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"SERGELT" Mobile Drop-In Centre

MONGOLIA

AN INTRODUCTION . . .

"Sergelt" is a contact point for homeless people to work together towards improving living situations, and where possible, reintegration into society. We work from a remodelled bus that serves as a mobile drop-in centre — an easily accessible and welcoming meeting place where those who are homeless can come any time of the day for a meal, talk or practical help.

OUR ACTIVITIES

We visit two groups of homeless people weekly at different locations in Ulaanbaatar (UB). We provide some basic needs such as a hot meal and tea, haircuts and occasionally second-hand clothes and shoes. We provide simple wound treatment, and those in need of



Some of the homeless

specialised treatment are taken to the hospital. About 120 people have been helped with medical care (e.g. emergency aid, check-ups, medicines, diseases, infections, loss of limbs, broken bones).

The sick are visited and those who want to change their lives are connected with addiction care centres. Once a week we have the 'Alcohol-free Road' self-help group and fellowship meetings.

Over 75 people have been connected with addiction care centres, most of whom probably would not have found the way, courage or confidence to do so alone. While not many are able or willing to persist in long-term treatment and return to the streets, some others persevere and eventually re-enter society.

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Volunteers have come and gone, though several are still involved. All expressed that they have gained a better understanding of homelessness and addiction. We have good cooperation from “Enerel Hospital”, the only hospital in UB that gives medical attention to the vulnerable in society.

THE NEW AND ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM

Bulгаа (L) experienced homelessness and alcohol addiction for many years. He now uses his experience to reach out to those who are still on the streets and stuck in addiction. He is also our team manager and oversees the involvement of volunteers together with myself. Bulгаа helps lead our ‘Alcohol-free Road’ self-help groups. Enkhee (next to Bulгаа) has a good rapport with our contacts. Besides concentrating on the sick, he organises the fellowship meetings. Ganaa (R) is a

psychologist who focuses mostly on the homeless women. Both Ganaa and Enkhee link contacts with addiction care centres.

I am from the Netherlands, and have been in Mongolia since 2011. I am the project leader, responsible for overseeing the venture, our vision and the team’s development.

~ Corrie van der Esch



Syke Street Compound

Expanding Early Childhood Education

SIERRA LEONE

THE importance of Early Childhood Education (ECE) is globally recognised as a foundation for future learning and as a nation-building tool for developing countries. The Orthodox Mission in Sierra Leone has responded to this call in both rural and urban western districts of the country.



The Orthodox Mission is excited to announce the addition of early childhood services to be built at Syke Street (situated in the capital city of

Freetown). The Mission has recently negotiated a 45-year lease agreement with Freetown City Council and can begin its educational projects. The need for trained and qualified early childhood teachers and quality early childhood centres is a high priority. With the support of our donors and sponsors, our plans to expand the high quality early childhood education in Freetown, have begun.

BUILDING WORKS

The first priority on the compound is to renovate the current buildings and add toilet blocks and a library. The second priority is to construct a

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new school dining hall and resident housing for volunteers.

Current work consists of renovating the existing administration building: adding two additional toilets and an office. The first of two student toilet blocks on the property are almost finished. In addition, a new perimeter fence at the front of the compound has been completed, offering separate vehicle and pedestrian entry points.

The Orthodox Mission will continue renovations with a face-lift to the current two story building which will house the college campus and the kindergarten as well as a simulated ECE class for student teachers to observe children's learning and use the class for practical tutorials.

Phase 1: College Campus and Kindergarten

We anticipate by October 2018 the opening of a new college campus. The college will offer an entry-level Teacher Certificate (TC) program in ECE. It will specifically target school leavers giving them an opportunity to begin their teaching career. This three-year, part-time course will offer a foundational semester in general studies such as English language, literacy, numeracy,



Administration building

communication and ITC.

As students advance, they will gain a breadth of knowledge about child development, curriculum planning, teaching methodology and play-based learning as well as health and safety. They may then choose to enter the Higher Teaching Certificate at our Tower Hill college or an external Bachelor degree program. The addition of a new kindergarten and simulated classroom will offer practical field placement for students and provide opportunities for observation, planning and evaluation of quality early childhood programs.

Graduates from our colleges will develop a depth of knowledge in early childhood, qualifying them to teach nursery, kindergarten and lower primary school children.

It is anticipated that the

kindergarten will be ready by October 2018 and cater for children's learning and development the year before formal schooling. The kindergarten will offer an enquiry-based program in a supportive and caring environment, catering holistically for children's physical, social, emotional, cognitive, moral and spiritual development.

~ *Dr Eleni Athinodorou*



Dr Eleni in front of the administration building



Dr Judith Goh AO, Manager of Medical Training in Africa and Asia [AFR-010] running with the baton for the Commonwealth Games.

Photo taken by Darren Diseren.

Mustard Seed Projects

BURUNDI

NOT a lot seems to have changed in Burundi in the last 12 months. The rains came this autumn, the typically heavy tropical downpours, and given that most of the homes are either mud or adobe brick, and most with mud mortar, many have suffered serious damage. On the plus side it has enabled many people to plant a second crop, which will be beneficial because the spring rain arrived late, which meant that planting was delayed and most of the people continue to struggle to provide one meal a day for themselves and their families.

