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NEWSLETTER

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President's Report for 2002

This year has again been a busy one for all of us. As president I attended a 6 week course on Aid and Development in a small village outside of Geneva, Switzerland. The information gained has helped with the preparation of documents for accreditation, and will assist greatly in planning and monitoring our projects in the future.

I wish to thank all of you for your personal and financial support of the field workers and their various projects, for without your help they may not be able to continue.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the faithful assistants who, in 2002, have again helped in so many ways. In particular sincere thanks to those involved with the production and distribution of the newsletters.

China

In March 2002 we had the privilege of visiting the office and staff of HADA Yunnan. It was a delight to again see these committed people and hear first hand of life changing successes with the micro enterprise, child sponsorship and other programs and to listen to them share about some areas of disappointments.

Kazakstan

The Pregnancy Crisis Centre is currently looking for a home or finances to purchase a property.

The Government is asking the team to lecture on health issues such as smoking, alcohol, relationships and sexual health. The latter lessons are based on abstinence teaching and have been well received by the schools and tertiary institutions where they have been given.

Associated Organisations

This year we have again been able to assist other like minded organisations. A recent addition includes International Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. They have been working for many years within the country and are asking for more personnel. We were able to help with this need. A complete list of "Associate Organisations" appears on page 4

Finances

The amount of AUS \$106,574 was raised by the various arms of HADA this last financial year. Of this amount \$58,477 was raised independently of our Australian office and sent directly to the bank accounts within the countries concerned and used for their respective projects. We have not been able to include these figures in our audited statement because of difficulty in verifying the figures against differing overseas accounting standards.

The HADA audited financial statement shows funds raised in Australia. We are very grateful for all the hard work put in by

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our supporters and for the funds that we have been able to send to the projects.

Tax Deductibility

Currently the documentation for Tax Deductibility is almost complete and is being checked by the HADA Board before the final presentation to the authorities. This has been a major commitment and, unfortunately, has had to wait its turn many times as other matters press in. We expect it to be finalised in March or April.

Membership

I would like to thank all of you who have assisted us by renewing your membership or becoming new members in 2002. We currently have 109. Your membership confirms to the authorities that we have a broad community base of people who support helping those in developing countries.

Board

I would like to thank personally each member of the Board for their assistance and participation in the past year. They have been faithful stewards. At this coming AGM we are hopeful of announcing some new board members whose expertise will be greatly appreciated.

Future

We look forward with great expectation to the opportunities for HADA to assist in developing countries, where we can help to alleviate the hardships of the local sidelined minorities.

Neil Young
President

HADA Astana 2003

The New Year has begun and with it the continuance of our work in Astana. Winter is cold here. Astana competes with Ulan Bataar in Mongolia for being the coldest capital city in the world. It is a long way from any ocean, which means that the temperatures can swing up, or down at any time. Winter days can be warm, at just below zero or very cold to minus 45°C.

In December we registered a local Non-Government Organisation known as "Source of Hope". By establishing Source of Hope we have done two things. Firstly, we have made the work more local. The six local women we trained as counsellors run Source of Hope, while supported by HADA. It means that HADA can act as an adviser rather than dominating the project as a foreign organisation. Secondly, Source of Hope gives a local face to the project, which will help to build trust with the people in the city.

We have begun the crisis pregnancy work slowly. There is a place where women can ring and come for counselling. Now we need to see the work grow, which means more advertising. We still do not have premises of our own which would make a big difference in the level of service we can provide.



Why a crisis pregnancy centre? Kazakhstan has a population of about 15 million people. In the 1990s there were over 2 million abortions. For every birth (live or dead) there are approximately two abortions. Each year about 150,000 women choose to have abortions (official statistics - unofficially the figure may be double). That means that on average about two thirds of women will have abortions during their lifetime. A number of times we have heard of women having over twenty abortions - hard to believe until one understands that for some it is a form of

HADA will forward overseas 100% of all funds received for projects, less bank charges.

Current HADA Projects

Yunnan, China

- ♥ Pig farming
- ♥ Rebuilding school
- ♥ Sponsoring children for schooling
- ♥ Training English teachers

Astana, Kazakhstan

- ♥ Pregnancy Crisis Centre

HADA has provided funding to the following Associate Organisations for some of their projects.

SAI, China

- ♥ Sponsoring mature rural students to language and medical school
- ♥ Sponsoring children for schooling
- ♥ Assisting a hospital for the poor
- ♥ Supporting a school for the children of nomadic families
- ♥ School renovation
- ♥ Hydatids treatment and eradication project
- ♥ Yak micro-loan project
- ♥ Community health training

IAM, Afghanistan

- ♥ The Herat Ophthalmic Centre
- ♥ Herat Community Development Program
- ♥ Herat Mental Health Clinic
- ♥ Ophthalmic Technicians Training Program
- ♥ Maternal Child Health – training women health workers
- ♥ Primary Mental Health Program
- ♥ Disaster Management Program

Harvest International Services, Cambodia

- ♥ Vocational training
- ♥ Village education
- ♥ Street kids

disbursing loans amounting to 10,000 RMB (AUS \$2,450), to designated families. These micro credit loans of between 500 to 800 RMB (AUS \$125 – \$200) per family will be used for poultry breeding (either chickens or ducks).

We trust that these loans will help the families to generate a more stable income. The man and his daughter pictured here, will receive an 800 RMB (AUS \$200) loan to breed ducks, and in a years time bring in an annual income of up to 2,000 RMB (AUS \$134).



As for the other Yi family pictured below, the husband has gone insane, leaving behind his wife and two children, one of whom is HADA sponsored. Her mountain area is only good for chicken

breeding and 500 RMB (AUS \$125) will be loaned to her for a year. The aim of these micro credit loans is that these families will be able to fully support their own children's schooling, thus ensuring a brighter future for the next generation.

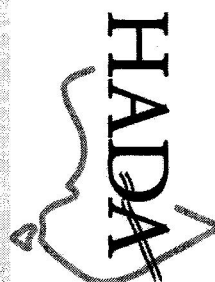


This work is being carried out by HADA Yunnan and any donations would be welcomed and gratefully received.

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