



AKIN

AKIN is a registered charity based in Gibraltar and currently launching in Spain. Our activities are dedicated to stamping out the suffering experienced by underprivileged children around the world. AKIN focuses on helping one child at a time.

OUR PROJECTS

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Continued Relief for Tsunami Victims

From the dozens of countries struck by the force of the Asian 2004 tsunami, AKIN's team realized that in order to really help rebuild the lives of the orphan victims, they needed a long-term approach. **Page 2**

Varberg Home of Peace Orphanage Project

AKIN has partnered with Kent Bladh to build a home and school for orphans of AIDS. **Page 2**



Iduguta Leprosy Camp for Children

AKIN has worked hard to provide basic living essentials for over 50 children at a leprosy camp in Tanzania. Future plans include building a well and improving housing and sanitation facilities. **Page 2**

Education Sponsorship



AKIN and the help of its partners provides education for over 200 children. **Page 3**

S.O.S. School & Orphanage, Nepal

AKIN is the proud partner of the Spirit of Satchidananda (SOS) project in Meghauli, Nepal. Our team recently travelled to Nepal to purchase the plot of land. Please read our full details of the project. **Page 3**

About the Founders

While AKIN has no affiliation to Childline Gibraltar, AKIN's founders Les Roberts and Leslie Bruzon formed part of the team to help set up the infrastructure, train counsellors and launch the child abuse hotline in Gibraltar. **Page 1**

AKIN: An Introduction

Our vision is to end suffering among children everywhere. Our mission is to provide personal, long-term care and education to every child we contact.

AKIN was founded in 2004 by Les Roberts and Leslie Bruzon - two men from Gibraltar inspired to make a difference in the world. Both of them were deeply moved by the suffering experienced by so many children around the world, that they decided to do something about it.

AKIN is a registered charity based in Gibraltar (Reg. No. 160 & 161) and is in the process of registering formally in Spain. AKIN's work focuses on specific projects designed to provide shelter, food, clothing, medical assistance and education for as many children as they come into contact with.

AKIN provides direct assistance to communities and projects in under-developed countries around the world. AKIN also provides financial assistance to third-party organisations with the same priorities, to ensure that all help and assistance gets to where it is needed the most: the children.



AKIN believes in keeping administration costs to a minimum, so that all funds raised can go directly to where it is needed most: the children. For more information:

www.akin-charity.org

Our Approach

As a small charity AKIN is able to adopt a personal approach and focusses on the long term benefits for the children under its care. This is reflected by the commitment to support each child throughout their entire education. To be able to give such a firm and far reaching commitment AKIN focuses on the quality of the care given to each child rather than necessarily the number of children cared for. Notwithstanding this, the team is firmly committed to helping as many

children as possibly without compromising the quality of care for the children who make up the AKIN 'family'.

About the Founders

Les Roberts is trustee and founder of AKIN. Born and raised in the United Kingdom, Les moved to Gibraltar in December 1989. Les's career spans 25 years during which time he has accumulated considerable commercial experience. In 2003 he decided to establish his own company, LR Projects Limited, providing general business consultancy services to both on-shore and off-shore clients. Starting his own business allowed Les the flexibility of time to fulfill a life-long ambition - to establish and run a charity for the benefit of children. Les is married and has four children and two grandchildren.

Leslie Bruzon is also a founding member of AKIN. He has spent many years doing work for various charities, all of which have centred around the needs of young children. Today he is not only a trustee of AKIN but he is also trustee and founding member of Childline Gibraltar as well as a trustee of Women In Need, (three Gibraltar based charities). Having graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 1998 Leslie works within the Gibraltar finance sector and is also a commissioner for Oaths.

ASIAN TSUNAMI UPDATE

From the dozens of countries struck by the force of the tsunami, Sandy and Ruth (AKIN's team members) found themselves in the southern province of Sri Lanka. They saw disaster-relief tents go up and shortly after, the volunteers packing up and leaving. Sandy and Ruth realized that in order to really help this community recover, they needed to stay for much longer and literally rebuild the village – brick by brick.

In the Telwatta and Hikkaduwa areas, Sandy and Ruth began their work by assisting the entire community sort through the wrecks that once were bustling village communities. At this point, their main focus was to ensure that families received enough food and water, and worked together with other disaster relief organisations to build toilet facilities.

