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From the Director

Let me introduce you to one of our partners working on the border of Bhutan and India. Several years ago I met Premila Rumlal, a Bhutanese refugee who was studying at SAIACS in India. Premila has been a Bright Hope World partner since graduating. She has a huge vision and compassion for the people she is working with, mostly very poor refugee women and children.



Here is a personal testimony from one of the children attending the school Premila has established: *"My name is Priti Kindo. I am 12 years old. My father left me when I was 9 years old. I never went to school before. I got an opportunity to study in Bright Hope International School. Now I am in Class II and within this one year I can speak English and write in English. I did not have clothes to wear, the school provided me clothes to wear, and they provided my school uniform to me. They provided books to me. I am very happy today because people love me so much. Above all I know who Christ is. Now I want to serve Christ after I finish my schooling. Thanks a lot."*

Premila's own story as a refugee was one of extreme hardship and poverty. Read about her ministry, Dorcas Compassion Ministry, on our website (IND03).

We continue to thank God for your prayerful and financial support of our partners.

Rob Purdue

Prayer Items:

- 1) For Kevin and Helen Honore who are currently travelling for 3½ months visiting our partners
- 2) For Jerry, Hayley and Sophie as they adjust to a new baby and make necessary arrangements to return to Zambia.
- 3) For the sale of a house in Centaurus Road, Christ-church that has recently been bought and renovated to generate income for BHW
- 4) For the new partnerships that have been started, the people involved and the beneficiaries.

Team News

New Baby

Congratulations to Jerry, Hayley and Sophie Field on the birth of Lucy Ann, 7lb 8oz, born on Monday 19 July at 10.37 pm. They are currently home in New Zealand and at this stage Jerry plans to return to Zambia in early September, Hayley and the girls in early October.



New Office Administrator

Karena George has recently joined our office team and works Tuesdays and Thursdays. Karena is married to Darren and they have three children, Danielle (13), Samuel (10) and Heidi (6).

New India Subcontinent Partnership Facilitators

James and Nicky Rees-Thomas (formerly from Wellington, currently in Canada) have joined the BHW team and will be overseeing our India and Nepal partnerships.

New Photographer

Lane Davis, a photographer from America, is currently spending nine months travelling throughout Africa and Asia visiting Bright Hope World partners. His passion is to help give voice to the people who have none through a camera lens. Check out his photos and stories at—www.totellastory.org

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Exciting New Partnerships

It was very exciting last month to have funds become available to enable us to start four new partnerships. More information on these can be found on our website.

The Rehema Ministry - Congo (Partnership Code DRC03)

The Democratic Republic of Congo has been experiencing war and plundering for a long period of time. The town of Bunia especially has been a field of several battles between various rebel factions. A large number of killings have taken place and this has left a lot of widows and orphans. Most of them are not in a position to meet their most basic needs and the children are suffering the most. For the children the only alternative is to go live on the street. The church is overwhelmed with needy people and the community is increasingly concerned with the many children living on the streets and becoming thieves.



The Rehema Ministry seeks to select needy orphans and vulnerable children within the church setting in the town of Bunia and to provide them with education assistance. This involves providing their school fees, books and uniform. These children will live with their respective parents or caregivers who will provide for their other needs. In addition to education assistance, the ministry will also follow-up with the school in regard to their academic progress and maintain contact with their respective churches to get information on their spiritual growth. Once a month they bring the children together for a time of fun, Bible study and counselling.

Peace Children's Home & Internet Cafe - Myanmar (Partnership Code MYA04)

The Peace Children's Home was established in 2003. It was established to bring healing to orphaned or abandoned children by providing an environment where they can grow strong emotionally, physically and spiritually. Currently 42 children are being cared for and educated. Their desire is to increase the number of children each year so that by 2015 they will have 100 children. Obviously this has huge implications financially and so an internet cafe is being set up to provide funds for the Home.

The plans are to start basic English and computer training courses and an internet cafe as a way of building relationships with students from a nearby college and also providing funds for the Children's Home. There is no other internet cafe nearby so it has the potential to earn a good income.

ITDP Micro-finance Fund - Thailand (Partnership Code THA06a)

It is estimated that most hill tribes in Thailand and its surrounding regions are living below \$350 annual income. That is less than \$1/day. It is with these concerns that the Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP) is seeking to help these villages in a holistic sustainable way.

These resource-poor villagers find it very difficult to start up income generating activities because of the lack of capital. ITDP is seeking to address these issues and empower these people by operating micro-enterprise funds in various villages. This is a revolving fund that is used for credit and will enable the villagers to establish some form of income generation. US\$100 will be given to a family and they will pay this back with interest. As the initial loans are repaid the fund will be made available to more people.

Chaba Rice Processing Mill - Zambia (Partnership Code ZAM16a)

Chaba Christian Care Group was founded in 2003. The organization was formed in response to the growing crisis of orphaned children in the community. To date BHW has been assisting CCCG focus its efforts on alleviating the burden faced by guardian families as they struggle to provide for the physical and educational needs of their adopted children. Currently, the organization is providing an education sponsorship programme for 230 orphan children.



While the education programme does alleviate some of the pressure faced by guardian families who adopt children, the Chaba community has recognized that only by addressing the underlying problem of poverty will families be able to find sustainable solutions to the orphan crisis in Chaba. Next to fishing, rice production is the second most important income source for Chaba. By improving the processing of rice, this project intends to improve the quality and marketability of locally grown rice. With the improved quality of rice, farmers will be able to increase the value of their crop which will translate into increased rice production for Chaba farmers and greater self sufficiency for families who have adopted children.