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BURMA'S

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CHILDREN

2012

annual report

BRAD HAZLETT

a letter from the Chief Operating Officer



This morning's news announced the Ford Motor Company is opening a showroom in Rangoon. A year ago Coke was not available anywhere in Burma yet today Coca Cola is building a bottling plant. These events would be mundane and overlooked in most other countries, however in Burma, a country choked by years of international sanctions, they are major news stories and indicative of radical change.

For many living in Burma, 2012 brought an end to decades of conflict. As peace was negotiated, attacks became less frequent resulting in lives changed for the better. We watched with anticipation and contributed to the negotiations when able. Much of the country changed from relying on critical relief to essential development, however, this transition did not come to everyone. Two areas in particular did not experience this change and instead saw an increase in conflict.

June, 2012 marked one year of attacks for the Kachin. Much of Kachin State was lost to the Burma Army, forcing thousands to flee their homes and seek security in internally displaced persons camps. Initially Partners was most involved in a relief effort, providing food and other critical supplies to those suffering in Kachin State. As other groups joined in this response, we shifted our work to training communities to better support each other. This training, requested by those in the camps, has empowered communities to identify and care for the families in most desperate need. As with most of our work, the children have benefited the most.

June also marked the beginning of violence in Arakan State. This conflict was unique in that it was the result of ethnic tension and not directly because of attacks by the Burma Army. Because of these attacks the Rohingya were placed in camps outside of populated areas, and have remained isolated and oppressed ever since. Their lives have been reduced to day-to-day survival. Once again the children who are the most vulnerable, suffer the most. Partners has been the only source of relief for many living in and around the camps. Beginning in November we supplied food, medicine, clothing, shelter, hygiene and other necessary aid.

I met Chakin (*name changed for security reasons*) on one trip to Arakan State. He is eight years old and is now the only member of his family still alive. His village was attacked and everyone in his family; mother, father, and siblings were brutally murdered. He escaped alone; carrying with him the emotional scars of atrocities he cannot understand. His neighbor helped him reach a camp where a Rohingya woman took him in. Gentle Mary is how her name was translated to me. As I sat in her home talking with Chakin and others, I was told how she has taken in 15 families left homeless by the violence. It's Chakin, Gentle Mary, and thousands more Rohingya, living without basic human rights that compel us to work in Arakan State.

These two stories serve as examples of how Partners used your generous donations to relieve suffering in Burma in 2012. This report is filled with numbers and statistics that represent far more similar stories. We're told in Luke 18:16 of Jesus' compassion for the children around Him and how He advocated on their behalf. In Partners, we want to follow that example and do what He did.

Thank you for helping us reach out to Burma's children.

Brad Hazlett
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER — PARTNERS RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

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CHILDREN



LAST YEAR THE KIDS WERE GIVEN

3,425



TOOTHBRUSHES & *paste*
too.



7,290 BARS
OF SOAP

3,425 KGs

WASHING POWDER



17,220 BAHT

SPENT TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

and

A FEW OTHER THINGS.

SHE IS MY DREAM



Her name is Sing and she is 7 years old.

She had to travel for 20 days with a group of resistance soldiers to get from her village in Shan State to the military compound where she now lives. Sing and 600 other children live in this place. Surrounded by bunkers and fragmented families, they live amongst the survivors and fighters of one of the most protracted and brutal wars on our planet.

Now her possessions are in a small pile under a rickety bed made of rough-cut planks. Everything she owns could fit in one small grocery bag. Her prize possession: a small stuffed teddy bear.

She is beautiful. When our small team walked into her classroom with painting supplies, her eyes lit up and her whole face became a smile. I watched her progress as she painted a village scene with flowers, a stream, Mom, Dad, Aunty and friends all gathered around a bamboo house.

The assignment we gave her and 20 other students in Loi Tai Leng was to paint a picture of their dreams. Show us in color what hope looks like to them.

Like so many other children, her dream was a return to the life she had before the Burma Army came. She wants her mom back, her friends, and her home too. I wonder how often this amazing little kid thinks these thoughts.

When she was finished I wrote Dream on a piece of paper and asked her to hold it up for me. Not because I

wanted an advertisement, but because she is my dream. My notion of God's call on my life is summed up in the words of our vision statement — **OUR VISION** FREE FULL LIVES FOR THE CHILDREN OF BURMA. **OUR HOPE** RECONCILED COMMUNITIES LIVING IN PEACE.

I don't want to be a person who watches while wonderful children die because of where they were born. I feel more passionate than ever that their lives are as meaningful and important as the lives of my own kids. They count to God. They count to me.

It may only be with my words that I can help her, reminding her that God is an important factor in her story and that He loves her. It may be the provision of food, medical services, or other material aid that gets this girl through the next month. Whatever it is, Lord help me to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Help me give what I can.

As a member of our support community, I know they count to you too. I share this recent story to introduce you to one of the hundreds of thousands of children we have helped since we started working with refugees in 1994. Every number and statistic represents a life as brimming with potential as Sing. Please celebrate with me what we have accomplished as a community. It is a dream to accomplish our vision and act on it. Keep dreaming friends!

STEVE GUMAER FOUNDER & CEO



in 2012
 PARTNERS TREATED
1718
PATIENTS
in Arakan State



56%
OF THOSE
PATIENTS
 WERE UNDER
5 *years*
 OLD



WE HELPED TO BRING
EDUCATION TO
127,620
CHILDREN



WE TRAINED
443
TEACHERS



GOOD LIFE CLUB PROVIDED
EDUCATION & CARE
 to **35,000**
 CHILDREN



TRAINED 40
 COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS WHO
HELPED >200
 STRUGGLING FAMILIES



FINANCIALS*

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE

Donations	\$1,268,750.04
Interest Income	\$693.88

TOTAL INCOME	\$1,269,443.92
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EXPENSES

Program Cost	\$1,099,096.72
Resource Development	\$9,845.88
Capital Expenditure	\$415.69
Administration	\$162,084.07

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,271,442.36
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BALANCE OF FUNDS	-\$1998.44
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*All figures are in US Dollars using a fixed exchange rate \$1 USD = 30.60 Thai Baht
The balance of funds spent in excess of 2012 contributions represents retained income fund balances carried over from 2011.

FIELD PROGRAMS

EDUCATION **32%**

EMERGENCY RELIEF **22%**

DEVELOPMENT **16%**

CHILDRENS HOMES **17%**

MEDICAL **13%**



All of our field programs aim to assist children & families in crisis and help to develop communities to live in freedom and fullness.



1%
CHIN
STATE

4%
KACHIN
STATE

8%
SHAN
STATE

4%
ARAKAN
STATE

3%
KARENNI
STATE

55%
KAREN
STATE

6%
BURMA
(GENERAL)

19%
THAILAND
(REFUGEES &
MIGRANTS)

TOGETHER
WE CAN HELP
EVEN MORE
CHILDREN
IN 2013

PLEASE DONATE TODAY
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*BUT JESUS CALLED
THE CHILDREN
TO HIM & SAID,
"LET THE LITTLE
CHILDREN COME TO
ME, & DO NOT
HINDER THEM,
FOR THE KINGDOM
OF GOD BELONGS TO
SUCH AS THESE..."*

LUKE 18:16

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