Another key project that helped support the communities of Sri Lanka was setting up a temporary community/education centre for the children. Operating out of an old, abandoned temple, AKIN worked together with a local educator to counsel the children, allowing them to express their loss and feelings through a series of drama and art workshops. Many of the children had lost one or two family members (of which majority were parents). Sandy & Ruth spent the rest of their time, connecting orphaned children with their extended families. A key to ensure that these children would not be a financial burden on their new guardians, they established secure trust funds for these orphan children, which pay for their school fees, textbooks, and uniforms. AKIN began by offering sponsorships for 17 children. Today (2007) 33 children have secured sponsorships and are happily settled in their new families.

Goal for the future:

While a few of these children are only a couple of years from graduation, there are several that need funding for up to 18 years. AKIN aims to secure funding for these children until their graduation from secondary school.

AKIN has a total of 56 children on record, and while 33 children have funds in place, AKIN hopes to raise funds to sponsor the rest of them.

Orphanage Joint Venture Project

In March 2006 Leslie Bruzon and Les Roberts travelled to Tanzania where they met up with Kent Bladh and Kent's life-long friend, Leif Dahllof who had both flown there from Sweden.

Kent Bladh and his wife had worked at the Tazengwa Pentecostal Bible College outside the small town of Nzega in Tanzania for two years on assignment with the Pentecostal Church of Sweden. Upon his return to Sweden he resolved to help the children of a community he had come to love and respect, and he worked tirelessly to raise



enough money to build a home for up to 80 children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic that is ravaging the Continent of Africa.

In the United Republic of Tanzania, about seven percent of the mainland adult population is living with HIV. According to the Tanzania Commission for AIDS 2005, infections have increased sharply in women aged 30-34 years. The growing epidemic of AIDS in Africa has killed many young adults, many of them parents.

Kent has raised sufficient funds to build the orphanage - "The Varberg Home of Peace" - and managed to persuade the Nzega District Council to donate the land upon which it would be built. The Council had also agreed to provide water and food, and to pay the wages of the staff which would look after the children.

Although Kent received support from the government, he still required help with furnishing and equipping the orphanage, and with some of the annual running costs. This final piece of the jigsaw was put into place when Leif Dahllof introduced Kent to AKIN's co-founder, Les Roberts, in January 2006.

Les was so taken by the project that he had no trouble in convincing his fellow trustees to agree



to an arrangement with Kent under which AKIN would purchase the furniture and equipment for the orphanage and provide financial assistance for a minimum of three years. This meant that the orphanage could finally be built, and it was decided to

travel to Tanzania and meet with the Nzega District Council in order to ensure construction would commence.

After fulfilling the commitment of furnishing, AKIN has continued its support to the Varberg home of peace by donating funds and resources to the expansion of the facilities. Future plans include building and irrigating a plot of land in order to grow a vegetable garden. AKIN also will help support Kent in training staff, so that the

orphanage is self-sufficient and can have its own supply of food.

Goal for the Future

Since the epidemic began, 25 million people have died from AIDS, which has caused more than 13 million children to lose either their mother or both parents. AKIN hopes to raise more funds to sponsor many of these children's education, so that they may become self-sufficient adults.

Iduguta Leprosy Camp, Nzega

While they were in Nzega, the AKIN team connected with Joram William Lilakoma, a local businessman and philanthropist, who took them to visit Iduguta Leprosy Camp, a short distance from Nzega. What they saw there beggared belief!

There are about 300 people living in the camp of which 50 are children. They live in total poverty forgotten and ignored by the rest of the world, similar to the images of lepers in Europe 100 years ago. Once people are brought to the camp they have no future outside of it. They will spend the rest of their lives there.

In the camp basic needs are no more than food and medicines. The people live in very small damp and hot mud huts, certainly not something that helps their health condition. Most have no mattresses to sleep on and no mosquito nets, so malaria is a big problem and adds to their misery. They have two latrines, or holes in the ground for toilets, and live in the most horrible conditions. Particularly heartbreaking were the children – no child should have to live in conditions as bad as they were at the camp.



On the day of the group's visit, the village's food supply had run out and they had no water in the camp. They were faced with walking 3 km to the nearest well

– something they had to do every day which is no mean feat for people with no fingers or toes. AKIN made an immediate donation, with the funds they had on them. The donation was able to cover the food expenses of the entire camp for one month.

Les and Leslie were so moved that they instantly decided to support this cause, and on return to Gibraltar they sent money for mattresses, mosquito nets, clothes and shoes, soap, medicines and food for the children.

