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# Maxton Strong Kindergarten Construction

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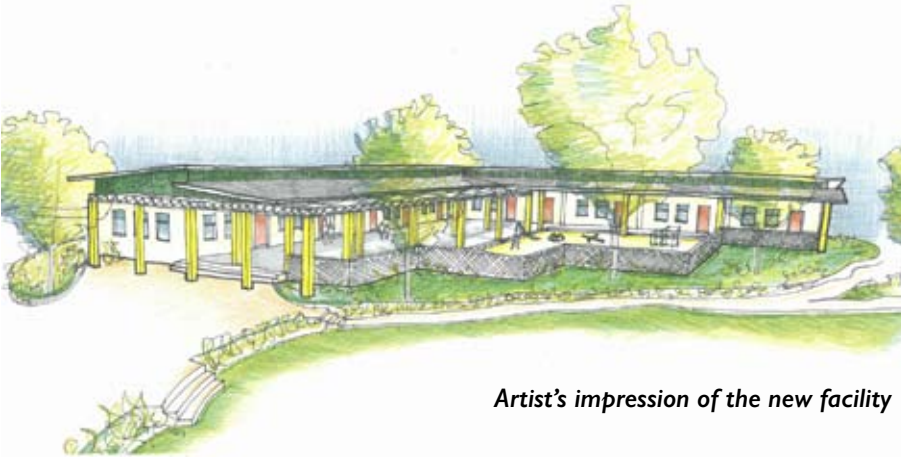
As one of the oldest orphanages in all of India, the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (GSAM) has seen first-hand the difference that education can make in the life of a child. This is especially true in the developing world. Founded in 1948 by Rev Maxton Strong from the USA, the GSAM has cared for thousands of children over the years, educating them in their own school when quality options were not available in the surrounding community.

## CONTINUING GROWTH

Now run by father-and-son team Rick and Clifton Shipway from Tasmania, the GSAM is continuing to expand its reach, preparing to construct a new kindergarten for their Maxton Strong School campus. This is the third major construction project that the orphanage has conducted through HADA, the first being its Primary School. Then, due to high admission demands, a double storey extension to the Primary School was completed earlier this year.



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Artist's impression of the new facility

## NEW KINDERGARTEN

The new kindergarten will accommodate up to 240 students each year, offering them a positive environment as they begin their education. But this facility will be more than just a building. It will be a chance to grow both mentally and spiritually as students undergo holistic teaching.

The new kindergarten is already in the process of being designed. Unlike the current facility that has cramped, poorly-lit classes in hot, airless rooms, the new space will feature large open spaces with lots of light, as well as a covered play area and high ceilings to keep away the summer heat. Eight class-

rooms, two toilet blocks, storage rooms, a staff room and an office make up the bulk of the concept.

Construction is expected to start in early 2018 with the project being completed within a year. At this time, the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission is looking for your help to make this happen. It is a big dream but one that will widen the GSAM's impact for generations to come. It will also add value to the

community, improve learning conditions, and provide another step toward self-sufficiency for this vibrant and dedicated organisation.

## AIMING FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

And it's not just the students who will benefit from the new construction. The additional admissions received from community students will help to generate income for the orphanage itself, pushing the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission closer to its goal of complete self-sufficiency.

To see how you can be a part of this project visit HADA's website for more details.

~ Clifton Shipway

# NOOR Eye Hospital

## AFGHANISTAN

In May of this year I visited the NOOR Eye Hospital in Kabul. NOOR is an acronym for National Organisation for Ophthalmic Rehabilitation and the hospital is well known and respected throughout the country. The project manager was very generous with his time and explained how the hospital functions, its challenges and successes.

He then took me on a tour of the hospital to see firsthand what takes place.

## TRAINING

NOOR is a training and treatment facility. For a developing country, it is very impressive, and employs 75 Afghan staff. It is a very busy place with hundreds



of people being treated every day. Each department leader explained to me what takes place as I looked on. Of particular interest is the Ophthalmic Technical Training Program (OTTP). The



OTTP runs over two years and to get a good spread of services, the entrance exam is held in the provinces rather than just in the capital. This is the best way of getting Ophthalmic Technicians returning to their home communities to provide eye care services in regional areas.



## TREATMENT

I watched as eyes were being examined and diagnoses made (mostly cataracts). There is a glasses frame shop where patients can choose from a limited range the style they prefer. The pharmacy makes up the prescriptions for eye-drops and ointments. After donning appropriate gown, gloves and cap I got to watch as surgeons tenderly operated on the eyes of a three-year-old boy.

The Project Manager is very appreciative of the help HADA provides for the ongoing service the hospital offers to his people.

## THE PROBLEM

Afghanistan has the second highest blindness rate in the world. Here is what the World Health Organisation has to say:

*In Afghanistan, it is estimated that over 400,000 people are blind and about 1.5 million are visually impaired. However, if proper eye care facilities were established and maintained, about 80% of blindness is avoidable. Every year, around 25,000 Afghans lose their vision in one eye, a condition mostly affecting females. Cataracts remain the main cause of blindness at 60%. Cataracts can be operated on through a simple procedure in outpatient clinics, for a cost as low as \$52. At present, Afghanistan has a huge backlog of over 200,000 cases of cataracts mainly in the rural areas. Only 15,000 cataract surgeries are performed annually; this is much less than the incidence rate of the disease. Injuries are also one of the common causes of blindness in Afghanistan.*

## EXPERIENCE GAINED

This year the OTTP graduated 15 Ophthalmic Technicians from the various provinces. Among these graduates, four came from the province of Ghor in the centre of Afghanistan. This is one of the poorest rural areas in the country. There are no eye health facilities and the people have a lot of eye problems. In August, the NOOR program ran an eye camp in this region which was attended by

these four Ophthalmic Technicians. It was good experience for them and a very beneficial program for the people. More than 1400 patients were examined and over 100 eye surgeries took place, and these OTs had an important role to play.

