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Hope of Tomorrow

YUNNAN, CHINA

It is great to see that HOT – Hope of Tomorrow – is actually happening. We are excited to welcome two blind girls who will both live at our HOT Centre, 'The House of Bartimaeus.'

A lady, Chu, is 23 years old and from a remote rugged mountain village. Her mother passed away when she was only five days old, and her father died of illness when she was three. All her life, Chu has lived in the mountain village and never had any opportunities for education. She needs help with social skills and we are planning to teach her how to massage.

Juan is an 11-year-old girl from a remote village in another province. Her mother died when she was four months old, and she became blind when she was one and half years old due to malnourishment. Her grandfather had looked after Juan because her father remarried. She is a great singer, very good at memorising and learning how to use Braille, a computer, and she has piano lessons.

Every Monday we have regular activity with 20-30 adult blind people including staff and helpers at HOT Centre, 'House of Bartimaeus'. We dance, sing songs and enjoy free gymnastics. These blind friends share their sad and painful stories with each other. It is a relief for most of them and also a way to share each other's sadness and happiness.

To make a living, most of our blind friends sing songs or do massage on the busy streets. It is a big sacrifice for them to attend the Monday activities as it means they are not working and making money, yet they are keen and eager to meet together. They say, 'It is our first time to receive so much love from other people. And also it is the first time ever for us to have these happy and meaningful activities.'

We are very encouraged to see these blind friends enjoying the activities in the 'House of Bartimaeus.' Unfortunately we cannot invite more blind people due to the limited space. We definitely need a bigger place!

Daniel and Irene Kim



Open Doors in Astana

KAZAKHSTAN

Our **Open Doors Community Centre** still has an open door to various people in the local community. As well as the alcoholism work, we run a few clubs to help provide needed education and create a neat sense of community that is often lacking. The Centre is a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents. Here is an overview of the work:

Alcoholism is a major problem here in Kazakhstan. We provide education, literature, and support groups for alcoholics and their families in order to break the cycle of this devastating problem.

The Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group continues to meet in our centre twice a week. There are around six people gathering for each meeting. They continue to see new people come, but unfortunately, many start drinking again and stop coming. This is normal for AA groups. Often, alcoholics will relapse several times before they begin to see longer-term freedom. Although a little discouraged by the lack of overall numerical growth, the core group seems to be doing well. We receive many enquiries which we refer to the group.

The separate residential drug and alcohol recovery centre with which we have a friendship is thriving. We continue to support them as much as we can, with their many needs as they take more men off the streets.

The other support groups which we helped to start, for addictions, co-dependency, and victims of abuse, are doing well. The participants have been going through the more difficult part of the 12 Steps of AA and are finding freedom in these difficult areas of their lives.

David travelled down to the capital, Almaty, and discussed with others how to improve some of the

materials for the participants. We are now distributing some new helpful materials from the Ukraine. Also while there, David was able to help connect with some people about getting seminars started to form groups in another city in the south.

English Conversation Club is running well. University students and adults are welcome to participate in the two levels: easier and advanced. A few English teachers also participate with us to improve their English proficiency which they can then pass on to others. Every week we have up to 15 participants. This is one

of the few places in the city where people can really practice speaking with a native English speaker, so those who come are very happy for the opportunity. Lately, we have seen a few new people attend.

The Mums and Toddlers Club:

Very cold and windy wintry days affects attendance, but usually there are up to eight mothers and 13 children. Those who come show enthusiasm for the group. It has been encouraging to see some new mothers and their children coming along too.

We also provide brochures on various health issues, which are well received by people and educate them with important information for their families.

Source of Hope, pregnancy crisis centre: The Source of Hope ladies meet regularly in our community centre and continue to counsel women looking for advice on their unwanted pregnancies.

Valueology teaching assists schools by imparting life and moral values to teenagers and students and by providing helpful materials.

David and Tirzah Pichotta



Vocational and Career Development

Jeevan Jyoti Ashram and Shepherd International School

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We are so grateful for all that is happening in the lives of the children in Jeevan Jyoti Ashram and Shepherd International School. Following are some of the highlights of the various programs and activities in recent months.

Children's Day

Children enjoyed this day as they participated in different types of games, sports, and displays. They also did drills, gymnastics, self-defence techniques of judo and karate. The entire school is divided into nine groups with the names of character qualities. The parents who attended were amazed at the growth and development of their own children within a few months. The self-defence techniques being taught by the Principal, Mrs. Magdeline Renu Das, are well accepted by the children and their parents as there are so many incidences of girls being attacked.



Preparing the Pottery Wheel

There are three pottery wheels that the children prepared with mud. Andrew, a volunteer from England, and a potter by profes-

sion, taught them how to clean and stain the soil and then get the mud to make the wheel ready; the children then made 'pinch pots'. They were so excited and it was a joy to witness the effort they put in.



Introduction to Computerised learning of Maths and Science

The children have started learning maths and science through computerised DVDs obtained with the help of HADA. We are really grateful for this opportunity where the poorest of the poor could receive such help in a place where even the top schools in the area haven't yet had such an opportunity.

Shepherd International School (SIS) Annual Day

Children celebrated the annual day of the school on 1 January. All the children, along with a few invited guests, enjoyed the day as they performed dance, drama, sport and races. They were rewarded with gifts and prizes.

Construction of the Primary Classrooms Block

Construction work of four classrooms and two toilet blocks was started in May 2012. The roof is completed, and more than half of the plastering is finished. More funds are needed (AU\$19,000) for flooring, toilet/washroom fixtures, electrical wiring, writing boards, furniture for the children, and a wall-to-wall cupboard in three rooms where children will stay overnight.

Once the funds come in, we will get the recognition of the school from the education department.

