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HADA'S VISION

**To see medical, educational,
agricultural and sanitation
programs established in
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Good Neighbour Society

MONGOLIA

Good Neighbour Society (GNS) in Mongolia was originally started by a Korean medical doctor, Dr David Sir. He worked hard to start a Community Health Education program (CHE) giving seminars about health issues to the local community. Our team took over the running of GNS in 1995 and continued the work that Dr Sir started. We ran the CHE program for several years but this year, due to a lack of funding, realised that it was time to shut it down. This was a hard decision as it meant laying off paid medical workers and our driver plus the selling of the GNS vehicle.

However, since we took over the running of GNS, other projects have been added and these are working with varying degrees of support and success. Different projects again have been started and either finished or handed over to other authorities, however the following programs are currently being undertaken:

Feeding Projects

We run two feeding projects in Ulaanbaatar, the capital: one in a room in a church and another in a public hall in the poor ger [Mongolian round house] suburb of Hailast. Children are hand-chosen from the poorer families to attend these projects. The project in the church feeds 70 kids four nutritious meals a week. The project



at Hailast feeds 70 kids twice a week. Some of these kids come from families who earn less than \$80 a month. They suffer from poor health, poor education and often do not get love from their parents. We give them all by feeding them, teaching brief lessons and showing love to them as we serve them. Thanks to support from individuals we are also able to give out clothes, medicine and special gifts at certain times during the year.

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits all town centres in the far western province called Hovd. The literacy rate in Mongolia is 94% so even most ger dwelling nomads can read. However, as they spend most, if not all, of their life

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**Mobile library**

herding animals, our mobile library may be the only chance they get to read books. In 2008 nomads visited the library 2298 times, read 1347 books with 7520 book lendings being recorded.

Hearing Aid Projects

Certain members of our Hovd team have received specialist training from a doctor in Germany and are able to distribute and fit hearing aids to nomads with hearing problems. So far more than 100 hearing aids have been distributed and more nomads are waiting.

Character Training

The Hovd team has also provided character training at various places including the local prison. The character training takes place regularly and the mobile library also visits there on occasions. Many people's behaviour, especially in the prison, have noticeably improved since the introduction of this training. Comments have been heard like, "I really didn't know that it wasn't okay to beat my wife."

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Reading Glasses Project

In addition to the two previously mentioned nomad reaching projects, the Hovd team also distribute non-prescription reading glasses to nomads. So far over 300 pairs of glasses have been distributed and several more boxes were sent in September.

Kindergarten Project

We also support a kindergarten in the Hovd city centre, providing 24 of the city's poorest children

**Hearing aids fitted**

with an education for one year. We specifically only provide education for one year at a pre-primary school level. The kindergarten provides food, clothing and education in a safe and positive environment.

Micro Loans

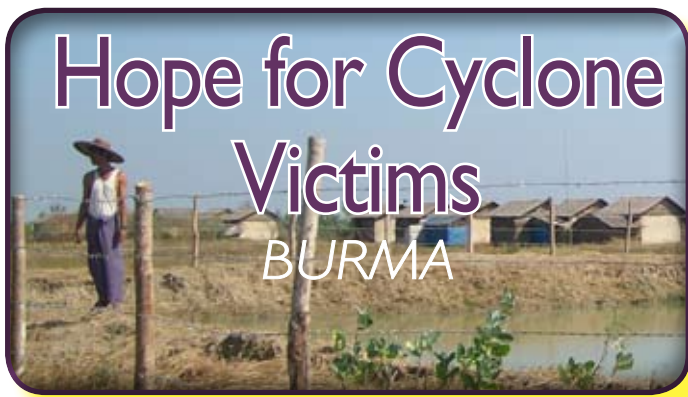
Micro loans are designed to provide poor people with the means by which they can use their talents to start a life-long business. A carpenter in Hovd was given

a small loan to buy equipment to develop his carpentry business. He fully repaid the loan and now has a thriving business. Another lady in the Hovd province was given a loan to start cashmere production. Whilst we hold the nomads to their promise to repay the loan, this lady has been unable to do this fully yet. Another lady in Ulaanbaatar was given a small loan to help her buy materials to hand-knit scarves. She fully repaid this loan and produces scarves, albeit slowly, selling them at the local market. We are considering giving her another loan to buy a sewing machine so that she can produce many more scarves.

