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COVID-19: Bringing Out the Best in People

NEPAL

"I'm hungry," Amrit cried. His mother, Sarita*, looked in the rice bucket again, knowing it would be empty, as it had been for the last two days. What could she do to feed her children?

Sarita had moved to the city after her husband died, hoping to find work to support her two children. She worked for daily wages and earned enough to rent a room, feed her children, and send them to school. But when Nepal announced a lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sarita could not work. No daily work meant no daily money and her supply of food quickly ran out.

THE COVID-19 pandemic has affected many countries, including Nepal which had been under strict lockdown since 24 March.

Asal Chhimekee Nepal (ACN) is distributing one month's supply of essential food items to families in need due to the lockdown. Many of these are daily wage workers, who, like Sarita, rely on the wages they earn



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each day to buy food for that day. Having little in reserve, they have run out of food as the lockdown continues. Some are migrant workers, elderly, single-parent families, the sick, and those affected by disabilities.

It's encouraging to see neighbours and communities helping each other: sometimes sharing the little they have, sometimes connecting those in need with people who can help them.

After bringing food packets for 16 households in one slum community, who were in desperate need, we found another 32 households in a similar condition. The first 16 households immediately said, "We are all in the same situation, running out of food; we all need support, so let's share this food amongst all of us."



In another community, a man asked if ACN could help several families with disabilities who had nothing to eat and had run out of hope. He had a disability, but refused help for himself, saying though he had little, it was enough, and wanted food to go to those more in need.

ACN has been asked to help another 600 households (approximately 4000 people) in poor rural villages in the south of Nepal where we have been involved in health and development activities.

We are also looking ahead to when lockdown ends and how ACN may be able to assist those most affected to get back on their feet again.

Together, we can make a difference.

* Name changed to protect privacy.

~ *Dr Julie Lincoln*

Donations to project NPL-500 will be appreciated.

Hope Emerging: Accommodation for the Staff

INDIA

RUNNING an orphanage is no walk in the park. Long hours of thankless work is often rewarded with a miserable salary and no retirement package. People who have lived selflessly for decades often end up struggling to get by, especially towards the end of their long service. However, this is **not** always the case. Sometimes stories of hope emerge.

In 1948, The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission, an orphanage for destitute children, was started

in the jungles of North India by Maxton Strong and his wife Shirley. Over the last seven decades, the Mission, as it is known locally, has cared for thousands of children, bringing hope and life into the lives of a desperate society.

While made up mostly of volunteers (who receive bed and board), the salaried staff receive a fraction of the payment they could be earning out in the real world. "Working for the Mission is not about yourself, it is about living for something

bigger than you," said Rick Shipway, Director of The Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission. "It is about living to bring change in the lives of children who have been lost, abandoned or abused. There is a lot of fulfilment that comes from work like that." The staff at the Mission can testify to this. However, no matter how full one's heart is, you can't retire on it.

To make matters worse, the Mission has not been in a financial position to build any proper



accommodation for their staff. Homes built for them back in the 1960s are now cracked, and run-down; certainly not adequate for the housing of the selfless workers of the Mission.

This is where HADA, through a

partnership with Tasmanian design company S.Group steps into the story. On a visit to the Mission in 2018, Sam, the Director of S.Group, saw the plight of the staff and decided there had to be something

they could do to help.

After an incredibly successful fundraising campaign, S.Group managed to raise over \$200,000 for construction of new Staff Accommodation: six homes for some of the Mission's most

dedicated workers. An incredible gift for the people who have worked so hard for so little. A place to retire without concern of leaky roofs, snakes under the mud floor or asbestos.

Construction is in its last stage; in fact, if it wasn't for the disruption caused by COVID-19, the project would most likely be finished by now. Soon these families will have a home they will be proud of, finally receiving at least some reasonable reward for their years of incredible service.

~ *Clifton Shipway*

Donations to project IND-018 will be appreciated.



TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

HADA has Gift Deductible Recipient status with the Australian Tax Office and we are able to offer you tax deductible receipts for donations to each of our approved projects.

