

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Since HADA was formed in 1997, there have been a significant number of steps achieved. HADA has become incorporated and has been approved by Charities Section of Consumer Affairs. These legal requirements, although time consuming, have been essential.

Hope International, a vocational training program, in Nepal, was approved as our first project.

Neil and Jeanie Young have now returned from eleven months away visiting many parts of the world. As a result of their trip, the Management Committee is now considering a significant number of possible new projects.

Negotiations will continue with the Australian Tax Office this year. Our goal is to achieve tax deductibility for donations for specific projects.

1999 should see a steady growth in the activities of HADA.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members who have joined over the past year, for their encouragement and financial support. Thanks also to the Management Committee members who have regularly given of their time throughout the year.

*Peter Moody*



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HADA

Notice is given that HADA will hold its annual general meeting for all members at Mt Tamborine Convention Centre, Beacon Road, North Tamborine on Saturday, 13th March at 4.00pm.

The agenda for the annual general meeting, the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and audited reports are on pages 2 and 4.

Membership Renewal Forms and cheques, as well as Proxy Form if desired, **MUST** be in the hands of the secretary by 12th March.

Ian Crowe  
Secretary

### *News from HOPE in Nepal* **Tailoring - a training for the educated and the illiterate.**

Hope International offers tailoring courses from three months to one year. The aim is to give even the uneducated a chance to learn a skill that is useful for private purposes as much as for finding work or set up a business. So far some trainees have finished a three months course and last month we were able to issue certificates to three trainees who attended classes for 12 months. Two of them are now attending a six month course for "Special tailoring" to further improve their skills.

*Left. A tailoring class at the Hope Training Centre, Kathmandu*

## HADA World Wide .....

As Australians we have so much to be thankful for... a beautiful country with trees and clean air, opportunities for education, medical care available at reasonable costs, freedom of speech, government benefits. Very, very few countries that we visited have these.

We believe HADA can and must play a vital role in helping the poor and needy in these developing countries. It is our responsibility to show compassion and we believe assistance can be given by supplying personnel, expertise and funding.

In India there are huge needs for medical assistance .... any sort of assistance. Never have we seen such hopelessness and such poverty.

In Central Asia there are many poor who have insufficient money for food and who need to be trained in income generating projects. Alcoholism is also a very real problem.

In China there are openings for medical and educational assistance, both in urban and rural areas.

The doors are open and we are being asked to help. There are opportunities for HADA to take on many new projects in 1999 and we believe many lives will be touched and enriched by responding to the needs.

*Neil and Jeanie Young*



Jeanie teaching sewing in northern India

## AGENDA FOR THE A.G.M.

Welcome

Proxies

Apologies

Minutes of General Meeting 7.3.1998

Business Arising

Financial Report

Chairman's Report

Election of Management Committee

## STUDENT'S COMMENTS ABOUT CLASSES AT HOPE INTERNATIONAL..

(extract from Hope International magazine 1998/1999)

### English class - Opinions and comments:

I like listening to music and dialogues to improve my listening skill. I like to have chat conversations naturally, not artificially. I like our English class with many games. I don't like to have conversations on a topic that I don't know anything about. *Tsering Lhomi*

I like my English class because I enjoy the way my teacher teaches. Class is not too serious. It is very nice. We have a good class environment. We learn many different things, such as grammar, listening to tapes, stereotypes of countries, games etc.. I have never before been to such a centre (language school). So I like it very much. *Tsering Dolma*

I didn't go to school when I was young. I knew the alphabet before I came here. I want to learn how to write. The class helps in improving my speaking and writing skills.

*Migmar*

I have been in this class only for one month. But I like it because I learned many new things. English is important and useful for the future.

*Sharu*

**If you would like to contribute to any of these projects or assist with administrative costs please forward your donation to:**

**The Secretary, HADA,**

**PO Box 688, Albion, Qld 4010**

K is a physiotherapist who was able to secure a job training doctors and nurses in a hospital in a large city. Physiotherapy was a new concept in this particular place and K was given the responsibility of setting up a department. In one of the wards was a 6 year old child, Tommy, who many months ago had fallen out of a 4 storey building window and suffered severe brain damage. Before K started working with him he was just like a "vegetable" and unable to respond in any way. However, through love, prayer and physiotherapy a miracle occurred and Tommy is now able to move around, eat food and respond in many other ways. The staff in the hospital were astounded and now call him "the miracle boy".

We visited the ward with K and as soon as Tommy saw her he jumped up and down, squealing with delight. After he had the accident his family abandoned him and now K is asking that a caring and loving family (local or overseas) will adopt him, even though he still has problems and hasn't regained his speech.

K's students remark how they "see love" on her face when she works with the patients in the ward.

**HADA is currently in the process of preparing documentation to establish an office in this city.**

**K will give physiotherapy to the orphans, poor and needy and another couple are looking to teach and train handicapped children and their parents.**

*Email response from K.*

*"I am pleased to hear of HADA's interest and would very much like to be their representative for this region. It will be my pleasure to serve the needs of the disabled in any way I can.*

*Thank you very much."*



**"Love is patient, love is kind, love is ...."**

**At a meeting of the Management Committee on 23rd January it was agreed to request two ladies to represent HADA in their area. They are looking to help two village schools, build new classrooms, renovate other buildings and provide classroom furniture. We are investigating the possibility of establishing an office for them.**

### **The Hui People**

The 9 million Hui (pronounced "way") people are scattered throughout China but mainly in the north west.

They are descendants of Persian and Arab traders or soldiers/officials who came to China during the 7th - 14th century, settled and married the local Han women.

The Hui are Sunni Muslims and Islam dictates many aspects of their lifestyle. They are family centred. Polygamy has been outlawed but arranged marriages are still commonly practised. The females often wear green/black or white head covering.

What do they need? Support for sponsoring children to continue school. Support for educational projects ... tables, chairs and building maintenance.



## **HADA (Health And Development Aid Abroad)**

### **VISION:**

To see medical, literacy, education, agricultural, water and sanitation programmes established in countries as needed using HADA as the aid organisation.

### **AIMS:**

HADA works in partnership with communities throughout the world to provide compassion, relief, training and development.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

To provide administrative, logistical and qualified voluntary, compassionate personnel support, to new and existing projects.

To provide skills and training with the object of achieving autonomy for the projects.

To support plans for the development of communities in ways which will improve their quality of life.

To integrate all projects as part of the local community.

**The Management Committee are keen to increase the circulation of this newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy or distribute them among your fellowship please contact the secretary and advise the quantity you require.**

**Donations towards administrative costs or any of these projects can be forwarded to:**

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