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Hope of Tomorrow

CHINA

This community for blind people began six years ago and consists of young boys and girls to older people in their late 70s. We call this place Hope of Tomorrow (HOT). HOT gathers blind children from small rural towns and provides them with educational opportunities. Most adult blind people make a living by working as masseurs or masseuses with a folding chair on busy streets. These people have low social and economic status in China and HOT is here to help provide them with jobs as well as emotional and social stability.

Let me tell you about just one couple in our community, Lee and his wife, as an example of some of the challenges we face.



A community outing

TROUBLE IN THE HOME

Lee suddenly handed me a long, sharp knife. The handle is decorated with floral patterns, but the edge of the knife is quite dangerous. It is not to be used for cutting, but is designed for stabbing.

*Please
take care
of this
knife.*

Lee surprised me with: "Please take care of this knife. If I keep it I will probably stab my wife. You supported me for the past six years and prayed for me, and I have also met the Lord so I cannot stab anyone. Please keep this knife for me."

His wife is 59 years old, and also blind; they were both married previously. However, the wife secretly brought in other men to their house. Actually, her husband Lee was

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rarely home. He was busy working as a masseur on busy streets during the day and he would sleep



elsewhere during the night.

Lee's heart was in a panic when he heard about his wife's affairs. One day he went

to their house very suddenly without warning. Lee knocked on the door hard, almost as if it was going to break, but there was no response. His neighbor said, "Someone must be in there." Reluctantly after a long time, his wife opened the door. Of course, she was with another man.

Ever since that incident Lee was preparing a

knife. His fellow blind friends who work as masseurs together would often tell him to stab his wife. In that critical situation, Lee dramatically handed his knife to me. That knife is in my desk drawer today.

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE

I already knew that Lee was also in an affair. The woman whom Lee meets secretly was someone who just came to the city from the countryside to survive through daily labour.

I thought that blind people would never be able to have an affair. I thought, "How could someone who cannot see do that?" However, after knowing many Chinese blind people, I found that their affairs are no different from sighted people. It is heartbreaking to realise that no matter what kind of status or disability they may have, everyone is the same.

So, it is Lee and his wife, and many others that we at HOT are seeking to help to do life better.

~ Daniel Kim

Bridge of Hope

CAMBODIA

There is an enormous, gluttonous chasm in Siem Reap, Cambodia, which threatens to consume the hopes and dreams of any child or caregiver who dares approach it. On one side of this chasm lies dishonour, hunger, ignorance, desperation, aimlessness, and futility; on the other are dignity,



health, awareness, responsibility, purpose, and respect. Attempts are sometimes made by those brave (or desperate) enough to make the

jump on their own, but most turn away after witnessing others try and fail. Eight years ago, we built a bridge over that chasm. The shape, colour, and size of this bridge has seen much change over the years, but the material has always stayed the same — a Bridge of Hope.



RESCUING STREET CHILDREN

Children from the age of six can be seen wandering the streets of our city unsupervised and unaccounted for; sometimes they are playing with their friends, other times they



Craft time

are searching for saleable items from the rubbish heaps lying on the roadside. Poverty — affecting the mind, body, and soul — is to blame for this situation. The caregivers are unable to provide for their family's needs for a host of reasons, some of which they have control over and some of which they do not. Our vision is for these precious people to find the way to fullness, redemption, and true hope. And so, we use hands of compassion, words of encouragement and wisdom.

LOOKING AFTER THE CAREGIVERS

Caregivers in extreme need are given weekly gifts of rice in exchange for the income lost in having their children join us at our project. After



Staff reading together

anywhere from one to three years of learning literacy and mathematics, using local government curriculum, and learning social skills under the well-trained Cambodian teachers at our project, the children are integrated into the local government school.

HOLISTIC CARE

Our team is almost entirely local, consisting of 19 Cambodian staff who serve the families holistically during their time with us. There are 85 children whom we serve in many ways: those children who come from extreme situations are provided with their school supplies, including backpacks, shoes, and uniforms; meals are given twice daily for each child studying with us; art, cooking, crafting, and dance classes are regularly offered in addition to practical education on hygiene, nutrition, and addiction awareness. The children have continual access to our local social workers for counselling and to our nurse for medical care, and regularly receive haircuts and dental treatment.