WATER AND ELECTRICITY PROBLEMS

Burundi's water and power infrastructure is more than 60 years old and is not capable of providing for the population of around 11 million. All the projects are impacted by this and to make progress the situation needs to be rectified. At the base facility, we have a small hospital. Ubuntu Clinic has three consulting doctors (plus the founder) and six trained nurses. They struggle to provide what we would consider good quality first aid or triage because of a lack of reliable electricity and running water. Water has to be carried and often candles are relied on for light at night.

As a result of a review of all projects, it was evident that the provision of improved electricity supply was a top priority. To change this situation and assist the other projects a Solar Power System with

battery backup will be installed. It will mean we can dramatically improve the standard of health care in addition to providing fresh, clean water for the clinic, the homestead, and hundreds of local residents. Due to a lack of winter and spring rain here in Tasmania, the honey production season has been a poor one, so it was a struggle to gather the funds to make it happen. Nevertheless, the system will be loaded in a 40-foot shipping container and dispatched to Burundi via sea by

mid May. I will travel to Burundi and install the solar array on the roof of the clinic which should be straight forward, as it will be a plug and play installation having been fully commissioned before it leaves Tasmania.

BIOGAS PROJECT

Our Biogas Project continues to create huge interest at government level with regular visits to the site to spread the knowledge and awareness of how easy it is to create a clean cooking fuel from cow manure. We continue to search for ways that will enable the everyday person to benefit from this technology and hopeful that the project will continue to have a high profile and be considered for World Bank project funding across the country.

Whilst life is a struggle for the people they continue to have faith that tomorrow will be a better day, and Lord willing, we will be able to continue to encourage them that this will be so.

~ *Des Willmott*



Current HADA Projects

All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility



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AFGHANISTAN

NOOR-Ophthalmic Technician Training Program

Manager: Liz Green

- Providing training for the treatment of eye conditions [AFG-010]

AFRICA and ASIA

Medical Training in Africa and Asia

Manager: Dr Judith Goh

- Training African and Asian doctors in treating African and Asian doctors in treating women with genital tract fistula [AFR-010]

Library Aid International Inc

Manager: Peter Cunningham

- Providing books for schools to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities. [AFR-011]

BANGLADESH

New Hope Ministry Bangladesh Trust

Manager: Warwick Lloyd

- **Rural project** to help orphanage self sufficiency [BGD-010]
- **Multi-Purpose Educational Buildings** [BGD-012]

BURUNDI

Mustard Seed Projects

Manager: Des Willmott

- Meat chickens, fish farming and bio-gas projects [BDI-010]

CAMBODIA

Siem Reap

Manager: Jonathan and Heleen Wolters

- **Bridge of Hope:** Working with families and communities to prevent children at risk becoming street children (or sold/ ending up in prostitution). [KHM-010]
- **Family Sponsorship** [KHM-018]

Good Neighbours Pre-School

Manager: Julie and Will Fowles

- A pre-school for disadvantaged children [KHM-013]

CHINA

Hope Of Tomorrow

Managers: Daniel and Irene Kim

[CHN-014]

- Giving hope to the blind [CHN-013]

INDIA

Maxton Strong Orphanage School

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- Kindergarten Construction: to provide suitable education facilities for early learners [IND-017]

Maxton Strong School Staff

Accommodation

- Building accommodation for school staff [IND-018].

IRAQ

Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan Optician Training Centre

- Apprenticeship program for opticians [IRQ-010]

KAZAKHSTAN

HADA, Astana

Manager: David Pichotta [KAZ-013]

- **Alcoholism:** Education, literature, and support groups for alcoholics and their families [KAZ-010]
- **Open Doors Community Centre:** a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents [KAZ-011]
- **Valueology:** assisting schools by providing materials, and teaching values to teenagers [KAZ-012]

MONGOLIA

Good Neighbor Society, UlaanBaatar

Manager: Tsegmid Delgermaa

- Family Development Program [MNG-010]

Good Neighbour Society – Mobile Drop-In Centre

Manager: Corrie van der Esch [MNG 019]

- Assist homeless people in Ulaan-Baatar [MNG-018]

Elio Day Care Centre

- A preschool for children in a poverty stricken area [MNG-020]

NEPAL

ACN Health Promotion

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln [NPL-011]

- Providing access to safe drinking water and toilets, improve knowledge of hygiene/ sanitation, nutrition and preventable diseases [NPL-012]

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PK4 Haus Pikinini Orphanages Development

Manager: Donna Harvey-Hall

- Building orphanages to create a positive, loving environment for abandoned and neglected children [PNG-010]

SIERRA LEONE

Syke Street School

Manager: Dr Themis Adamopoulos

- Providing school canteen, medical clinic, and toilets [SLE-013]

PK4A Orphanages Development

- Building orphanages to create a positive, loving environment for abandoned and neglected children. [SLE-012]

SOUTH AFRICA

My Father's House Worcester

Manager: Jan Buchanan [ZAF-011]

- **Community Centre** for vulnerable teenagers [ZAF-010]

UGANDA

Grace Care Child Program

Manager: Emmanuel Kanuli

- To build classrooms for orphaned/ disadvantaged children [UGA-020]

VANUATU

Victory School of Hope

- To build new classrooms for school in Blacksands community [VUT-010]

ZAMBIA

Oasis Care Project, Ndola

Manager: Lainah Phiri [ZMB-013]

- **Market garden** for orphanage [ZMB-010]
- Gardeners: Benson and Alison [ZMB012]

DISASTER RELIEF

- Bangladesh floods [DIS-000]
- Help for Syrian refugees [DIS-010]

WHERE MOST NEEDED

The board will allocate these funds to projects in most need [WMN-010]

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