GNS Offices

At present GNS has offices in Ulaanbaatar and Hovd and is in the throes of setting up a new work in another far western provincial capital called Ulaangom. We currently employ 11 local workers to work alongside nine foreign volunteers. Staff are either trained professionals or receive on-the-job training. Feeding project workers in Ulaanbaatar have various opportunities to study new foods, hygiene issues and, when available, to learn English in order to teach it to the projects' kids.

**Character-training class**



An estimated 130,000 people were killed when devastating *Cyclone Nargis* swept over Burma in May 2008. Many more people were left with virtually nothing and only survived through speedy relief efforts of both local and international organisations. Through the donation of AU\$17,989.40, HADA was able to offer help especially during the important period of recovery and rehabilitation that followed the initial phase of pure relief work. Only after the rainy season stopped in October could many cyclone survivors think of rebuilding their livelihood and moving from basic temporary shelters into better housing.

Through the involvement and support from HADA, aid could be offered in several places near Labutta, one of the most affected areas in the Ayeyarwady Division, as well as in four affected places near Yangon, the biggest city of Myanmar. In ten villages much-needed threshing machines were delivered and a total of 3100 primary, middle and high school students were helped with greatly needed schooling materials. A total of 26 houses were rebuilt. Eleven families were provided with new fishing boats including nets and another 19 families received piglets, chickens and ducks for animal rearing. In addition, a village with about 200 people was provided with a big pond to supply water for their daily use.

All these contributions have made a world of difference to the many grateful receivers. Together with them we would like to express our deepest appreciation and thankfulness towards HADA's involvement in reaching out to the many victims. It has fuelled new hope and demonstrated genuine care for people in tremendous need.

Our deepest thanks to all the generous donors.

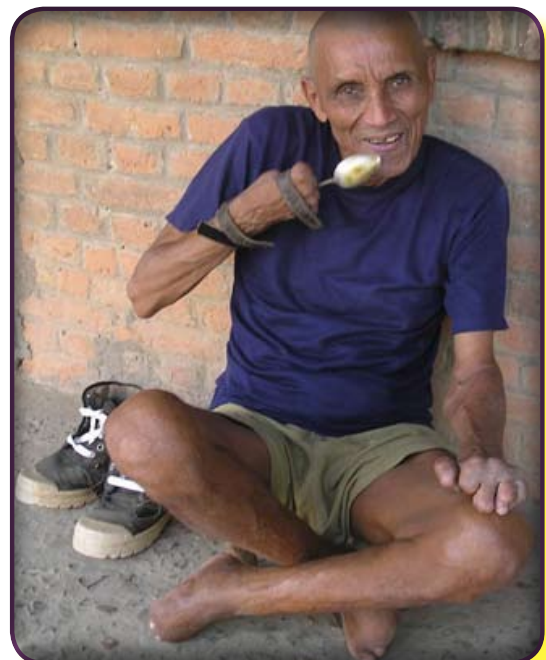
K.M., Project Coordinator

Moti's Happiest Day

NEPAL

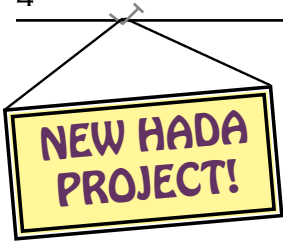
Rejected by his family and community, Moti came to our clinic for help. His hands and feet were severely deformed from complications of leprosy and he had bad-smelling ulcers. Anti-leprosy medicine could cure his leprosy, but it would not fix the damage that had already been done. Through our self-care training program, Moti learnt how to properly care for his damaged hands and feet, protect himself from further injury and safely carry out the daily tasks we all take for granted. Moti found eating especially difficult and was thrilled when our shoemaker fashioned a spoon-holding device that allowed him to feed himself — “this is the happiest day in my life since I got leprosy,” he exclaimed!

