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# Good Neighbours Preschool

## **CAMBODIA**

What is the 'Good Neighbours' project? There are many good neighbours, so what is so special about this one?

Good Neighbours is a project which commenced about six years ago, when one lady from an expat team received an invitation to work in a rural village called Trea, in Takeo province, about 60 kilometres from Phnom Penh. Trea is a relatively small and undeveloped community of eleven villages. These villages have no access to fresh water and getting in and out can be tricky on the deteriorated, often flooded road (dirt track) system. Trea is a very remote place, with only a few public primary schools and a couple of high schools. When the team first arrived, they did a survey to find out what needs the people in Trea had and they discovered that the villagers wanted a preschool for their children, because there wasn't one locally.



So they took on the ambitious task of starting a preschool with very little financial support or experience.

Thankfully, the principal

of a public primary school offered them the use of some of the existing rooms for the preschool. The principal was keen to have a preschool added to the school, as the villagers in this community are relatively poor, mostly subsistence farmers, who could not afford to send their children away to private schools. Education is very important in these villages. Without schools, the children (as young as six or seven) would simply be working on their parents' farms. A good education gives hope to families to break the cycle of poverty in their lives.

We are thankful to HADA who helped us start this preschool and for their continued support. The people in the village are very grateful to  ${\it Continued\ page\ 2}$ 

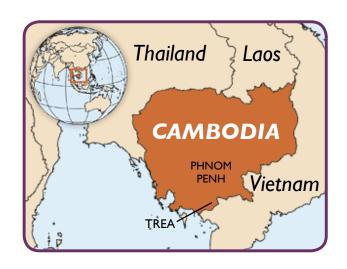
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have this preschool because of the hope that it brings. We have also been able to create a few jobs in the community by employing four adults from the village and training them as teachers.

Our previous colleagues called the project 'Good Neighbours', as they wanted to do good neighbourly work in the community of Trea. We started out with one preschool class and two teachers but have now expanded to two classes and four teachers as needs increased. We also run free art and computer classes.

The preschool has proved to be of great benefit in the community. It has provided

jobs and brought some income to their families, helping to alleviate poverty. The children who graduated from the preschool were ahead of their fellow pupils who did not attend any preschool. The Cambodian government encourages the development of preschools as children who attend have less tendency to drop out of school later on.





## Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission

INDIA

un by Australian father and son team, Rick and Clifton Shipway, the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (GSAM) is perhaps best described as a large orphanage in the north of India. Situated on more than seventy acres of land close to the Nepal border, the GSAM is currently home to seventy-five children between the ages of six and twenty-six. Since its inception in 1948, hundreds of children have passed — healthy and whole — through the Mission gates. For many, this would be a legacy all on its own.

But the mission is much more than simply a home for abandoned children. They have also founded the Maxton Strong School, offering free education to their own children, while also providing a top-notch, affordable alternative for local families. Currently, almost eight hundred students are enrolled from Kindergarten to 10th class and the Maxton Strong School's reputation for excellence continues to grow.

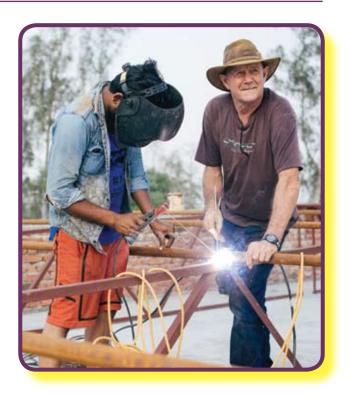
Surrounding the school in fields of waving green are the Mission farmlands. Each year, large crops of

rice and wheat are planted and harvested, both to feed the large mission family and to sell for profit. Both the school and the crop sales are moving GSAM ever closer to their long-term goal of self-sufficiency. Currently, more than 75% of their yearly operating budget comes from these two ventures, with more school growth and expansion planned in the years ahead.

As if this isn't enough, the Mission has been running a dairy for half a century, supplying their own milk. They also keep chickens and raise fish in two large fish ponds to add additional protein sources. With many of their own needs met, they also reach beyond their own borders, looking for ways to be a blessing to their community. They maintain a leper colony, allowing some truly disadvantaged families to live free of charge in an independent and private compound. They offer vocational training to local women in their sewing centre, teaching them a valuable skill they can then use to support their own families. When disaster strikes, whether down the street or in a neighbouring country (as recently happened in Khathmandu, Nepal), the team at the GSAM are always quick to help, ready with aid and relief as their way of giving back.



For more than 60 years, the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission has been improving this small corner of India. What began with clearing the first roads and taming the wild jungle back in the 1940s, has evolved into a vibrant, growing institution, where the first public library in the area is currently being constructed, a new kindergarten building is in the works, and children in need are still offered a stable, loving home to turn to. For anyone looking to make a difference in the lives of orphaned children and poor rural children for generations to come, please visit HADA's website to see how you can get involved.







## Books for Needy Children in Africa

"We went this morning to open up the container and were completely amazed by the contents, every box clearly labelled, and the container packed to the roof. We opened three boxes just to see the books and I am hugely grateful to have found each one carefully packed with lovely books fully appropriate to each label."

"The school needed those books as it lacks in most learning and teaching materials."

"When we received the consignment, there was untold happiness among the pupils and the teachers."

"We had a shortage of reading books in our school. We hope the books will help to improve our English."

"The donation has left us with tears of joy."

"It is with great humility and appreciation that we offer our thanks to you for the generous donation of books to add to our library inventory".

eedback such as this from teachers and students makes the efforts of Library Aid International Inc. (LAI) so worthwhile.

In the last seven years, with the help of volunteers, companies, libraries and the general public from around the state, LAI, based in Burnie, Tasmania, has sent five shipping containers to southern Africa. These contained over 150,000 second-hand books and other educational materials distributed to more than 160 needy schools. Churches, missionaries and Rotary Clubs in these countries helped with the distribution.

Smaller quantities of books have also been provided to schools in Burma and The Philippines. Advice has also been given to people wanting to establish similar organisations or libraries.



Masikani Primary School, Paarl, South Africa

LAI primarily collects used books that are suitable for children from 3-18 years, but just about any type of book is suitable to be sent, such as university, vocational and Christian books.

The aim is to help 'Readers become Leaders' in their own countries by helping to improve their English and thereby creating opportunities for a better life.

The Rotary Club of Burnie has taken a keen interest in LAI by providing financial assistance and contacts for shipments to Zimbabwe in 2015, and Cape Town early in 2017. It is planned for our next container to go to Fiji by June 2018. A large part of Fiji was devastated by a cyclone in 2016.

We are grateful to a wide range of supporters – from in-

dividuals, some simply buying at a

simply buying at a sausage sizzle, to schools, churches and clubs — who provide the finances to cover the shipping and some distribution costs.

Book sorting, packing and labelling is done by community volunteers. At no cost

to LAI, several companies and organisations in Tasmania provide an operational venue, boxes, book storage, transport, website design and maintenance.

LAI is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission. See **www. libraryaid.org** or the HADA website **hada.org.au** for more information.



## **Current HADA Projects**

## All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility

## Please visit the HADA Website www.hada.org.au

#### **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 to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities. [AFR-011]

#### **BANGLADESH**

#### **New Hope Ministry Bangladesh Trust**

Manager: Warwick Lloyd

- Rural project to help orphanage selfsufficiency [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: 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,** Banbassa

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: 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**

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 [PNG-010]

#### SIERRA LEONE

#### **Syke Street School**

Manager: Dr Themi Adamopoulo

 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]

 A Community Centre for vulnerable teenagers [ZAF-010]

#### **UGANDA**

#### **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]
- 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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