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## Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission INDIA

**S**UMMER is fast approaching here. Over the next month, temperatures will begin to increase dramatically, eventually getting to as high as 52°C. That's an unbearable temperature!

We just wanted to check in with all of you who have supported our work recently and say thank you so much. It is always humbling for us when we get notifications of new donations coming in. In the current global climate it means even more to us than ever to have your support!

We are both delighted and grateful to let you know that all of our children are doing well. While COVID-19 spreads like wildfire across the country, we are thus far unaffected. While India itself is second only to the USA in overall cases, our state has a relatively low infection rate. We are doing our best to remind ourselves regularly of how important it is to stay vigilant and not become complacent. Many of our staff have already received the first of their vaccination shots.

School, at this stage, is still open for our students. Those in grades 6-10 attend classes daily. Over the last week several districts have closed their schools and we expect this might happen in our district too. Our children attending university are remaining there at this stage.



Home life is pretty normal; our campus has always been somewhat cut off from the world. The biggest change that we have noticed is that our regular volunteers have not been coming; most years we have 100+ people come from around the world to help out. Our little world feels even smaller without them.

As we continue down this road of uncertainty we value the connections we have with each one of you. Your donations, support, prayers and messages empower us to keep changing the lives of our kids. Thank you for standing with us.

*~ Clifton Shipway*

Donations to this project IND-501 will be appreciated.



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# Grace Care Child Program

*Giving children hope through difficult times*

## UGANDA



**C** OVID hit Uganda badly — not in the number of cases so far (41,000 cases reported by 30 April, and 334 deaths), but in the severity of the imposed lockdown last year, to prevent uncontrolled disease in crowded

whole families, instead of feeding one child, caused a great strain on resources and finances. With the help of some generous Australian donors, the team were able to feed over 100 families through the lockdown. We also arrange foster-

2021. The youngest children however are not yet permitted back to school, so these have missed over a year of schooling, and there are no on-line options for them! As it is in early primary that most of these children learn English — the



***Progress on the secondary school building – the main ground floor structure is complete.***

towns and cities. For some months, few businesses were permitted to operate, there was no public transport and all schools were shut.

The lockdown plunged many families into dire poverty and in some cases starvation. So, the Grace Care staff, who usually run two primary schools, had to change their activities into distributing food aid to the children's families. Feeding

ing of children in need and monitor the progress of a number of sponsored children.

The schools were shut for eight months with classes gradually re-turning in

language of education, government, and commerce in Uganda — this is a lot for them to catch up on. The Grace Care teachers look forward to the challenge!

Currently, 35 children are being sponsored by Australians, with half at primary school and half attending various secondary schools. The children returning to school are keen to learn and are very happy to see



***Primary-aged children are glad to be back at school.***

their friends again.



The Grace Care program has two great needs:

- Funding to complete our partly built secondary school which will enable more of the children who attend the two primary schools to continue their education.
- More child sponsors. Children who urgently need sponsorship range in age from 5 to 15. Without sponsorship these children will not be able to start or continue their education. They are orphans, or from single-parent families, or families where one or both parents are disabled or otherwise unable to work. Sponsorship costs \$60 per month for primary-aged children and \$80 for secondary school children.

~ Nikki Lomman



**Distribution of food to a family during the lockdown**

Please contact Nikki for details of child sponsorship [nikki@lomman.com.au](mailto:nikki@lomman.com.au)

And we always welcome donations for the building program (UGA-022) or child welfare (UGA-500).

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

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# The Quicksand Trap of Alcoholism

## KAZAKHSTAN



**F**RANK (not his real name) was an 18-year-old young man when he had his first drink of vodka at a wedding celebration. It was pure euphoria for him. He could not get enough, so got quite drunk that first night. He was hooked. By the time he was 30 years old, he could not control his drinking. His parents were no longer around to keep him under control. Loneliness, depression, and low self-esteem pushed him to drink even more.

His marriage fell apart, and he lost all contact with his child. He was consumed by drinking since it numbed the



pain or at least told him it did. Since then, he has been in and out of so many jobs that the revolving door would need to be greased regularly. At his lowest, he would drink the medical spirits sold cheaply in the pharmacies. That scared him, but he could not stop.

While Frank was being treated in the rehab hospital, a man who was one of our first two members, came and told him about the support

groups. Now in his upper 40s, Frank has been sober for almost two years. He has been working through the 12 steps and applying them to his life. He still struggles with depression at times, but he has been making progress and is now a reliable worker.

Alcoholism is a problem all over the world. In the countries of the former Soviet Union, such as Kazakhstan, this problem is larger than in many other places. Hard liquor is abundant and there is much social pressure to drink heavily. That, combined with lots of hopelessness for the future, continues to be lethal for many.

There are many people who have made their way to our support groups, each with his or her own story. They all need help, and until recently, did not have the kind of support they needed. It's good that we have been able to provide a place for them to meet. Currently, our centre holds support groups for alcoholics several times a week, and a group meeting for co-dependents who are mostly wives of alcoholics. A new group is forming to help adults who grew up in alcoholic families. In such ways we hope to continue assisting others to help one another find healing and recovery.



Donations to this project KAZ-010 will be appreciated. ~ David Pichotta



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# Current HADA Projects

All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility



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## AFRICA and ASIA

### Medical training in Africa and Asia

- training African and Asian doctors in treating women with genital tracts fistula [AFR-500]

## AFRICA and FIJI

### Library Aid International Inc

Manager: Peter Cunningham

- Providing books for schools to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities. [AFR-011]

## AUSTRALIA

### Food Plants International Inc.

Manager: Bruce French

- Researching edible food plants suitable for growing in various regions of the world [AUS-500]

## 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** 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]
- **Good Neighbours Community Development — Preschool:** Preschool in Tria [KHM-501]

## FIJI

- **Education and Orphan Care Program:** Free kindergarten [FJI-500]

## 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

### Ashir Children's Home

Manager: Ashirvadam Mylaram [IND-520]

- Assistant Manager: Kunal Vasith [IND-521]
- Home for orphaned children [IND-500]

## INDIA

### Maxton Strong School Kindergarten Upgrade

Manager: Rick Shipway [IND-014]

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

### Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- 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 and Tirzah Pichotta [KAZ-013]

- **Alcoholism and Addiction Help:** Education, literature, and support groups for alcoholics and their families [KAZ-010]
- **Community Centre and Health Education Project:** a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents [KAZ-500]

## MONGOLIA

### Sergelt Ood

Manager: Corrie van der Esch

- [MNG-019]
- Assist homeless people in Ulaanbaatar [MNG-500]

## 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 Themis 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]

### Grace Care Child Sponsorship Program [UGA-500]

## VANUATU

### Victory School of Hope

Manager: Zebedee Tanga

- To build new classrooms for school in Blacksands community [VUT-010]

## ZAMBIA

### 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]
- Current disaster appeal [DIS-100]

## WHERE MOST NEEDED

The board will allocate these funds to projects in most need [WMN-010]