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HADA Yunnan Water Project

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Water Improvement Project for Elementary School, Wenchuan, China

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WHILE on site recently in Wenchuan, we noted that the elementary school, which serves approximately 20 neighbouring Pumi and Mosuo villages, seriously needed improvements to their water systems. In particular, all drinking water must be boiled to meet the needs of the school (70 students and 10 teachers) and the 150 inhabitants in the village surrounding the school. Additionally, there are no facilities for warm showers in this area where temperatures drop below -10 C in the winter months.

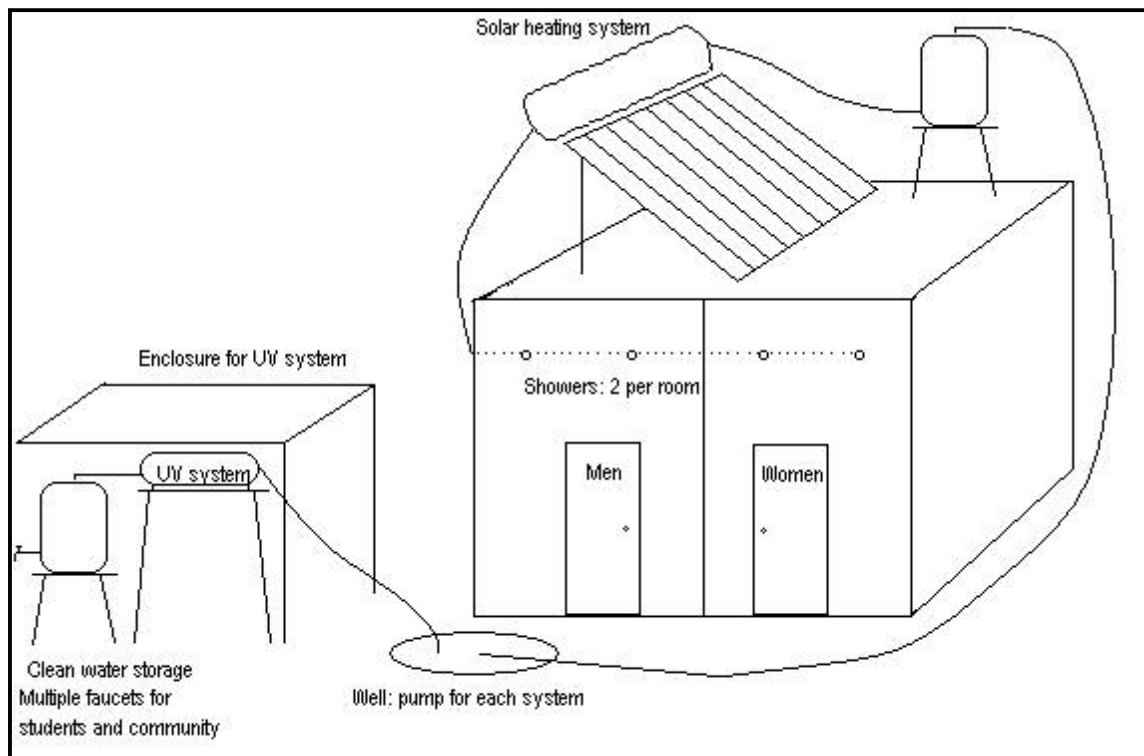
We felt that for a small investment, this situation could be vastly improved, resulting in a more tolerable lifestyle for these underprivileged people. Our teammate has been teaching in this area for 5 years. This project would serve to improve her standing in the school and surrounding villages. In addition, the villagers are sometimes unsupportive of the school and so providing free drinking water to them should serve to improve this relationship and therefore ensure that more village children are educated. Our proposal is twofold:

1) *To provide a simple, low maintenance and cost-effective ultraviolet water purification system to provide drinking water for up to 1000 people daily. Annual maintenance and electricity costs should be approximately 80 RMB (\$13 AUD).*

2) *To build a shower area supplied with solar-heated hot water. The water source for both would be a shallow well (already dug), which we are assured has sufficient capacity even in the dry months of the year.*

In consultation with the foreign worker living on site and also the principal of the school, we felt that it was important not to start with a complex system which was too out of place in an area characterised by agrarian lifestyles. The principal has assured us there are skilled labourers in the surrounding area who could complete the building work efficiently and with good quality.





