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Summary

It was in March 2007 that the dream of opening an orphanage in Myanmar was born. Thanks to the work of several volunteers, the generous donations from different countries, the valuable collaboration of a Burmese monk and other Burmese people, that several projects were implemented. To date, 34 children are housed in the orphanage, Sunrise Home Youth Development Center, located in the outskirts of Yangon.

Since 2007, Association Entraide Myanmar, received 68,000 $ for the realization of its projects. A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed so generously to help the children of Sunrise Home and to make this dream a reality.

Accomplishments

Before presenting what was accomplished in 2009, here is a brief summary of actions taken since 2007: many fundraising activities in Quebec, construction of the orphanage, reconstruction of the roof and floor after Cyclone Nargis, welcoming 22 new child victims of the hurricane, bringing the number of children to 37. Three of the children have returned to their village. The sponsorship program put in place has been very successful since all the children have caring and loving sponsors.
Projects realized in 2009

- Construction of an annex, adjacent to the main building, serving as dormitory, dining room and study area.

- Maintenance to the main building damaged during the cyclone (paint, repair work to the fence and ground surrounding the orphanage, etc.)

- Construction of a brick school (not yet completed; shown below) which will serve the children of the orphanage and poor children from the neighboring village. In its final phase, the school will have two floors and six classrooms. Without being complete, in the spring of 2009, over 200 children received English lessons during their school holiday.

- Construction of outhouses on the school grounds and the installation of a water pump that can be used for both the school and people from the village.

- Purchase of clothing and equipment to improve the quality of life of the children at Sunrise Home.
Special events experienced by the children

- In February, a party was organized allowing each child to receive letters, pictures and gifts from their sponsors and friends. The children really enjoyed these moments of sharing and joy. They also eagerly participated in the decoration of the premises.

- In March, 22 boys and girls experienced a Shinbyu. This is a noviciate ceremony that every Myanmar Buddhist boy (optional for girls) has to undergo for at least seven days between the ages of seven to eighteen. For this event the children had their hair shaved off. Before putting on their saffron colored robes, they were dressed in fine traditional clothing (rented for the occasion) and driven around the streets for all to see. The children lived the monastic life for 10 days.

- A visit to the zoo and amusement park in Yangon allowed the children of Sunrise Home to live a day of fun and magic away from their regular activities.
Projects for 2009-2010

Many projects are on the agenda for next year.

- Complete renovation of the main building damaged by the cyclone. (change the flooring; install shelves and wardrobes etc...)
- Complete the construction of the new school (finish the second floor, installation of a staircase, windows, doors etc...)
- Provide for the purchase of furniture (desks, tables, blackboards, etc...) and school material (books, dictionaries, pencils etc...)
- Repair the road leading to the school in order to allow vehicles to circulate (damaged during the cyclone)

Fundraising event:

We expect that a concert will be held in the fall in collaboration with Elizabeth Loiselle. Information will be available in September. The entrance fee will be 20$.

Those interested to help support the orfanage are invited to consult Appendix B: Frequently asked questions. There you will find the easiest way to send a donation.
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2009 Photos
About Myanmar (Burma)

Myanmar, officially the Union of Myanmar is the largest country by geographical area in mainland Southeast Asia. It is also known as Burma. Myanmar achieved independence from the United Kingdom on January 4th, 1948. It became the "Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma" on January 4th, 1974, before reverting to the "Union of Burma" on September 23rd, 1988. On June 18th, 1989, the State Law and Order Restoration Council adopted the name "Union of Myanmar."

Myanmar is bordered by the People's Republic of China on the north, Laos on the east, Thailand on the southeast, Bangladesh on the west, and India on the northwest, with the Andaman Sea to the south, and the Bay of Bengal to the southwest. One-third of Myanmar's total perimeter, 1,930 kilometers (1,199 mi), forms an uninterrupted coastline.