HADA is run by volunteers and our operational costs are minimal being 1.99% of funds received in 2019. All the funds you donate are sent in their entirety to the project except for bank fees.

If you have been thinking of making a donation, now is the time. You can include the amount in your tax return this year. Either use the donation form that comes with this *Inspire* or go to our website www.hada.org.au and make your donation there.

'You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.' — John Bunyan

Life Care Primary School

UGANDA

VISITING the Grace Care project in Uganda is always joyous and inspiring, and our visit in March this year was no exception. The project has been educating needy Ugandan children, mainly orphans, for over ten years through the Life Care Primary School in Kampala.

It is a very different place from when I first visited in 2013. Then the classes were held in wooden sheds, sanitation was inadequate, the drinking water was boiled, and the lunches for over 90 children were cooked over an open fire.



Now over 200 children learn in freshly painted brick classrooms, bathrooms are connected to a functioning septic system, lunches are cooked on a safe wood-fired stove, and there is a water purifier for drinking water.

What hasn't changed is the children's appetite for learning. They are well-behaved and were a joy to be with. Their enjoyment and pride in their school is obvious.

We saw all but one of the children sponsored by Australian supporters. We have come to know many of these children over the last five years, and watched their progress academically and personally.

Many have very difficult family circumstances. One young woman cannot return home as she is terrified of her bullying uncle (she spends most holidays at her boarding school, and last Christmas she stayed with the Ugandan program managers). Another girl has no relatives who will take her during the school holidays; she stays with foster families. Rachel, aged three, lost her father early this year, and has become our youngest sponsor child. Sponsorship has enabled her to attend preschool, freeing her mother to find work and feed the family. One of our older sponsor children is Elvis, whose relatives told him to go to stay with "those Christians". He now lives at the primary school, sharing a room with his friend Klaus, and the boys attend a nearby secondary school.

Now a secondary school is being built to continue the children's education through a vocational high school. We visited this site, where significant progress has been made towards the ground floor of the main building. The walls are solidly built from local bricks tied in with concrete pillars.



More funds are urgently needed to complete the building so more of the children graduating from Life Care Primary School can attend high school, and learn in a safe, nurturing environment.

~ *Nikki Lomman*

Donations to project UGA-022 will be appreciated.

Current HADA Projects

All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility



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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

- **Multi-Purpose Educational Buildings** building multi-function education facilities [BGD-012]
- **Orphanage and School Self-Sufficiency Project** (Replaces BGD-010) Provides high-level schooling and gains funds for the orphanage [BGD-013]
- **Orphanage and Schools Benevolent Project** Provides self-sufficiency projects for communities, training to gain employment and adult education [BGD-500]

BURUNDI

Mustard Seed Projects

Manager: Des Willmott

- Meat chickens, fish farming and biogas projects [BDI-010]

CAMBODIA

Siem Reap

Manager: Jun Kim

- **Bridge of Hope:** Working with families and communities to prevent children at risk becoming street children (or sold/ending up in prostitution). [KHM-500] (This replaces KHM-010)

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: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

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

Maxton Strong School Staff Accommodation

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

- Building accommodation for school staff [IND-018].

Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

- The care and protection of orphaned children [IND-501].

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: Sarantsetseg Baasankhuu

- 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]

NEPAL

Nepali Health, Development & Disaster Response (ACN)

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln [NPL-011]

- Providing access to safe drinking water and toilets, improve knowledge of hygiene/ sanitation, nutrition and preventable diseases [NPL-500]

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Haus Pikinini P4K Orphanages Development

Manager: Donna Harvey-Hall

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

SIERRA LEONE

Education Community Care Program

Manager: Dr Themi Adamopoulos

- Providing school canteen, medical clinic, and toilets [SLE-500]

P4KA 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 Secondary School

Manager: Emmanuel Kanuli

- To build classrooms for orphaned/ disadvantaged children [UGA-022]

VANUATU

Victory School of Hope

Manager: Zebedee Tanga

- 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]

P4K Zambia Education and Community Care Program

Manager: Joyce Chimbila

- Community care and education [ZMB-500]

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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