deepening the connections among all participants.

The excitement peaked at the final tally of points, where every point gained through each game made a difference in determining the winning team. The final award ceremony was filled with cheers, celebration, and good-natured rivalries. Yet, regardless of which team took home the trophy, the real victory was seen in the smiles, laughter, and stories that emerged from those four weeks.

Summer Games 2022 highlighted the resilience, enthusiasm, and camaraderie that define life at the Mission. It reminded us all that even amid challenges, there's always room for a bit of friendly competition, a lot of joy, and the pure delight of being together as one big family. The friendships and teamwork that flourished during the games left a lasting impact, making the Summer Games a cherished highlight of the year. As the event concluded, many were already looking forward to next year's games, eager to relive the excitement and joy once more.





## OUR SCHOOL: MAXTON STRONG SCHOOL

Maxton Strong School (MSS) is a key part of the Mission's commitment to education and community development. With around 700 students, the school offers high-quality, English-medium education in Banbasa, Uttarakhand, providing an essential resource to local families. Our school is not just a place of learning—it's a pillar of support, offering affordable education options to families from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. To keep education accessible, we ensure that 30-40% of our students study either free of charge or on scholarships, helping those who might otherwise be unable to afford private schooling.



The Mission is dedicated to creating a welcoming, supportive atmosphere where students thrive. We believe that a loving environment is essential to effective learning, and our staff work tirelessly to provide this through regular training and development. This investment in our teachers helps us maintain high educational standards, ensuring our students receive the best possible education.

MSS is designed to be a self-sustaining institution that not only educates children but also supports the Mission's broader goal of community upliftment. We aim to give students the skills they need to break the cycle of poverty and build better futures for themselves and their families. As part of this vision, we keep our tuition rates as low as possible, balancing the need for sustainability with the desire to provide high-quality education.

Looking forward, we have ambitious plans for growth. Construction is underway for a new independent kindergarten building, which is a major step in our vision to expand up to Grade 12 in the coming years. This expansion will allow us to offer a complete education from early childhood through higher secondary, all on the same campus. This not only benefits our own students but also provides a crucial educational resource for the wider Banbasa community.

The school's impact extends beyond academics, fostering values like compassion, leadership, and responsibility. Our emphasis on holistic education means students leave with not only knowledge but also the character needed to succeed. MSS is shaping a new generation of confident, capable young leaders who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to society.

For those interested in making a difference, there are opportunities to support our expansion efforts or sponsor a student through their educational journey. Your involvement helps us continue this important work, ensuring that every child has the chance to reach their full potential. Together, we can build a brighter future for the children of Banbasa and beyond, making Maxton Strong School a beacon of hope and opportunity in the region.



## SAM'S GARDEN KINDERGARTEN

This year, we began construction on Sam's Garden, our new 14,000 sq. ft. kindergarten facility. This building will include nine bright, modern classrooms, a large playroom designed for creative activities, and a full office space on the first floor. With future growth in mind, the structure is designed to support a second story, ensuring flexibility as our needs expand. The project represents a significant investment in early childhood education, made possible thanks to the generous support of the Saxena family and TURBOCAM, who have committed to providing most of the funding. Sam's Garden is a tribute to our long-standing friendship with the Saxena family, and it will provide a welcoming and nurturing space for our youngest students to learn and grow. Construction is expected to take several years to complete.



## STUDENT GRADUATIONS

This year, we celebrated the graduation of 33 students from Maxton Strong School. Many of these students have been with us for over a decade, making this milestone both exciting and emotional. Their hard work and perseverance have paid off, and we are proud of all they have achieved.

As they move on to pursue higher education, we know they are well-prepared for the challenges ahead. This graduation highlights the strong foundation we aim to provide—both academically and in life skills. We are excited to see what the future holds for them and will continue to support them every step of the way.



## STAFF DEDICATION

The staff at our school are the cornerstone of its success, showing remarkable dedication not only to teaching but also to their own professional growth. This year, they have participated in ongoing training programs aimed at enhancing both classroom skills and leadership abilities. Workshops in child development and innovative teaching methods ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

This commitment to continuous improvement strengthens the entire school community. By investing in their own development, our staff are better equipped to nurture and guide the children, helping them reach their full potential academically and personally.

## OPENING OF THE POOL

The pool at our school is a key part of our physical education program, providing both enjoyment and life-saving skills. Led by Avinash Sir, our students focus on mastering freestyle and backstroke. These swimming skills are crucial, particularly in our region where monsoon floods are common, making water safety an essential part of their education. Each class has scheduled time at the pool, where students not only refine their strokes but also build strength and confidence in the water. The lessons have helped students overcome any initial fear of swimming, creating a safe and encouraging environment. The pool is more than just a fun place—it's an important tool for physical development and survival training.



## SCHOOL FAIR

This year's school fair was a huge success, bringing together students, staff, and community members for a day filled with excitement. Over 40 stalls were set up, featuring games, food vendors, crafts, and activities—each one managed by students under the guidance of their class teachers. Popular activities like Cornhole, Ring Toss, and Guess the Weight of the Cake drew large crowds, while food stalls quickly sold out, a testament to the fantastic turnout. The fair also provided a great opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and leadership skills, as they took charge of their respective stalls. It was a day of fun, learning, and community bonding that everyone enjoyed.



