

more than 100,000 people, assisted by the many Rotary clubs of Pakistan. It's interesting to note that much of the ShelterBox aid is going into remote regions NOT reached by international aid agencies.

The advertisement in *Rotary Down Under* and the response has enabled ShelterBox to continue to provide shelter and aid to the Pakistani people. ShelterBox is still sending ShelterBoxes into Pakistan, and the support from Rotarians continues to arrive each week by way of more sponsorship.

Rotary Down Under magazine is a very effective medium to communicate with Australia and New Zealand Rotarians. Thanks go to all at *Rotary Down Under*.

David Langworthy

*Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, Vic.
Chairman, ShelterBox Australia*

Model car call rang the bell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank *Rotary Down Under* for its valued assistance in publishing the letter seeking interested Rotarians for a new fellowship of model car collecting (*Mailbox*, March 2006).

I am pleased to report that I have received 18 replies from Rotarians covering all states of Australia and several replies from New Zealand.

All we require now is a third country to show interest and we can commence

the R.I. approval process. We have also been in touch with R.I. Fellowship Committee and we will be making a similar approach to *The Rotarian*. Hopefully this will see the growth continue.

Rotary Down Under is a great resource for all.

Terry Grant

*Rotary Club of Sunbury, Vic.
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Mental illness woes in India

In 1999 Mr. Rafi found a mentally ill person near his house in a pitiable condition. His efforts to have the civic authorities help were of no avail.

Ultimately Mr. Rafi came across Karunai Illam, a hospice for destitutes. They sent an ambulance with three men who took the mentally ill person in a compassionate and humane manner. On the same evening Mr. Rafi went to Karunai Illam and was surprised to see the same man was shaven, nicely dressed and in a totally different shape than in the morning. He realised the difficulties of Karunai Illam in caring for the mentally ill.

Thus the seed for ANBAHAM (which means INSIDE LOVE) was sown.

Mr. Rafi wanted to set up a home for rehabilitating mentally ill orphans on the road. He used part of his house to accommodate people. The number was soon 10 and a kind-hearted person

running a textile showroom in Chennai offered 1.62 acres of land free of cost to build a home for mentally ill destitutes. With support from many generous people a building of 4000sq. ft. has been built.

It is a common sight in Chennai to see such mentally ill orphans lying uncared on the roadside or loitering in pitiable conditions, sometimes naked. Sometimes women are in this condition. Many mentally ill persons are from Northern India and have been put in trains bound for the south by their relatives.

Anbaham has taken more than 300 such mentally ill orphans and destitutes. Anbaham has traced the families of 275 such persons and have re-united them after providing treatment at the government-run Institute for Mental Health wherever necessary.

Anbaham is recognised as a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre by the Tamil Nadu Government. Several leading doctors contribute their services free to Anbaham. The cost of running the home is not funded or supported by Government but by philanthropists.

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