There is a lot of stigma associated with leprosy in Nepal and even after education/advocacy, his family will not allow him inside their house or to take meals with them. But now Moti's brother allows him to live on a corner of their property in a small hut we helped to build and the family provides him with meals each



day. Although his situation is still far from ideal, Moti is very grateful for what we've done. “Without the Leprosy and TB Program, I would have died, rejected and alone,” he says. “Instead, now my ulcers are cured, I can look after myself, have a place to live, food to eat and family members who will talk to me.”

Dr Julie Lincoln



The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission

INDIA

Started in 1947, the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (GSAM) is a farm-based orphanage for destitute children in North India, bordering Nepal. There are approximately 100 children on the mission, ranging from newborn to young adults. Though it is partially self-supporting thanks to a 24-hectare farm, GSAM relies primarily on help from caring individuals to keep changing the lives of so many children. Most of the children are either street kids or come from beggar families and some are from families where there is leprosy. Though none of the children have leprosy, they were brought here to save them from such a fate.



The mission is largely run on a communal basis with many of the staff working as volunteers, their needs being met by providing them with food and supplies. The whole 'family' consists of about 200 people.

The children are taught both English and Hindi in the school, which also accepts students from the local community. After graduating, the young people go into training programs to learn practical skills such as carpentry, cooking, mechanics, farming, electrical work, sewing and child-care — this is done on a rotating roster system. By the time they leave they are usually able to obtain a job far above the standard from which they came. Some of the graduates are now married with families of their own and work with us in helping to care for the younger ones.



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Current HADA Projects

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Registered HADA offices

HADA, Yunnan, China

Managers: Gary and Ailin Leong

- Ninglang: Micro Enterprise Development; sponsoring school children, training English teachers, large clean water projects, medical surgeries and medications, and school projects like clothing for school children, new dorms, beds, desks and cooking facilities.
- Yuxi: food and supplies for sponsored school children.

HADA, Astana, Kazakstan

Manager: Hubrecht (Hubert) de Vos

- Step: training to achieve skills to ensure that people can find gainful employment or go into business themselves.
- Source of Hope: counselling centre for women with past abortions and other issues and helping people to make sensible family planning decisions.
- Open Doors Community Centre: a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents.
- Valueology teaching: assisting schools by providing teaching materials, and teaching values to teenagers and students.

Associate organisations' projects

Kham Health Associates, Sichuan Province, China

- Screen and treat people with Hydatids; educate the whole community in Hydatids prevention.
- Disaster Relief: help in the form of food, blankets, shoes and shelter, and provision of yaks in the summer.

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Manager: Martin Aerne

- Vocational Training Program: Tailoring workshop, Metal Workshop and I.T. Support / Customer Service.

Manager: Valeria Pires

- Bridge of Hope: assisting street children to a better life.

Entreaide Globale, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China

Manager: Philip Lam

- A Cup of Water Community Centre Project: provide finances for poor children to attend school; teach English, and English teacher training.
- Community Centre

Good Neighbor Society, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Manager: Albrecht Seibold

- Feeding poor children; Mobile Library; Hearing Aid Projects; Reading Glasses Project ; Kindergarten Project; Character Training; Micro Loans

Bridgewater Care, Guiyang, China

Manager: Karen Kirkland

- Community based home rehabilitation and physiotherapy for recently disabled and trauma patients.

Literacy Project, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

Manager: Denise Rhodes

- Literacy for adults.

Consulting Training and Support, Oujda, Morocco

Manager: Daniel Boegli

- Care of Cerebral Palsy children in their homes.

International Nepal Fellowship, Dang Province, Nepal

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln

- Leprosy and Tuberculosis program.
- CATS Youth assistance program in Ghorahi.

Shorish Widows, Northern Iraq

Manager: Emma Baxter.

- Micro-Credit program.

Maxton Strong School, Banbassa, India

Manager: Rick Shipway

- School buildings for orphans and local children

Mercy Welfare Society, New Delhi, India

Project Consultant: John King

- Education and vocational training to urban disadvantaged.

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***We reserve the right to use designated gifts for another project if the
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