

The **KEYSTONE Foundation** www.keystone-foundation.org is based in Kotagiri and concerned with the ways of life of the Adivasis within the ecology of the Nilgiris. It employs Adivasis and involves them in research. A few years ago NAT showed a Keystone film about Honey Gatherers at the Nehru Centre. Keystone was one of the small charities featured in the recent BBC WORLD CHALLENGE programme. NAT has now sent them £900 towards a newspaper they are bringing out for Adivasis. It is in Tamil and has separate sections for news for Irulas and Kurumbas, Todas and Kotas. The money we contributed will also go towards documenting the rights of Adivasis to forest land and to help them avail themselves of government programmes.



Changalkottai Village

NAT's INCOME

Donations received - April to September 2008 : £12,929
 Gift Aid repayment £1,017.35

AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED

(figures are rough because of varying exchange rates)

- Towards VAMS new building : £ 2,500
- NAWA fund for Higher Education: £ 4,062
- NAWA crèches (Balwadis) £3,650
- NAWA (earmarked donations) £ 3,100
- Tribal children sponsorship at VAMS £ 3,000
- AROGYA AGAM for PANK £1,000
- NWTWS £950
- Grace Mission Trust £900
- Keystone £900

PANK (the Paliar Adivasi Welfare Association) represents the Paliar Community in the Palani Hills in Theni District of Tamilnadu. It is facilitated by the charity AROGYA AGAM. We sent £ 1000 to help Paliar women and children.

NWTWS (the Nilgiris & Wynaad Tribal Welfare Society) is based at a small hospital at Ambamoola. It cares for communities of Paniyas, Moolakurumbas, Kattu Naikans and Betta Kurumbas scattered over a wide area of tropical forest in the Gudalur and Pandalur Taluk of Tamilnadu and across the border in the Wynaad district of Kerala. We sent £ 950 to support their work with children.

NAWA is running a Health Education Course for Health workers from a number of villages with instructors from the **EARTH TRUST**. They meet once a month at the NAWA headquarters in Kotagiri and from time to time in the villages of the participants.

Plans are under way for NAWA to collaborate with the **EARTH TRUST** in setting up a medicinal herb preparation unit.

The **Grace Mission Trust** runs a hostel in Ooty where several Toda children stay so that they can go to school in Ooty. It also runs programmes in tribal villages.



Patients attending the mobile clinic at Sambunatam near Masinagudi

Please help us to do more.

We are enclosing a form for reclaiming of GIFT AID and in case you would like to set up a STANDING ORDER.