



FOCUS

MEDICAL & SPIRITUAL

LOCATION

DEHRADUN, NORTH INDIA

LEADERS

SAM & MARGARET THOMAS

OUR MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET

£6000

This centre is run by Bethel Christian Fellowship. The custom built centre is a well-equipped building providing comfortable accommodation for the residents. There is residential accommodation for around 24 men and there are plans to offer help to ladies in the future. Around 100 men go through the programme each year with 40% of those completing the course which lasts for a minimum of three months. Half of the residents are alcohol dependent and half are addicted to drugs. There are 11 staff, seven of whom are full time. There is day counselling for ladies incorporated within the centre's activity. The centre helps clients find jobs if they successfully complete the programme. This is a holistic programme with a Christian ethos which is operated by committed professionals. There have been many remarkable transformations in the lives of those who successfully complete the programme. Clients come from all walks of life. Students from the local university are instructed here on drug addiction as are medical professionals and charity workers. It is the only facility in all India where clients are free to leave the programme at any time as opposed to being resident in locked and secure accommodation.

Sam Thomas and his wife Margaret moved to Dehradun, North India in 1986, Since then they have been involved in holistic Christian ministry where they have been totally committed to their local church while developing a whole variety of social projects within the community. Sam and Margaret have a real heart for the needs of those around them. North India is far less economically advanced than the south. Although India is a fast developing global economic power, over 40% of the poorest people in the world live in India. For the last quarter of a century this couple have given themselves to the needs of the people among whom they are ministering.