Goal for the Future

The children of Iduguta Leprosy Camp have become a second project for AKIN in Tanzania. Kent Bladh is now working tirelessly to raise funds to build a well for the village, and to improve their housing. AKIN has "adopted" the children of the village and will continue to make donations in order to give them a bright future.



S.O.S School & Orphanage, Nepal

A small group in Europe came together with the vision of building a school and orphanage, bringing forth a generation that would serve others and help make the world a better place.

The dream was commonly inspired by His Holiness Sri Swami Satchidananda a man who worked tirelessly to bring unity to mankind. He spent his entire lifetime serving humanity and promoting peace, and was bestowed many awards such as the Juliet Holister Peace Prize together with Queen Noor. The project is a tribute to his service and will be named, "The Spirit of Satchidananda (SOS) School and Orphanage."

The location of the school and orphanage is in the South of Nepal. AKIN is the umbrella organisation for the project, which is led by Nalanie Chellaram, founder and Chair of the Integral Yoga Centre in Gibraltar.

Hari Bandari, a local Nepalese who has been responsible for bringing medicine, clinics, sanitary systems and schools to nine villages in Nepal is assisting the SOS team in bringing this project together. Since childhood, Hari has witnessed

many in his community suffer and die unnecessarily through poverty and political turmoil. He vowed to serve his people and his work is proof of his success.

The team recently travelled to Nepal to purchase the plot of land. Further funds are needed for the construction. Initial plans include the construction of a main school building with classrooms, an assembly hall, dining facilities and kitchen, gymnasium, and offices. The school would cater for poor children and orphans, as well as children from affluent families, charging school fees accordingly. This would allow the school to become self-sufficient, create jobs and encourage integration and unity among communities.

A housing complex would be constructed next to the school, beginning with three homes to accommodate three sets of foster parents who would each care for eight orphans.

Longer-term plans include constructing a home for women and babies. Many children are aborted or abandoned due to the poor conditions of the villages. The project hopes to provide another option for these women.

Currently, AKIN is hoping to raise enough funds to complete the land purchase and assist with all the infrastructure planning process.

Child Education Sponsorships

AKIN adopts a personal approach and focusses on the long term benefits for the children under its care. This is reflected by the commitment to support each child throughout their entire education. Outlined below are the number of children we currently sponsor in various countries around the world, as well as the number of children requiring sponsorships:

Tanzania

Sponsored children:

Annual education fee:

Children requiring sponsorship:

Sri Lanka

Sponsored children:

Annual education fee:

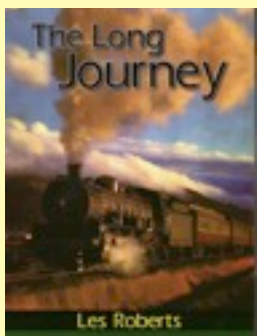
Children requiring sponsorship:

India

Sponsored children:

Annual education fee:

Children requiring sponsorship:



The Long Journey

AKIN's Co-founder Les Roberts has compiled a collection of uplifting songs and poems. All profits from the sale of this book go directly to the Association for Kids In Need.

The verses explore a variety of themes - often in depth - including:

- The hardships encountered by man during the "long journey of life" and how he overcame them
- The consequences arising from the selfish egos of three men drawn from different periods in history, culminating in a 'self-realization'
- The absolute truth and where to find it

The Hard Way Life

AKIN recently returned to Tanzania for a follow-up visit. Renowned Spanish band TAXI accompanied them on this trip. They documented their experiences and produced the documentary: "The Hard Way Life."

Dylan Ferro, lead singer of TAXI, is a director of AKIN (International) Promotions Ltd. -- a separate charity used to promote the projects of AKIN.

The documentary has been broadcasted on GBC and is in the process of being dubbed into Spanish.

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- Leslie Bruzon — Vice Chair & Founding Trustee**
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AKIN Corporate Partner Donation Form



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 - I'd like to make a one-time single donation of: £100 £200 £500 Other £ _____
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YES! I would also like to order a copy of:

- The Long Journey (£5)**
- The Hard Way Life (£10)**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- I've enclosed a cheque payable to The Association for Kids In Need (for single gift or first pledge only).
- I authorize The Association for Kids In Need to debit the following credit card: Visa Master Card Bank Debit Card

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY: ____/____/____

SIGNATURE: _____ EFFECTIVE DATE: ____/____/____

- I authorize The Association for Kids In Need to keep my credit card details on file for monthly donations/multi-year pledge
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For monthly donations, a tax receipt for the total year's contribution will be sent in January of the next calendar year. **THANK YOU!**