A basic schematic drawing (above) is followed by a budget.

Materials List (all figures are in Chinese renminbi; for AUD, divide by 6):

Bricks for shower building (2600): bldg size = 3m X 1.5m X 2.2m high	700
Concrete for foundation and brick mortar (20 bags)	450
Doors for shower building	200
Gravel & steel for shower building (sand free)	550
Ceramic tiles to line shower building	800
Wages for construction of shower building	600
Piping and shower heads (4)	200
Pump for solar heating system (good for 5 metres of head of wter)	150
Solar heating system(including transportation costs of system from Ninglang)	2300
UV water treatment system (designed by ourselves) **	1000
Two 500 litre tanks for both systems	800
Sub-total	7750
Contingency costs (10% of total)	+ 700
TOTAL:	8,450 RMB
	= AU\$1410

** the UV purification system includes 2 water pumps (one spare) plus 3 spare UV bulbs

We propose that any extra funds be:

- 1) Returned to Australia
 - 2) Applied to other HADA projects
 - 3) Used to sponsor children in the Wenchuan area to attend this elementary school
- Donor(s) should specify their preference.

Notice of
Annual General Meeting
HADA

Saturday 11 March 2006
4.30 P.M.

261 Beacon Road
North Tamborine, Qld

News from Afghanistan

October 2005

Iris Jordi

TWO weeks ago, after a long process full of obstacles, we started the building of our new mental health clinic. The one-year delay meant that building costs be-

came more expensive than anticipated. Inflation has become quite high in this country. Therefore the funding we received from our donor was no longer sufficient. But when we calculated the costs according to the new prices we realised with astonishment and great thankfulness, that we had

enough money for the whole building, even for furniture and equipment, thanks to private donations. I want to thank HADA in the name of our whole Primary Mental Health team for the dollars you sent us and which are such a blessing to our project, for all of us – including
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HADA ASTANA NEWS

September 2005

David and Liz Graetz

OVER the years HADA Astana has assisted the local community in many different ways, offering training through lectures, seminars and practical help.

David and Liz from Australia were



The Astana team, made up of volunteers from different parts of the world.

involved in initiating the workshop skills training project which has been running for well over a year now. The project was set up to teach unemployed men, skills in home remodelling, making furniture and assisting them to gain employment or start their own business. Six men have been through the course to date.

Liz has also been doing healthy lifestyle lectures in the universities and, with her medical background, assisting local people and the Source of Hope women's crisis centre with advice.

Hubert and Rebecca from Holland and England have developed a community centre in our local area. Apart from being office manager, former deputy Director and HADA's treasurer, Hubert runs computer-training courses from the centre. Rebecca has been involved with a Mothers and toddlers group where children are entertained with plenty of toys while mothers

meet together, giving them the opportunity to listen and discuss appropriate topics.

David and Tirzah from America have also been involved in some of the activities mentioned. David has

been running English clubs and seminars on Budgeting and Teams. Tirzah has also been working with the Mothers and Toddlers group along with taking healthy lifestyle lectures in the universities.

Jasung and Hundu from

Korea have been our latest team members and are about to run Korean language lessons. Apart from our full time team we have had two short term workers over the last year, Ellen from Australia helping David and Liz's children with home schooling and running English clubs and lessons, with Kathy from the States also helping out with these activities.

Our team is currently researching new areas and ways in which we can assist the local community.

David Graetz has now stepped down from the directorship of HADA Astana. Hubert deVos has taken on this role with David Pichotta as Deputy.

With the departure of David and Liz, Lane Freisen, a member of another company here in Astana, is taking over the workshop project, which at this stage will continue as a HADA project. Lane has been assisting the project for

the last six months and hopes to take it into the next stage of turning it into a business.