Myanmar's diverse population has played a major role in defining its politics, history and demographics in modern times. Its political system remains under the control of the State Peace and Development Council, the military government led, since 1992, by Senior General Than Shwe. The Burmese military has dominated government since General Ne Win led a coup in 1962 that toppled the civilian government of U Nu. Part of the British Empire until 1948, Burma continues to struggle to mend its ethnic tensions. The country's culture, heavily influenced by neighbors, is based on Theravada Buddhism intertwined with local elements.

COUNTRY FACTS:

- Area: 676,578 km²
- Population: 56 Million
- Capital: Naypyidaw
- Largest City: Yangon
- Official Language: Burmese
- Currency: Kyat
- GDP: $93 Billion
- Per Capita GDP: $1,691 (150th nation)
Appendix A: The Children of Sunrise Home

**Su Su Hlaing (Anne-Marie)**
Born November 10, 1998
**Background:** Her parents died. She was living with her cruel grandmother who wanted to sell her. Loves to sing and draw.

**Aung Aung Oo (David)**
Born October 12, 1997
**Background:** His mother is dead. He was living with a stepmother who mistreated him. Loves to draw and play.

**Naung Naung (Robert)**
Born October 10, 1998
**Background:** His parents were too poor to care for him. His family was homeless. Loves music and soccer.

**Ye Min (Roberto)**
Born July 5, 1997
**Background:** Cyclone Nargis victim. Lost his family members and property. Loves soccer and drawing.

**Ye Htet Kyaw (Lucien)**
Born January 5, 1996
**Background:** Cyclone Nargis Victim. Parents survived but lost all property and cannot care for children. Loves to read and play soccer.

**Bo Bo (Henry)**
Born June 14, 2002
**Background:** His father was extremely violent. His mother is in jail for having killed him. Loves to sing and play games.

**Thin Thinda Aung (Susan)**
Born August 2, 1996
**Background:** Her mother died when she was nine. Was living with an aunt who forced her to work. Loves to sing and draw.

**Ye Yint Thu (Peter)**
Born February 7, 2002
**Background:** His parents are extremely poor and unable to care for their children. Loves to dance, sing and play ball.

**Ko Naing (Alex)**
Born March 2, 1996
**Background:** Victim of cyclone Nargis. Parents and all family members died. Loves to read and play soccer.

**Thi Ha Ko (Michael)**
Born July 29, 1998
**Background:** He was cruelly tortured by his parents. He was sent to the orphanage for protection and care. Loves to watch TV, draw and play ball.
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Zayar Lin (Louis)
Born June 8, 1997

**Background:** His father was extremely violent. His mother is in jail for having killed him. Loves to play ball, games and sing.

Shine Lin Ko (Nicolas)
Born May 6, 1996

**Background:** Cyclone Nargis victim. Lost all family members and property. Loves to draw and play soccer.

Myo Min Oo (Philippe)
Born December 15, 1994

**Background:** Parents are very poor. They live in separate towns and are unable to care for their children. Loves to read, study and draw.

Aung Myint Myat (James)
Born December 22, 1996

**Background:** Victim of cyclone Nargis. Lost many members of his family. Loves to read, draw and play soccer.

Ko Ko Aung (Zidane)
Born December 12, 1994

**Background:** Victim of cyclone Nargis. Lost many members of his family and property. Loves to play and watch football on TV.

The Ko (Richard)
Born May 5, 1995

**Background:** He was abandoned by parents as an infant. Lost home and caretakers in cyclone Nargis. Loves to sing and play ball.

Tun Tun Oo (Roger)
Born January 18, 2003

**Background:** Mother died and father was too poor to nurture him. He loves to dance, sing and tease his friends.

Sai Ko (Mathew)
Born August 12, 1997

**Background:** Victim of cyclone Nargis. Parents and family members died. Lost all family property. Loves to read. Enjoys music and soccer.