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This year, our school hosted its first Inter-School Football Tournament, an exciting event that brought together students from ten schools across two districts. The two-day tournament featured 9 vs. 9 matches, with fast-paced action keeping both players and spectators on their toes. Our team performed exceptionally well, reaching the finals after a commanding 7-0 victory in the semifinals. Despite a hard-fought match in the final, we secured second place, narrowly losing 3-0 to Trafford Sports Academy. The tournament was a huge success, showcasing not only athletic talent but also sportsmanship and teamwork. We look forward to making this an annual event!



## NATIONAL PRIDE

The school's celebrations of both Independence Day and Republic Day were filled with national pride and student participation. On Independence Day, students performed dances, recited poetry, and shared skits honoring India's heroes. The flag-raising ceremony was a moving tribute to the country's history, with both staff and students reflecting on the sacrifices that secured India's freedom. Republic Day brought its own energy, featuring a special assembly focused on the importance of the Constitution. Students and teachers highlighted the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Both programs were powerful reminders of our commitment to nurturing proud, informed young Indians with a deep respect for their heritage.



## HARELA TREE PLANTING

This year, our school enthusiastically participated in the Harela festival, a local celebration of nature and the monsoon season. As part of the festivities, students and staff planted a variety of trees and shrubs across the campus, focusing on fruit-bearing trees like mango and guava. The event was a hands-on learning opportunity for students, who not only contributed to beautifying the school grounds but also gained an understanding of environmental stewardship. The Harela festival teaches the importance of preserving nature, and by involving students in tree planting, we hope to instill in them a lifelong respect for the environment. These trees will offer shade, sustenance, and serve as a lasting reminder of the students' efforts to create a greener future.



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Beyond the classroom, our school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities that help students develop into well-rounded individuals. This year, students participated in art competitions, debate teams, and science fairs, showcasing their creativity and critical thinking skills. These activities not only foster teamwork and leadership but also encourage students to explore their interests and talents outside of academics. The highlight was the annual Talent Show, where students performed in music, dance, and drama, leaving both the audience and judges impressed. Extracurricular activities are a key part of our holistic approach to education, helping to build confidence, character, and community spirit.

## SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Our annual School Sports Day was an action-packed event, full of energy, teamwork, and school spirit. Students participated in a wide range of activities, from classic races and sack races to tug-of-war and relay events. A highlight of the day was the beloved traditional game, kabaddi, where students enthusiastically competed in this fast-paced, tag-like sport. Boys and girls alike showcased their athleticism and determination in every event, earning cheers from their classmates and teachers. The day concluded with an award ceremony, celebrating not just the winners but the sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed throughout the competition. It was a fantastic day that left everyone eagerly looking forward to next year's event.

## RETIREMENT OF OUR PRINCIPAL

This year marked the retirement of our beloved Principal, David Chirag Din, after many years of dedicated service. His leadership and commitment were instrumental in bringing new ideas and practices that enriched the educational experience at our school. Known for his forward-thinking approach, he introduced innovative teaching methods and emphasized the holistic development of every child. His unwavering dedication to academic excellence and personal growth for each student has left a lasting legacy. Though his presence will be deeply missed, his influence on the school's culture and values will continue to guide us. The staff and students bid him a warm farewell with a heartfelt ceremony, honoring his remarkable contribution and wishing him well in retirement.



## MISSION UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

The Mission University (MvU) program is a cornerstone of the Mission's commitment to providing long-term educational support to our children. Designed to help students transition from the Mission to higher education, MU focuses on equipping young people with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to thrive in college and beyond. This program opens doors for students to attend some of India's best universities, enabling them to pursue their dreams regardless of their background or financial limitations.

The Mission University program offers comprehensive support throughout the application and admission process. It guides students in selecting suitable courses, filling out applications, and securing scholarships where possible. This tailored assistance ensures that each student finds a university and program that align with their strengths and ambitions. Even after admission, the MU program continues to provide support, helping students adjust to the demands of university life, manage their time effectively, and balance academic work with personal growth.

The program has already seen remarkable success stories, with students pursuing degrees in engineering, medicine, social sciences, and more. These achievements highlight the life-changing impact of access to higher education. Graduates often return to the Mission during their breaks, sharing their experiences with younger children and inspiring them to dream big. This creates a culture of aspiration and possibility, where each child sees that success is within reach with the right support.

Beyond academic success, the Mission University program emphasizes the importance of giving back, encouraging graduates to contribute to their communities and remain connected to their roots. This approach ensures that students are not only prepared for professional success but also understand the value of compassion and service. The program reflects the Mission's belief that education is a powerful tool for change, capable of transforming lives and building a brighter future.

For those interested in supporting a student through their degree, the average cost of a 3-4 year program is between USD \$10,000 to \$13,000. While this may seem substantial, it covers tuition, books, hostel fees, food, medical expenses, and a small stipend for daily needs. These funds enable our students to attend excellent colleges and focus on their studies without financial worry. If you'd like to help, please contact us for more information on how you can make a life-changing difference.