## VISION RESTORED

One day, during the eye camp, some close relatives of one the OTs, Hussain, came to have their eyes checked. Hussain found that one of them had a cataract on her left eye and needed surgery. He convinced her to have the operation. After it, she had good vision and was very grateful and asked us, "What should I do after you leave here? If it is possible, please open an eye clinic here and let Hussain work here as a specialist to help our people with eye problems".



For those providing the training, this kind of response is very encouraging. They know they are meeting a very real need, and yet realise much more could be done if more resources were available.

~ **Brian Allbutt**

# Mustard Seeds Projects

## BURUNDI

In the heart of Africa lies Burundi, a land-locked country one-third the size of Tasmania with a population of more than 10 million people. It is among the five poorest nations in the world with an average annual income per head of population of around AU\$390. Burundi, like many other former colonies, has a history of social upheaval, poverty and struggle, which has been a feature of life since independence (1962). There is a huge divide between the rich and the poor with the latter struggling daily to find enough food to survive. Much of their struggle can be attributed to a shaky democracy, the class system and an existing tribal divide. The people are hungry for knowledge and practical leadership and the simplest idea or process is embraced with unimaginable enthusiasm.

### LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

I consider Burundi as a land of opportunity. If you have a desire to do something for humanity, regardless of your calling, you will find it there. The nation desperately needs many more “mustard seeds” to be imbedded in its fertile environment.

Mustard Seeds Projects – Burundi, is an incorporated body under Burundian Law. The board consists of eight members, seven of which are well educated and influential community leaders. Its aim is to empower the poor by building model agricultural, manufacturing and social enterprises, which can be replicated by individuals, families or community groups. The initial projects include



meat chicken farming, biogas production, cropping, fish farming and stock feed manufacturing from cropping waste.

### POTENTIAL RECOGNISED

The production of biogas using cow manure and other vegetative materials has sparked huge interest and enthusiasm from our village, Gesenyi, right up to the president and other members of the government. The potential of the process is huge, providing a clean and affordable source of cooking fuel. Currently charcoal is the main source used, and it is dirty, causes pollution, and is expensive. Different capacity systems are being designed to cater for different levels of need. The intention is to assist the poorest in the community by providing the necessary materials to build a family unit. Recipients of the program will repay the support given by making surplus gas available for sale to other families who can afford to pay or trade for it.

A commercial project is on the drawing board by a local businessman who has a large cattle herd and a philanthropic heart to aid his local people.

~ *Des Willmott*



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# Current HADA Projects

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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 women with genital tract fistula [AFR-010]

### Library Aid International Inc

Manager: Peter Cunningham

- Providing books for schools. [AFR-011]

## BANGLADESH

### New Hope Ministry Bangladesh Trust

Manager: Warwick Lloyd

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

## BURUNDI

### Mustard Seeds Projects

Manager: Des Willmott

- Meat chickens, fish farming and biogas 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: HyangSuk Lee

- 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, Banbassa

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

- Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]
- Kindergarten Construction: to provide suitable education facilities for early learners [IND-017]

## IRAQ

### Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan

Optician Training Centre [IRQ-010]

- Apprenticeship program for opticians

## 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: WooYoung Kim

- Family Development Program [MNG-010]

### Good Neighbour Society — Mobile Drop-in Centre

Manager: Corrie van der Esch

- [MNG-019]
- Assist homeless people in Ulaanbaatar [MNG-018]

## NEPAL

### ACN Health Promotion [NPL-012]

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln [NPL-011]

- Providing access to safe drinking water and toilets, improve knowledge of hygiene/sanitation, nutrition and preventable diseases.

## SIERRA LEONE

### Syke Street School

Manager: Themis Adamopoulo

- Providing school canteen, medical clinic, and toilets [SLE-010]

### Waterloo School

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

### PK4A Orphanages Development [SLE-012]

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

## SOUTH AFRICA

### My Father's House Worcester

Manager: Jan Buchanan [ZAF-011]

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

## UGANDA

### 100% Hope

Manager: Trishelle Sayuuni

- [UGA-014]
- 100% Hope Educate: building a school. [UGA- 011]
- 100% Hope Medical Clinic: providing healthcare for children and pregnant women. [UGA-013]
- 100% Hope Homes: giving children from remote areas access to education [UGA-015]

### Grace Care Child Program

Manager: Emmanuel Kanuli

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

## ZAMBIA

### Oasis Care Project, Ndola

Manager: Lainah Phiri [ZMB-013]

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

## DISASTER RELIEF

- Bangladesh floods [DIS-000]
- Syrian Refugees [DIS-010]

## WHERE MOST NEEDED

[WMN-010]

The board will allocate these funds to projects in most need.





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