Than Kyaw (Anthony)
Born April 4, 1994

**Background:** Victim of cyclone Nargis. Parents and all family members died. Loves to draw, read and play football.

Ma Kyin Win
Born in 1997

**Background:** Victim of cyclone Nargis. Lost her parents and other family members. Loves to study, read and draw.
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<tr>
<th>Child Name</th>
<th>Date of Birth</th>
<th>Background</th>
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<td>Hnin Nadar (Anne)</td>
<td>March 11, 2001</td>
<td>Abandoned by her parents, she was living with a poor aunt who could not afford to care for her. Loves to draw and read.</td>
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<td>Ye Lin San (Paul)</td>
<td>January 11, 1995</td>
<td>Victim of cyclone Nargis. Parents and all family members died. Loves to read, listen to music and play soccer.</td>
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<td>Aung Zaw Khaing (Jim)</td>
<td>February 13, 1995</td>
<td>Victim of cyclone Nargis. Parents survived but lost all property. Loves to play football and draw.</td>
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<td>Aung Htet Moe (Luke)</td>
<td>August 6, 2002</td>
<td>Abandoned by his parents, he was living with a poor aunt who could not afford to keep him. Loves to dance, sing and play ball.</td>
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<td>Pyae Sone Aung (Kim)</td>
<td>June 16, 1994</td>
<td>Lost 10 family members and his home in Cyclone Nargis. He loves football and drawing.</td>
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<td>Aye Ko Oo (William)</td>
<td>June 15, 1994</td>
<td>Victim of cyclone Nargis, lost all family members and home. Entire village was washed away. Loves football, drawing and reading.</td>
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<td>Aung Zaw Lin (John)</td>
<td>April 1, 2002</td>
<td>His parents are divorced. With no support from his father, his mother is too poor to care for him. Loves to play with marbles and sing.</td>
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<td>Ye Thi Ha (Randy)</td>
<td>December 3, 1997</td>
<td>Victim of cyclone Nargis. Parents and 9 family members died. Lost all property. Loves football and reading.</td>
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<td>Thein Than (Marc)</td>
<td>February 5, 1999</td>
<td>Parents are too poor to care for him and live in different cities. Loves music, and drawing.</td>
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Aung Pyae Tun (Andy)
Born July 9, 2002
Background: Victim of cyclone Nargis. Lost all family members and property in the storm. Loves to play ball, games, dance and sing.

San Oo (Christopher)
Born August 7, 1997
Background: Lost all family members and home in cyclone Nargis. His village was washed away. Loves to read and play football.

Aung Paing (Andrew)
Born December 12, 1999
Background: Victim of cyclone Nargis. Lost all family members and home in the storm. Loves to play ball, watch TV and read.

Hnin Yu Zaw (Sally)
Born January 10, 2004
Background: Her father was extremely violent. Her mother is in jail for having killed him. Loves to draw and play games.
Appendix B: Frequently Asked Questions

Is the donation tax deductible?
Yes. A charity receipt will be sent for donations of $10 or more. CASIRA will mail receipts in February 2009. Make sure to include your full name and mailing address when sending a donation.

Will any portion of my donation be used for administration fees?
Every dollar of your donation will go directly towards the development and operation of the orphanage for the children of Myanmar. There are NO administration or service fees deducted. All project costs associated with fund raising, tax receipt administration, plane tickets to Myanmar, and lodging for project volunteers are covered by the participants themselves or are given for free by the participating organizations.

Where do I send my donation?
Send donations to:
Association Entraide Myanmar
3450 Carré Rochon
Quebec (Quebec) Canada
G1X 2C2

Make the checks payable to “CASIRA”. Send checks only, no cash. Important: add a note on the check to say it is for “The Myanmar Orphanage Project”. Make sure to include your full name and mailing address to receive the tax receipt. Visa & Master Card are not accepted at this time. Tax receipts will be issued to the person signing the checks.

What is C.A.S.I.R.A.?
CASIRA is a foundation that provides humanitarian assistance in Guatemala, Peru, Bolivia, and Paraguay. This foundation has offered to provide, free of charge, administrative assistance. CASIRA will collect funds and issue official tax receipts for Myanmar Orphanage Project donors. For more information please visit (French only): http://www.amistadcasira.com/
THANK YOU!

From the children of Sunrise Home Youth Development Center