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OUR VISION: OUR MISSION

In this special edition, we share with you in pictures and words a compendium of the works of The Mission House and the vision and mission that inspires and motivates us.

Our Vision: "The removal of spiritual and material poverty through relief, sustainable development and the transformation of individuals, families, communities and societies.

Our Mission: We are a Christian

organisation accepting the good works of any who wish to serve alongside us according to their talents and abilities.

We are dedicated to the delivery of spiritual and material abundance by bringing continuous improvement to the quality of life of the vulnerable and disadvantaged at all levels of society, in all communities at home and abroad. This is achieved by:

■ Provision of immediate relief.

- Community development built upon our child sponsorship which encompasses the family and wider community; basic community health education; clean water and proper sanitation.
- Systematic transformation through education and development, including the business community through networks and the provision of micro finance.

The Burmese Cyclone Appeal: *500 Adults and Children in Two Villages Helped!*

Once again a natural event has brought disaster and calamity upon millions of people. To those of you who responded to The Mission House Appeal for Burma and on behalf of those you have helped "Thank You".

Prior to the cyclone, The Mission House director, Nigel Kiernander visited northern Thailand in connection with a children's home that temporarily accommodates trafficked Burmese children being taken into Thailand to go into the sex trade.

They are then moved to orphanages and The Mission House will be linking with a new orphanage that is being set up by

an English couple in Chiang Rai to receive these children.

Earlier this year, Nigel was back in Thailand, as a guest lecturer to a group of international business people attending a Business as Mission course, one of whom is active with some orphanages in Burma.

When the cyclone hit, Nigel was out of the UK but nonetheless quickly established through his contacts in Thailand that it was possible to get aid in immediately hence the appeal.

Pounds and dollars have significant purchasing power in Thailand and donated funds have been used to purchase food,

water, medicines and paddy rice for planting. This emergency aid has been shipped across the border to Rangoon and the Irrawaddy delta for distribution.

Just as we were able to help the Sri Lankan people after the tsunami so we have been able to help the Burmese after Cyclone Nargis. By partnering with local people we have been able to reach out across the world and help our fellow human beings. They have been able to receive aid because of your generosity.

Even so, their present plight almost defies description.

Turn to page 3 for more photographs.



Refugees of cyclone



Relief supplies and relief team



Medical care by Dr. Fish

There are an estimated two million Christians living in the five regions that have been declared disaster zones. (This is about half the total number of Christians in Burma). Most live in rural areas in flimsy huts of bamboo and wood which could not withstand the high winds. In the two regions where the cyclone was strongest, Rangoon and Irrawaddy, there are approx. 726,000 Christians. Another of the disaster zones, Karen, has a population that is 44% Christian. Latest figures indicate an estimated 100,000 dead and a million homeless...and still counting!

EDITORIAL



One of the pay-offs when climbing a mountain comes when you stop to rest, turn around and see just how far you have ascended.

The Mission House has now completed its fourth year. And it is an appropriate moment to have a review of how far we have come. So this is a 'review' edition which lets you see some of the activities we have been engaged in and indeed in many cases still are.

Our reason for being is 'to give help and hope to the world through relief, development and transformation'.

Each of us has our part to play in The Mission House Team. I like to describe our outcomes as the result of three broad groups of Volunteers, Prayer Partners, Field Staff and Resources Volunteers. You could be in one, two or all three groups but for most

people their contribution is as a Resource Volunteer providing regular or one-off donations to bring relief, development and transformation into the lives of those people we serve. For example, emergency relief, most recently in Burma.

The Mission House is growing as we continue to fulfil our vision and mission. And in this regard I'm delighted to let you know that we have four new Board members who bring very considerable experience and a diverse range of in depth business and mission skills to the table.

Enjoy the pictures, they represent your generous giving being used to demonstrate and proclaim the Good News.

Thank you for being on the Team.

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A small team of volunteers have dedicated themselves to producing the publications of The Mission House. The Mission Post which is produced four times a year is designed to be both informative and inspirational.