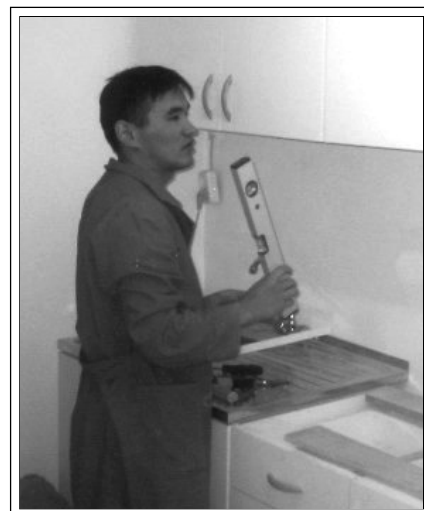
Thank you to the board for your support, encouragement and help over the time we have been here in Astana.

October 2005

Tolgart (see picture below) has been a part of the workshop training project for well over a year now. He came to Astana from a small village in Southern Kazakstan to start a new life and seek employment. Life in the village was a very simple existence looking after a small herd of cows for his family.

In many of the villages there is no work and most young men move on to seek employment in the cities to support their family. Tolgart comes from a large family with five sisters. He has a serious hearing deficit that made school difficult and therefore he didn't pursue higher education. Tolgart began working with our team, and in the beginning was happy to work as a labourer until he was encouraged to try some of the jobs himself working with the skills he was being taught. It wasn't long before he was helping to lay floor tiles, plastering and painting walls. This led on to renovating a number of bathrooms and toilets and finally he was able to re-tile a bathroom himself.

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HADA's Vision: To see medical, education, agricultural and sanitation programs established in countries as needed.

Current HADA Projects

☑ *These Projects have been approved by HADA.*

HADA, Yunnan, China

Manager: Colin & Margaret Dennis

Project Officer: Gary & Ailin Leong

- Ninglang: Micro Enterprise Development, clothing for school children sponsoring school children, training English teachers.
- Wenquan: Teaching English, training English teachers, sponsoring school children.
- Yuxi: Micro Credit loans to poor families to allow their children to attend school.
- Longchuan: Micro Credit loans to poor families in pig and cattle farming to improve the community's standard of living.

HADA, Astana, Kazakstan

Manager: David & Liz Graetz

Administration: Ellen Lyal

- Step: Training to achieve skills to ensure that people can find gainful employment or go into business themselves.
- Pregnancy Crisis Centre: Helping people make sensible family planning decisions. Helping women deal with the distress caused by sexual abuse. Training counsellors.

All projects in the newsletter are approved for tax deductibility.

☑ *Associate organisations projects.*

STICHTING ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONAL, Sichuan Province, China

- Shiqu: Screen and treat people with Hydatids.
- Educate the whole community in Hydatids prevention.

HARVEST INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Vocational Training Centre: Training young people to gain saleable skills, in computers, sewing and metal work.

ENTREADE GLOBAL, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China

- A Cup of Water: Provide finances for poor children to attend school; 89 beneficiaries.
- Teach English and English Teacher Training; 300 beneficiaries.

BRIDGEWATER CARE, Guiyang, China

- Community based home rehabilitation and physiotherapy for recently disabled and trauma patients.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE MISSION, Herat, Afghanistan

- Primary Mental Health: Improve mental health care of local people, through training and equipping of medical personnel, community leaders and through the provision of mental health services.

LITERACY PROJECT, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

- Literacy for teachers and children.

GRACE FARM, Brazil

- Care for underprivileged children.
- Building project.

Please advise where you prefer your gift to be sent:

1. HADA general fund and not tax deductible
2. Tax Deductible for the following:
 - distribution where it is most needed
 - a particular project
 - a particular person working in the project.



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local friends. I hope some of you will one day come to Afghanistan and visit us here in Herat. You are very welcome!

Sending you many greetings from Herat.



Stone laying ceremony

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Other skills he's been taught are installation of doors and windows, making furniture and recently he made and installed a kitchen. It hasn't been an easy road for him but with encouragement he has stuck with it. Now with a regular wage he is able to help his family, and seek the medical help he needs to restore some of his hearing. With his new skills and an enthusiasm for his work, he is now ready to take on a greater responsibility in running a business and helping to train other unemployed young men, who, like himself, might never have had the opportunity to gain a trade and pick up business skills.

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