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Optical Training Centre

Entering the next phase of the project:
SULEIMANIYA

• IRAQ •

OUR Optician Trainer has been working on developing optician training since 2010. First, he researched the availability of optical services within the city and saw that both the quality and quantity of optician services were minimal. He then worked with the Directorate of Health (DOH) and the Shahid Aso Eye Hospital towards establishing an Optician Training Centre. This would function at the hospital to give training and provide quality glasses for the poorer sections of society.

We very much appreciate that HADA, other individuals, and agencies were willing to include the Optician Training Centre project in their programs. Funds have now come in to allow the full completion of Phase I. This included all the renovation to the rooms for the centre, purchasing all the equipment, furnishings and materials needed to run a Training Centre and shop. We contacted optical suppliers, prepared a culturally-relevant and high standard curriculum and training manual in line with the equipment and products available locally. *Continued next page*



In recent months, there have been some key breakthroughs: the DOH and the Health Syndicate (trade union) have smoothed the way for the Centre's operation and selecting of students. Many of the hospital's ophthalmologists have visited the centre and envisioned the services it will provide. The Director of the Optical Department within a newly-established Health Workers' Training Institute (in another city of the region) is very supportive of the Training Centre project and sent out the advertising to the roughly 200 students graduated over the past two years. Some of these institutions had been in opposition before, but this was overcome with good quality communication and their coming to see the real benefits of the project. So, everything is now in place for the Selection and Training Phase.

The selection process took place in early August.



Exterior entrance to optical workshop

Doing the selection from among the Optical Science graduates from the Health Training Institute means that our own Training Centre course will be a consolidation and an advance on the information and practical skills gained previously. It is still some months away, but we are looking forward to seeing the patients being able to receive good quality glasses — both at the Shahid Aso Hospital as well as in the private and semi-private sectors. We are needing donations (\$44,000) for the project in order to create a stock of frames and uncut lenses that will keep the centre running until DOH finances can be arranged.

Perseverance has been required to overcome the unforeseeable crises and difficulties. But the slower process has allowed for greater quality to be achieved, and greater acceptance by the various stakeholders.

~ Andrew Hyde

Good Neighborhood Society

• MONGOLIA •

THE Uvs branch of the Good Neighborhood Society of Mongolia has been operating the 'Elio' kindergarten for eight years. Uvs province (capital Ulaangom) is located quite a distance from Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia (about 1,500 km, two-three days by car. See map opposite). The majority of families continue their lifestyle of attending to domestic



cattle. These people, from underprivileged families, suffer high un-

employment and don't give consideration to their children's education and often cannot afford basic tuition for pre-school education. For that reason, the kindergarten project was initiated to create job opportunities and necessary work skills for adults and provide affordable pre-school education for children aged two to five years from impoverished families.



From the initiation of the kindergarten project in 2007, the Swiss NGO called *Associazione La mensa e il gregge* has fully supported the renovation and further construction on necessary facilities, and we had various donors supporting from the beginning of the project. Some have continued their support till today to whom we at GNS are greatly indebted.

Ten years later in 2017, Elio kindergarten initiated a step for self-governing and a self-sustaining structure, opening doors for voluntary donations from abroad. We aim to facilitate 40 children with proper nutrition and quality education. It is obligatory for five-year-old children to obtain a pre-school education so that they can enrol in primary school in the same year. Local government has recognized the quality learning of these kids, and the teachers were highly praised for their dedication to the children. We have about eight children from destitute families that receive 100% of their required tuition from *Associazione La mensa e il gregge*.

In April, the Mongolian parliament speaker made an official visit to the Swiss parliament. In return, he invited Mrs Marina Carobbio, president of the Swiss parliament, to Mongolia. We, as GNS staff, were very honored to have her visit Elio Kindergarten as she got to know how Elio came into being and is providing pre-school education to children in Uvs province. During her visit, the

graduates and current students from Elio demonstrated Mongolian songs and dance. We all cherished that time of celebration with the government officials and people invited from community.

We are very thankful for the ongoing interest and support the local government and community have



Mrs Carobbio engaging with the children

demonstrated. The staff members are enthusiastic to continue their valuable work for the children in Elio Kindergarten.

~ Degi Tsegmide

We'd love to hear from you if you have added HADA *Where Most Needed* [WMN:010] as a percentage of your will.

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New Hope Ministry Trust

• BANGLADESH •

THE New Hope Ministry Trust's school in Savar has expanded and now offers a Year 10 class. The school has well over 100 students and offers the full spectrum of grades from Kindergarten to Year 10. Years 11 and 12 are covered by a separate college system in Bangladesh.



Several improvements have been made to the facilities this year, with new roofs to drain the monsoon rains right away from the property. In addition, a local artist has generously created many beautiful murals around the school. We are in the process of providing a new water-filtering system.

The results achieved by the students at Savar have been consistently well above the country averages in the government run nation-wide examinations. We are thankful for HADA's support for educational facilities which is making quality education a reality for the Savar community.

In parts of Bangladesh there are low literacy rates amongst adults. From January this year we have been trialing an adult literacy program in a rural area of central Bangladesh. There has been a tremendous response to the program and we have been running evening classes in one of the teacher's houses. The majority of students are women with demand far out-

stripping the capacity of the rented room. To enable the expansion of this program we have been able to identify, and are purchasing, relatively inexpensive land upon which to build a multi-purpose building. This will enable the literacy program to grow from several students studying two nights a week, to accom-

modate many more students five days a week in both day and evening classes. There is also the potential to run an adult health education program and vocational education for the surrounding communities. The building's design allows for rooms to be added in the future to build a school for the community.

These educational programs will make enormous differences in peoples' lives. Literacy enables families to break the poverty cycle through the chance of gaining employment. Basic health education improves the standard of living and the quality of life by preventing life threatening illnesses and decreasing infant mortality.

~ Warwick Lloyd



A teacher on the site set for the multi-purpose building . . . watch this space!

Current HADA Projects



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All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility

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 Projects

Manager: Des Willmott

- Meat chickens, fish farming and bio-gas 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]

INDIA

Asha Bhawan Community Building Project

Manager: Keith Bergmeier

- Rescuing men and women from drug and alcohol addiction and seeing them transformed into responsible citizens [IND-050]

INDIA

Maxton Strong School Kindergarten Upgrade

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- Kindergarten Upgrade: to provide suitable education facilities for early learners [IND-019]

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 Ulaan-Baatar [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 Adamopoulos

- 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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