## OUR FARM

The farm at the Mission is an essential part of our community, providing both food and educational opportunities for the children. Spread across 50 acres, the farm includes crop fields, vegetable gardens, dairy, fish ponds, and orchards, each playing a vital role in our self-sufficiency. These agricultural projects enable us to produce fresh food, reduce costs, and teach the children valuable life skills that are deeply connected to the rhythms of nature.

Our crop fields yield staples like wheat, rice, and sugarcane, which are harvested, processed, and stored for use throughout the year. This ensures that we have a steady supply of grains, essential for our daily meals. The vegetable gardens, tended with care by both staff and children, produce a range of fresh produce, including tomatoes, spinach, carrots, and potatoes, ensuring that our meals are balanced and nutritious. These gardens not only feed us but also offer a chance for the kids to learn about planting, nurturing, and harvesting crops, fostering a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. Beyond vegetables, our fruit orchards yield delicious mangoes, guavas, papayas, and bananas, providing healthy snacks and adding natural sweetness to our diet during harvest seasons.

The dairy farm is another key aspect of our operations. Our herd of cows provides fresh milk daily, used for drinking, making yogurt, and other dairy products that enrich our diet. The children actively participate in milking and caring for the cows, gaining hands-on experience and learning the importance of consistency and animal care.

Fish farming has become a valuable part of our activities, with ponds stocked with carp. This not only supplies a steady source of protein but also teaches the children about aquaculture and ecosystem management. Watching the fish grow and learning about their care gives the kids a deeper appreciation for the natural world, especially the delicate balance required to keep the ponds thriving.

Additionally, our poultry section supplies eggs and occasional meat, adding another layer to our food security. The goats we keep serve a similar purpose, providing milk and occasional meat for special meals. The farm is also home to small-scale beekeeping, which not only contributes to the health of our crops through pollination but also provides a small supply of honey—a special treat for the children.

Each part of the farm contributes to a broader goal: providing nutritious food while teaching our children life skills that will serve them well into the future. The farm is more than just a source of food; it's a place where hard work, learning, and the connection to the land come together, making it a cornerstone of life at the Mission. The lessons learned here help instill a sense of responsibility, self-reliance, and respect for nature, shaping the children's understanding of sustainability and community. The farm truly embodies the spirit of self-sufficiency that defines our Mission, and its impact extends beyond our meals—nurturing a mindset that values stewardship and growth.



## BOUNDARY FENCE PROJECT

This year, the Mission completed a crucial Boundary Fence Project, aimed at enhancing safety and security across our grounds. Stretching along the northern edge of the property, the new fence replaces old and worn sections that were no longer effective. The project involved installing sturdy concrete posts and metal fencing, ensuring a long-lasting solution. This boundary upgrade not only keeps out wandering cattle and wildlife but also provides a sense of security for the children, especially those living in the nearby hostels. The project required significant effort from staff and older boys, who worked tirelessly to complete it. Thanks to their hard work, the Mission's grounds are now safer and better protected for all.



## NEW FARM EQUIPMENT

This year, the Mission invested in new farm equipment, significantly improving our agricultural efficiency. Key additions included modern plowing attachments and a new water pump, both of which have made field preparation and irrigation more effective. The upgraded water pump ensures a reliable water supply for our crops, particularly during dry periods, helping us maintain healthier yields. The new equipment has eased the manual workload on staff and older children, allowing them to focus on other essential tasks. These upgrades are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance productivity on the farm, ensuring that we can continue to provide fresh produce to meet the Mission's needs.



## DAIRY PRODUCTION BOOST

This year, the Mission's dairy farm saw a significant boost in production, thanks to improved practices and the birth of several new calves. The new additions to our herd will not only increase our milk supply but have also brought excitement and joy to the children, who enjoy helping care for the young calves.

Improved feeding techniques and enhanced barn facilities have helped our cows stay healthier, contributing to higher milk yields. The fresh milk is used daily for drinking, making paneer (cheese), and other dairy products, enriching the diet of everyone at the Mission. Continued growth in dairy production is a key step towards further self-sufficiency and sustainability.



## POULTRY EXPANSION

This year, the Mission's poultry section saw significant growth, contributing to better food security and self-sufficiency. We expanded our flock, adding new layers and broilers, which increased our egg production and provided more meat for special occasions. The upgraded coop facilities offer improved space and safety for the birds, ensuring better health and productivity. The expansion has not only increased our ability to provide fresh eggs and meat but has also given the kids a chance to learn about poultry care and farm management.

We hatched a total of 70 chicks with our incubator this year and more than 90% of them survived until adulthood. An excellent result in any books.





OUR SUGAR CANE HARVEST IS IN FULL SWING! EACH SUCCESSFUL CROP CONTRIBUTES TO OUR GOAL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL INCOME TO SUPPORT THE MISSION'S OPERATIONS AND SUSTAIN OUR COMMUNITY.





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