

# **NEWSLETTER NO. 4**

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# Helping you to serve others.....



Members of the Management Committee.

Left to Right. Brian Allbutt, Bruce Marshall, Dr Peter Moody (Secretary and Treasurer), Neil Young (President) and Ron Pilkington. Geoff Bishop was not present.

# Dr Phyllis Kilbourn visits Australia

Dr Phyllis Kilbourn, Founder and Director of Rainbows of Hope, is an experienced and compassionate advocate for children in crisis, with a wealth of knowledge about children's issues, gained from travelling to over 25 countries. She spent nearly 20 years in Africa where she was confronted with the traumatic effects of war on children.

Rainbows of Hope, under Phyllis's leadership, currently has projects in 16 countries. Her books can be purchased or ordered at meetings and they include:

Sexually Exploited Children: Working to Protect and Heal

Street Children: A guide to Effective Ministry

Healing the Children of War

Children in Crisis

For information on her meetings please call:

Brisbane	07-3262 1577	20 - 23 Aug
Sydney	02-9747 5577	24 - 29 Aug
Canberra	06-6231 5327	31 Aug - 2 Sept
Melbourne	03-9808 8334	3 - 6 Sept
Adelaide	08-8371 2190	9 - 12 Sept
Perth	08-9470 2725	14 - 19 Sept
Tasmania	03-6343 3056	21 - 24 Sept

It was decided at the last Management Committee that HADA will forward overseas 100% of funds received for projects, less bank charges.

We are attempting to keep our **costs** as low as possible with this format of newsletters and feel sure that you would agree with this decision.

Your donations to assist any of our projects or to help offset administrative costs can be forwarded to our new PO box in Clayfield.

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Are you wanting to renew your membership which may have lapsed?

#### You are not too late.

Please write to our secretary giving your name, address, telephone and e-mail details and include your cheque for \$10.00 or \$5.00 if on a low income. This membership is to 31st March, 2000.

If you would like to be a new member please write to our secretary and request an Application for Membership form.

Please note our new address:

The Secretary HADA PO Box 54 Clayfield 4011

# Reports on HADA projects

#### **KOSOVO**

We have been greatly encouraged by the response from many groups and individuals for assistance to the Kosovar refugees in Albania. The monies have been forwarded to someone known to the committee and working directly with the refugees, and have been distributed in the form of foodstuffs such as dried or tinned milk, beans, soups, flour, rice etc.; small stoves; fuel - wood, petrogas or electricity; pots and pans, cooking and eating utensils, plates, cups; soap and towels, washing powder; baby's nappies, sanitary towels; razors for shaving; underclothing; second-hand shoes; medicines for on-going medical conditions, eg. diabetes. Fresh fruit and vegetables and eggs were distributed every week to help fund a supplementary food distribution programme to the 1200 Kosovar refugees in the area - in 18 different villages.

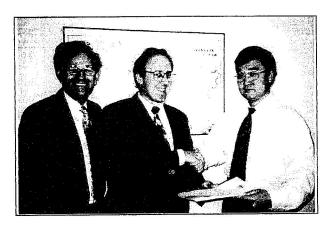
STOP PRESS: Thank you so much for all the gifts you have sent. The refugees who were in Devoll district are now en-route back to Kosovo. A few of the families we were closest to are going back to nothing, their homes in the village of Milosheva having been burned out. We are considering investing what money is left in helping them to rebuild their homes. This may also involve a team of skilled builders coming from the UK and would be done in conjunction with a group from the Bilisht fellowship who will be able to build on the friendships made, and to share with the Kosovar people.

Margaret R.

# KAZAKSTAN

The Kazakstan Consul has legalised the documents for HADA to proceed with establishing an office in the city of Astana. Bruce and Edith Hanke have left Australia and are looking forward to researching the needs in the area and preparing recommendations so that projects can be commenced.

Neil Young, Bruce Hanke and Mr E. Saudabaev, Consul for the Republic of Kazakstan.



# INDIA

We continue to wait for approval from the authorities in Uttar Pradesh. It is a long slow process going back to March and we think of the people who could be helped while we wait and wait.

# NEPAL

The renewal registration for Hope International is finally completed. At present our tailoring classes are full and we are happy to report that one student from the tailoring course left because she found employment. We hope to start a quilting corner on Sunday evenings in the next couple of weeks. We would like to have another computer for the Computer Course so that we can take in more students as this course is in demand.

Courses being run include computer, cooking, tailoring, Tibetan for locals, and 3 stages of English.

#### CHINA

Young Tommy whom we wrote about in the last newsletter is still in hospital and is being well looked after by a local who goes in every day to see him. Karen has left for a short time, however other foreigners are keeping an eye on Tommy. He still needs surgery and a happy home.

Our representatives are working in the villages with the Hui people and assisting with education and medical work.

Your donations to assist any of our projects would be very much appreciated and they can be forwarded to The Secretary, HADA, PO Box 54, Clayfield, Qld 4011.