Jeesur Charan Das



Books Inspire Education and Imagination!

Books! 2,000 boxes crammed with 70,000 books — 35 tonnes in two jammed-packed containers. These have been distributed to 65 schools, an HIV Clinic and a Correctional Service library. The number of students potentially available to access these books numbers in the thousands! What an impact Library Aid International (LAI) is having in the lives of countless students, teachers and individuals in South Africa.

Thiren Naidoo and his team at Living Waters Community Church, Durban are mustering more members to mobilise the task of distribution. Willing hands load the boxes from a container located on the church grounds. From there they drive to a prearranged rendezvous at a nominated school where children and staff eagerly unload and carry the precious boxes inside. Thiren commented recently to me on the phone, 'I think I am getting married to this project!' Such is the enthusiasm and commitment he is gaining as he realises the educational benefits achievable with this wonderful resource being made available to his countrymen.

From a pallet-load of books flown to South Africa some six years ago, now to a third container awaiting



shipment, LAI is achieving remarkable success collecting, sorting, categorising and packing books into labelled boxes: making a difference to a child's education in a developing country. Letters of gratitude from recipients give the volunteers based in Australia encouragement and satisfaction. Thiren Naidoo has even engaged the local newspapers in South Africa to further promote the success of the project.

The scope is unlimited as people from developed countries see a genuine use for books they consider ready for the recycle dump. If you wish to contribute to this valuable work, go to the HADA site. For further information or involvement, phone 03 6435 1159.

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Mobile Library

Mongolia has an 80-90% literacy rate, but reading material for nomadic herders outside of the village centres is all but unattainable for transportation and financial reasons. In March 2011, Good Neighbor Society, Mongolia started a Mobile Library to assist in



'opening a window to the world' for herders in Uvs province.

Each month we take 25 books, from a variety of genres, to countryside district officials who then distribute the books to herders in their district via horse-

Mobile Library Goal
Our project aims to create self-sustainable countryside mobile libraries to open windows of learning by means of a systematic book rotation available to herders living in the countryside for whom the local village libraries are logistically inaccessible.

back or motorcycle and collect them again before we return to switch out the next set of books. We are currently reaching an average of 130 families per month, working in two counties: Umungov and Ulgii.

We hope this new 'window to the world' will allow nomadic herders to continue growing personally and professionally as they follow their herds.

Charis Storms

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HADA Projects

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Africa

Medical Training

Manager: Dr Judith Goh

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

Library Aid International Inc

Manager: Rodney Zeirsch

- Providing books for schools. [AFR-011]

Cambodia

Siem Reap.

Manager: Valéria F Peres [KHM-015]

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

Phnom Penh.

Manager: Sopheap Om

- Vocational Training Program: Tailoring Workshop, Metal Workshop and I.T. Support / Customer Service. [KHM-011]
- Financial control of all projects: Michelle Kallmier [KHM-016]

Good Neighbours Pre-School.

Manager: Jean-Marie Jooste [KMH-012]

- A Preschool for disadvantaged children. [KMH-013]

China

Hope Of Tomorrow.

Managers: Daniel and Irene Kim [CHN-014]

- Giving hope to blind people. [CHN-013]

Democratic Republic of Congo

Heal Africa, Goma

- Equipping a new hospital. [COD-010]

India

Maxton Strong Orphanage School, Banbassa.

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

- School buildings for orphans and local children. [Ref: IND-010]

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- Orphan Girls Hostel [IND-011]

Vocational and Career Development, Orissa.

Manager: Bill Watson

- Construction of Shepherd International School for very poor children. [IND-013]
- Construction of Jeevan Jyoti Ashram home for orphaned children. [IND-012]

Ivory Coast

Literacy Project.

Manager: Alfred Kouassi [CIV-011]

- Literacy for adults. CIV-010]

All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility

Kazakhstan

HADA, Astana.

Manager: David Pichotta [KAZ-013]

- Alcoholism: Education, literature, and support groups for alcoholics and their families in order to break the cycle of this devastating problem. [KAZ-010]
- Open Doors Community Centre: a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents. [KAZ-011]
- Valueology teaching: assisting schools by providing teaching materials, and teaching values to teenagers and students. [KAZ-012]

Mongolia

Good Neighbor Society, Ulaanbaatar.

Manager: Mark Jennings [MNG-014]

- Family Development Program [MNG-010]

Good Neighbor Society, Uvs.

Manager: Charis Storms [MNG-015]

- Mobile Library. Providing learning opportunities for nomadic herders. [MNG-012]

Manager: Ernesto Casacci [MNG-016]

- Day Care Centre. [MNG-013]

Nepal

Community Awakening and Transformation Society (CATS), Rapti Zone.

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln [NPL-011]

- Community development; micro-enterprise; TB/leprosy patient hostel/treatment centre; youth awareness program and scholarships for poor children. [NPL-010]

Sierra Leone

- Waterloo School, Teacher Training and Placement and Amputee Clinic [SLE-011]

Uganda

100% Hope, King's Kid . . .

Manager: Trishelle Grady

- 100% Hope Educate: building a school. [UGA- 011]
- 100% Hope Medical Clinic: providing healthcare for children and pregnant women. [UGA-013]
- 100% Hope Women: empowering single and widowed mothers to produce an income. [UGA-010]
- 100% Hope Homes: giving children from remote areas access to education [UGA-015]
- 100% Hope Trishelle Grady - Personal [UGA-014]

Zambia

Oasis Care Project, Ndola.

Manager: Margaret Parry.

- Market garden for orphanage. [ZMB-010]
- Gardeners: Benson and Alison [ZMB-012]

Disaster Relief

- Syrian Refugees [DIS-010]