If you are involved in any charitable work or projects and would like to inspire others then please contact us. Simply send a write-up (with pictures if possible) of any length and quality. You can sit back and relax, as we will do the rest for you. Please send your write-up by email or post to the address in the adjoining box. All of us on the team thank you for your interest, support and readership of The Mission Post.

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UPDATE: BURMA APPEAL

Prior to the cyclone The Mission House committed to supporting children in a small orphanage through our Child Sponsorship Program.

The following report comes from Josiah a co-worker with orphanage Director Simon, both of whom have now taken on the additional responsibilities of relief team

leaders. This short report from Josiah is about how YOUR donations have been used to bring relief to the people of two devastated villages.

"Hope you are doing well in the Lord. Under His care we came back from relief trip yesterday. I tried to help first children and women. We were able to help about 300 children and 200 women and men in 2 villages.

We gave farmers paddy seeds to grow for food - rain coats, sandals, clothes and shirts for women - soaps, clothes, school bags, books, pencils and cookies for children - mosquito nets, blankets, plastic

sheets and medicines for all.

They were very happy for receiving these things. I would like to say thank you very much for the gift for them. I am a bit busy this days and I am planning to go to the Irrawaddy delta again. Some of kids from orphanage got sick; I have to take care them too...May our God Bless you richly YOU have brought help to 500 people."

Why not sponsor one of these children and bring help and hope to them in an on-going way. Simply complete enclosed sponsorship form and send it to us.

The BURMESE Cyclone Relief



Giving out blankets and mosquito nets



Food relief



Thank you



Relief supplies



Relief - medical care



God save this little one



Relief for little children



Relief - school supplies



Reaching victims with rice

In the midst of all the difficulties God is doing a great thing in Myanmar (Burma). Local Christians are currently at the forefront of aid and relief efforts having found unprecedented favours with the authorities. Churches have formed a coalition to work together for cyclone relief. One of their strategies is to build a community centre in each town from which to coordinate the rebuilding efforts. God is up to something which is slowly unfolding in the midst of this tragedy. Christian leaders in Myanmar have been praying for transformation for years, and they see the present situation as the beginning of God's answer to their prayers.



Camp fire at Taut (current venue)



Waiting for the 'off'



Volleyball instruction



Discussing life issues



Cooling off



a lighter moment at Colibitsa (Transylvania mountains)



ACE Camp Leader Conrad Townson addresses campers and staff

The ROMANIA Mission

Inspiring Orphans, Helping the Poor

In Romania, the work of The Mission House has involved principally:

- Provision of funds and Volunteers for summer holidays for residents of two orphanages

- Provision of funds and volunteers for an outdoor activity camp for residents of three orphanages followed by, for the older children, distribution of food relief to the poorest of the rural poor in their local area.

- Supply of clothes and sports equipment to two children's homes.

- Summer 2008 Community Development for local and Roma (Gypsy) people.



Preparing food relief for distribution



The wall



Their turn to lead daily worship



Romanian ACE Camp Leader Conrad Townson considers a point during 2007 pre-trip briefing



Campers and staff, Taut 2007

In MADAGASCAR

Development, Education and Transformation

The Mission House has made a significant difference to many in Madagascar with the following projects:

- Supply of general help Volunteers to an orphanage
- Provision of volunteer nurse to city hospital
- Provision of on-going funding for Primary school teacher
- Child sponsorship of orphans
- Survey and installation of clean water and basic sanitary facilities to orphanage of 10 houses for 102 children. The installation of clean water required 3x 20,000 gallon concrete tanks. All pipes, fittings and drainage to 10 buildings and solar powered pump

- Supply of electric keyboard and drumset to Christian drama and music outreach group also broadcasting on national radio,
- Sponsorship of member of National Dance Team to attend international competition,
- Sponsorship of youth camp for poor and orphaned children
- Provision of funds for a chicken house helping to supplement a secondary school teacher's income
- Supply of toys, clothes and shoes to orphanage
- Sponsorship of missionary outreach group from Madagascar to Mauritius
- Supply of sports equipment to school and orphanage.



