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- 1 Living on the relatively small island of Great Britain, we tend to think in terms of short distances. We may imagine, for example, that Australia and New Zealand are near-neighbours, yet they are 1100 miles apart, with a 2-hour time-difference between New Zealand and the nearest point on the east coast of Australia.
- 2 We may think our own continent of Europe is big, but Africa is almost 3 times the land area of Europe.
- 3 We may have the impression that India is teeming with people. Yet, thinking of an area of land in the United Kingdom occupied on average by 100 people, India has 124 people living in the same area of land. Holland is far more heavily populated with 190 to the same area of land.
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,  
extend our horizons,  
widen our vision,  
and remind us  
how inter-connected we are  
as your sons and daughters.  
Breathe your Spirit into us  
that we may live more truly  
as brothers and sisters  
who care for one another. Amen.**

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dren - but I have never seen any programme so full of love, the foster families so well-planned, the children so vibrant and healthy.”

*For more details and leaflets about the wide variety of self-help offered at 'RTU' by Brother James and his colleagues, and for ways in which you might possibly help to sponsor a child (or make a special donation at Christmas or in someone's memory) you are welcome to write to:*

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*Mr & Mrs Cassidy co-ordinate in Britain the raising of funds for "Reaching the Unreached", which is Registered Charity No. 362675. All contributions are acknowledged and received with gratitude.*

*A full-page advertisement about the work of 'RTU' and Brother James Kimpton appeared in the 'Universe' on 8/3/98 and the 'Catholic Times' on 15/3/98.*

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 *The natural resources in Britain (such as coal, oil, gas, ores, water, good soil) are vastly greater than those of India, and have contributed to a certain quality of life for those who live in Britain.*

*In the 6-14 age group, only 1/2 of India's 179 million children attend school.*

*Over 1/2 of India's primary schools have no drinking water facilities. 85 in every 100 schools have no toilets.*

*Britain has an average of one doctor for every 600 people. India has one doctor for every 30,000.*

 *All the nations of the earth; Do not worry; If I am lacking love; O Lord all the world; Thank you for fathers ("and mothers and children")*



 *India has about 770 people per square mile (300 per square kilometre), which is only 1.24 times that of the UK, with about 620 people per square mile (240 people per square kilometre). Holland (the Netherlands) is far more densely populated with 1,180 people per square mile (455 people per square kilometre). Source for the figures: 'The Cambridge Factfinder, 1997'.*

 *Brother James Kimpton, a British De La Salle Brother, has worked in southern India with the poorest of the poor for over 45 years. He has set up "Reaching the Unreached" (RTU) as a means of helping the poor to help themselves. For example, in two of the 'RTU' villages, there are young people from babyhood to high school level who have been orphaned or abandoned. 5 or 6 children are placed with a 'mother' who is a widow or who has been deserted by her husband, but who is now paid to look after these children. Each foster mother runs her house independently as a family, and the children quickly learn to be brothers and sisters. 'RTU' arranges for the children's education and health-care. Each house is an integral part of the village community, giving the children cultural roots and a feeling of belonging.*

*Visitors to 'RTU' have written: "I am deeply impressed by the beautiful smiles of the children... For years in the U.S. I have worked with abandoned, abused and neglected chil-*

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