

## A Brief History of Rabboni Mercy Trust



### **Rabboni Mercy Orphanage was founded by Pastor Raja.**

Pastor Raja in 1989 married Jebasheela and both of them committed themselves to do God's ministry in the city of Bangalore. First they began a church and then later in 1998 they started the Rabboni Mercy Orphanage with just 2 children and no visible means of support.



### **In January 2004 Mike Ewan while in Bangalore met Pastor Raja and his wife Jebasheela.**

They were in a difficult situation financially and the orphanage and ministry they were involved in was under threat. Mike agreed to consider what he could do and shared their needs with the church at Whitehead on his return home. Due to the generosity of a number of people we were able to begin supporting this work.



### **In January 2005 Mike and Shona Ewan visited the Orphanage to meet the children for themselves.**

They found that the orphanage was not an orphanage as we would understand it. Pastor Raja and his wife have taken the children into their home to care for them and the building also doubles up as a church. They discovered that there were 25 children (plus 5 of their own children) living in very cramped conditions and that the roof was leaking and the building was in need of improvement. We decided to raise funds to help.



### **In January 2006 Mike travelled with some friends (including Cal & Stephen from Whitehead) on another project to India and called at the orphanage.**

During the year there was a necessity to purchase the building before commencing work on the roof. We were able to do this due to some large gifts and an interest free loan. We also established the Rabboni Mercy Trust to help the orphanage and obtain sponsors and support for the work on an ongoing basis.



### **At Easter 2007 a supporters trip of six people visited the Rabboni Mercy Orphanage**

They had a wonderful time getting to know the children and Pastor Raja and Jebasheela. They were now caring for 30 children. The visit was a great encouragement to Pastor Raja, Jebasheela and the children. We were able to take the children on a special outing.



**In 2008** Pastor Raja and Jebasheela were able to rent additional premises for the orphanage to give them more space. We still hadn't been able to fix the roof, but we were able to purchase a bus to transport the children to and from school.

**In April 2010** another small team visited the orphanage to assess how things were going and to spend some time with the children. Once again we were able to take the children on a special outing, and take part in the Easter services