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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

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A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning		October 1	, 2008, and ending	September 30	, 2009
B Check if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		C Name of organization The Bethania Foundation Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 2446 Highover Trail City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317-7574		D Employer identification number 36 3557140 E Telephone number (612) 632-3202 F Group Exemption Number ►	

• **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**

I Website: ► www.bethaniakids.org

J Organization type (check only one) – 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

H Check ► if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ **473,739.01**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1 473,043.64
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3
	4 Investment income	4 695.37
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	6
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____) of contributions reported on line 1	6a
b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8 Other revenue (describe ►	8	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9 473,739.01	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10 402,809.06
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12 29,599.87
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13 14,428.76
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14 1,487.77
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15 31,397.06
	16 Other expenses (describe ► Employer taxes owed	16 2,300.13
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17 482,022.65
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 (8,283.64)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19 206,825.24
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21 198,541.60
	Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ	

(See the instructions for Part II.)

Assets	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
	22 Cash, savings, and investments	206,825.24 22	198,541.60
	23 Land and buildings	23	
	24 Other assets (describe ►	24	
	25 Total assets	206,825.24 25	198,541.60
	26 Total liabilities (describe ►	26	
	27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	206,825.24 27	198,541.60

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Helping destitute children in India**

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

28 Funds provided to Bethania Ministries' projects serving the needs of destitute and handicapped children in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India

(Grants \$ 144,256) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 28a 144,256

29 Funds provided to Angel Orphanage in Rajahmundry, India, which is a facility for orphaned children

(Grants \$ 33,015) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 29a 33,015

30 Funds provided to Bethania Children's Home in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, India, which is a facility for orphaned children.

(Grants \$ 62,091) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► 30a 62,091

31 Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants \$ 163,447) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ 31a 163,447

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ► 32 - - 402,809

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity 33 ✓

34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes 34 ✓

35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T 35a ✓
35b ✓

a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? 36 ✓

b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year? 37a -0-

36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N 37b ✓

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► **37a** -0-
b Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? 38a ✓

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return? 38b -0-
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 39a -0-

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39b -0-
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 40a -0-

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ► -0- , section 4912 ► -0- ; section 4955 ► -0-
b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b ✓

c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c -0-
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d -0-
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. 40e ✓

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► **Minnesota**42a The books are in care of ► **Gene H. Hennig** Telephone no. ► (612) 632-3202
Located at ► **2446 Highover Trail, Chanhassen, Minnesota** ZIP + 4 ► 55317-7574

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts**.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► **43** 43

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44 ✓

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 45 ✓

	Yes	No
33	✓	
34	✓	
35a	✓	
35b	✓	
36	✓	
37a	✓	
38a	✓	
39a	-0-	
39b	-0-	
40a	-0-	
40b	✓	
40c	-0-	
40d	-0-	
40e	✓	

	Yes	No
42b	✓	
42c	✓	

	Yes	No
44	✓	
45	✓	

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46–49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I Yes No 46

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II Yes No 47

48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E Yes No 48

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Yes No 49a

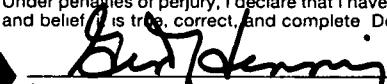
b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? Yes No 49b

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ►				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ►		

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge			
		Date	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)	
	February 11, 2010			
	Signature of officer	Date		
	Gene H. Hennig, Chairman			
	Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		EIN ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone no ► ()

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ► Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Internal Revenue Service

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

The Bethania Foundation

36 : 3557140

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only one organization.)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)
 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Other

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	530,065	373,519	526,597	498,884	473,044	2,402,109
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3	530,065	373,519	526,597	498,884	473,044	2,402,109
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						314,367
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,087,742

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	530,065	373,519	526,597	498,884	473,044	2,402,109
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	226	494	3,021	2,338	695	6,774
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,408,883
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	86.7 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	81.2 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3 % support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

**The Bethania Foundation
2008 Form 990-EZ
Part III**

e-1	Funds provided to Bethania Children's Homes in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	\$ 104,480
e-2	Administrative expenses incurred by all Bethania Ministries in India	<u>58,967</u>
	Total:	\$ 163,447

For additional information regarding Program Service Accomplishments, see
Line 10 and the Schedule thereto.

**The Bethania Foundation
2008 Form 990-EZ
Line 10**

Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

The Bethania Foundation was originally formed in 1987 to provide financial support to independent social welfare projects being conducted in South India. The primary focus of these projects is serving the needs of destitute and/or physically handicapped children who, without such help, would face starvation and other severe deprivation.

Virtually all support during the past fiscal year was provided through The Bethania Foundation, India, which is an umbrella organization established as a trust in India (the "Trust") that oversees the work of all the Bethania projects. The Trust maintains a mailing address c/o Dr. James Gnanakan, #10, Bhanu Apartments, Flat #103, Kempamma Road, Oil Mill Road, Aravind Nagar, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore – 560 084, India.

The Trust oversees relief efforts for children primarily in the following four metropolitan areas, all of which are in South India: Kodaikanal, Rajahmundry, Nagercoil and Chennai. Further information concerning the work being done in each of these locations, as well as the amount of funding provided, is provided in the table below.

<u>Bethania Project Supported</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Class of Activity</u>
Kodaikanal			
Bethania Children's Home	21,710	34	Orphanage
Shalom Children's Home	21,159	33	Orphanage
Mabel's Care Creche	9,797	50	Daycare
Joshua House Care Creche	5,488	30	Daycare
Nathanael Care Creche	7,874	50	Daycare
Deborah Care Creche	6,157	40	Daycare
Mahaniam Care Creche	5,464	35	Daycare
(3) Women's Empowerment Programs	7,404	40	Women's Improvement
(6) Tuition Centers	25,069	240	After-School Programs
CP Center	13,645	40	Cerebral Palsy Center
Kodai Relief Fund	2,258	30	General Relief Assistance
Respite Center	7,778	5	Cerebral Palsy Adults
Poombari Special School	10,453	15	Handicapped Children School
Rajahmundry			
Angel Home	33,015	45	Orphanage

Nagercoil

Bethania Home	62,091	103	Orphanage
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Chennai

Bethania Boys' Home	42,159	44	Orphanage
Bethania Girls' Home	62,321	73	Orphanage

Administrative Expenses	<u>58,967</u>
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Totals:	\$402,809	907
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No recipients of grants or relief in India are related to The Bethania Foundation that is filing this Form 990-EZ or to the Trust being supported in India.

List of Officers

Todd Heidelberger	President
Gene Hennig	Chairman
Ravi Srinivasan	Treasurer
Karen Contag	Secretary

The Foundation has no key employees or trustees.

**The Bethania Foundation
2008 Form 990-EZ
Part IV**

Schedule of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Sathi Clarke	Wesley Theological Seminary 4500 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20016
Karen Contag	6304 Waterman Avenue Edina, Minnesota 55343
Mark Garrison	19763 Meadowlark Way Farmington, Minnesota 55024
David Granner	6900 East Joy Road Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105
Paul Haecker	190 Green Spring Court Winchester, Virginia 22603
Todd Heidelberger	405 Mill Lane Boyce, Virginia 22620
Gene Hennig	2446 Highover Trail Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317
Thomas Mischka	2709 Beechwood Court Appleton, Wisconsin 54911
Jeanette Schmidt	3028 Fairway Drive Chaska, Minnesota 55318
Ravi Srinivasan	3449 Gettysburg Road Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105
Terry Wold	P.O. Box 5321 Carefree, Arizona 85377