***Dignity
and self-
respect
through
practical
love***



Caregivers from around 60 families are welcome to participate in monthly parenting support meetings held in the community, in addition to the regular house-visits they receive from our social workers. Financial “savings groups” have been instituted to highlight the principles and value of financial management while emphasising the vital role that community cooperation plays in healthy living.

As our team contributes to the restoration of dignity and self-respect through practical love, it is our prayer that they will continue walking this Bridge to find full redemption and everlasting hope.

~ Jonathan Wolters

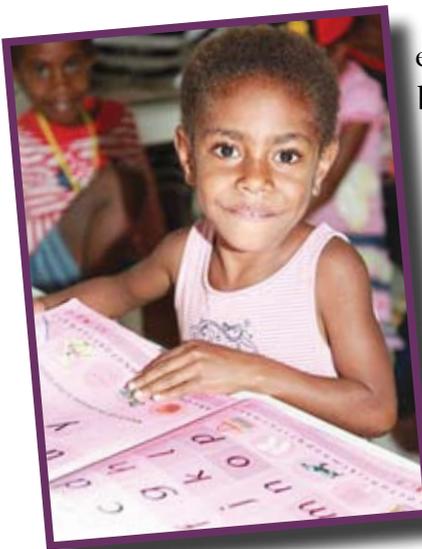
Haus Pikinini Project, Wau

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Haus Pikinini is a continuation and expansion of my street kids' program that I ran in Wau, PNG, for many years when I was in business and had a larger disposable income. The children survived, reached adulthood, some got jobs and married and have families now.

ACCOMMODATION

In the meantime, the AIDS virus devastated our small town and many more children have been thrust onto the streets. Families cannot cope with the expense and the stigma that comes with a relative dying and leaving a family in limbo.



I am fortunate enough to have some buildings that I converted into residences to hold 26-30 young children, housing them comfortably and not in an institutionalised way. There is also staff housing as the project needs staff to be onsite 24/7.

The eight-hectare block is filled with trees and flowers, tree houses, a fishing pond, recreation areas, a river for swimming in, soccer field, basketball and volleyball courts — remnants of an idyllic life once enjoyed by the children. This project is to raise funds so that we can construct an additional orphanage-type building on this delightful site.

As we have two large buildings, more staff were required than I anticipated (10 in all); the children

are young and cannot do a lot of chores themselves. Haus Pikinini is a very happy place and the staff love the work we are doing.

PNG is devoid of social services, but we handle the children with compassion, understanding, encouragement and a lot of TLC. They are delightful and I can already see that life is so much better for them now.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

When they first came to us they were like little wild animals. They had never slept on a bed or a mattress, used a toilet or a light switch, held a pencil or known the wonders of electricity. But children learn

quickly and they have soaked up knowledge. I know that we will deliver back to the community educated people with good values who know how to care for others, as this is what they are taught.

I must add here that no matter how deprived were their own personal circumstances or how humble their beginnings, they all knew how to pray!

To date I have covered most of the wages, food, medicines and expenses myself, but am hopeful that now we are recognised as a Not-For-Profit charity, I can receive the help I need to support these children and many others in the future. I have so many ideas that I wish to pursue with needy PNG children in need.



~ Donna Harvey-Hall MBE



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

BANGLADESH

New Hope Ministry Bangladesh Trust

Manager: Warwick Lloyd

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

BURUNDI

Mustard Seed Project

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

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: Tsegmid Delgermaa

- 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]

Elio Day Care Centre

- A preschool for children in a poverty-stricken area [MNG-020]

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

Manager: Donna Harvey-Hall

- Building orphanages to create a positive, loving environment for abandoned and neglected children [PNG-010]

SIERRA LEONE

Syke Street School

Manager: Dr Themis 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]

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

UGANDA

Grace Care Child Program

Manager: Emmanuel Kanuli

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

VANUATU

Victory School of Hope

• To build new classrooms for school in

Blacksands community. [VUT-010]

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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