Water Project commissioning in December 2006

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Solar Cell power source for pump



After the tape cutting:
NK, Madame Eliezera (Le T Principal) and Govt. Minister



NK and contractors 'discussing' amendments to tank



Some of the children at Le Triomphe



Madame Eliezera (orphanage principal) sorting donated clothes



Madame Eliezera with her school class

From Tsunami relief work to micro-finance projects, The Mission House is very much dedicated to its vision in Sri Lanka.

- Emergency tsunami relief through four local Sri Lankan charities distributing emergency supplies of food, water, clothes, cooking utensils and hygiene supplies to tsunami victims.
- Assessment for repair, refurbishment and enlargement of unusable well followed by installation of clean water well in East Coast island community of 130 people.
- Support for academy which provides free education and training in life skills, computer skills and English for 60 students equipping them for higher level entry to the job market.
- Provision of dining tables and chairs to children's home for tsunami orphans.
- Support for community development project in a Colombo slum.
- Support of a micro-enterprise program covering 100 drug rehabilitation units with 2,500 clients. This will provide self employment for 300 ex-addicts over the next three years. And 750 over five years.

SRI LANKA

Development, Transformation and Micro Enterprise



NK meets with Principals of Paynter childrens home



NK concludes agreement with Director of largest Sri Lankan charity to support micro enterprise program for rehabilitated drug addicts



The only way to access to this rehab unit is to wade the river



Discussing development needs with displaced war refugees



Micro finance success story - fish vendor



NK receives thanks from village leader for provision of well



Oversight committee of micro finance project in Colombo slum



Finished goods ready for dispatch at micro enterprise unit



Missionaries at training school - Kandana



Tsunami widow weaving cloth at micro enterprise unit

COUNTRIES

+ Projects

UGANDA

Uganda - sponsored children



Uganda - free dental care provided by volunteer dental surgeon Dominic Kiemander



Uganda - NK planting eucalyptus tree part of micro finance project.



- Provision of Volunteer dentist and medicines to urban slum.
- Support for Volunteer working in hospice in urban slum.
- Support for Volunteers giving family and sexual health education.
- Assessments of viability of micro enterprise projects in war refugee camp
- Sponsorship of orphans.

GHANA

School Supplies about to be dispatched



Kutunse - Junior Class



School children Kutunse



- Provision of teaching materials and on-going support to an independent primary/secondary school in Kutunse, Ghana.
- Support visits by two Volunteer teachers to assess and engage in teacher development.

BANGLADESH

NK addresses (through interpreter) graduating nurses aides



Graduating class of nurse's aides



Dr John Biswas Chairman BEA, Rod Matthews, WCG Mission Developer & NK at baptism service



Baptism service in progress



Hope Orphanage School block



Hope Orphanage accommodation block



Orphans hard at work at their studies



CAMBODIA

- Sponsorship of orphans at Hope Orphanage through The Mission House Child Sponsorship Program.

Bangladesh, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda provision of outdoor games, sports equipment and thousands of pens and pencils to schools and churches.

Pakistan:

Collection and forwarding of emergency funds after the earthquake.

United Kingdom

Provision of recycled computers for rehabilitated ex-offenders, prostitutes and drug addicts being re-established in society.

Rescue centre (near Burmese border) for children saved from sex trade



THAILAND

- Support of orphanage for children rescued from the sex trade.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Madagascar, Uganda, Cambodia, Thailand, Sri Lanka & Myanmar

- Connecting long term donors (individual or syndicates, private or corporate, churches or groups) with children who have been orphaned through abandonment, disease, trafficking, war and natural disaster
- Giving one off donations to children with the greatest need.

■ *EVERY DONATION IS A SENSITIVE ACT OF COMPASSION* ■



Why sponsor a child?

- To ensure a child has the basics of life.
- To give a child education and skills for the benefit of their personal future, their family and community's future, and eventually the future of their nation.
- To make your own contribution towards tackling world poverty.