

## THE ANDREW CLARK TRUST NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2004

**T**HANKS A MILLION to all who have given donations and support throughout 2003 to make such a difference to the lives of the poor children and villagers in Lintha Village, Rakhine State, Myanmar.

**GOOD NEWS** from the visit we made in December/January 2004-01-30

We have seen an improvement in the children speaking English since we were there in September, and they are so eager to learn, always turning up at the English school with their text books, even when there were no lessons that day. Their English accent is still extremely poor, and this will not be improved until we are able to have volunteers from the UK to teach. A Dutch family and a Korean couple, who were on holiday in the area heard of our school, and came to see the children to give some books and toothbrushes etc. They were most impressed with the children speaking a little English to them.

There has now been a link forged between the English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Rugby and Lintha Primary School. Stuart Hallahan, (Headmaster at Rugby), sent some certificates to the Headmaster U Aye Thaung, to be used for the pupil in each class who is top of the class, and the student who has made the most effort. U Aye Thaung was delighted to receive these.



It was Stuart's suggestion that he will make an English/Myanmar Friendship Garden within his school grounds this year, and we thought it such a good idea that we made a garden by our English School, which we completed on our last day there. This has seats and pots of water for drinking, where both children and villagers can sit and enjoy the surroundings.

The trishaw man, whom we had arranged to go to hospital in the capital to have an operation on his foot, was discharged in November, and slowly his foot is healing. It is necessary for him to go to the doctor's once a week, and receive treatment and medication. Arrangements have been made for him to supplement his diet with eggs every day, and half a chicken once a week to give him the protein needed to aid the healing process. This will last up until the foot is healed. We were also able to arrange for him to train to make bamboo sheets, and he now has a new source of income, whereby he doesn't need to use his foot.



The Village Headman offered us the use of a building owned by the council, as an English Library. It is in need of a new roof and renovation, but is ideal being situated on the main road of the village. The village committee have also agreed to run it, provided we train them, and stock and organise the library initially. It will be ideal also for some of the students to study at night as it will have electricity, and as so many in the village do not have electricity, and it

gets dark at approximately 6pm at night, this will be an added bonus.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2004**

- To have volunteers from the UK to teach English continually and that there should be continuity in the teaching. (Free accommodation will be available from the end of April).
- To set up an English teaching programme for children and adults.
- To provide good teaching material, books etc.
- To set up and stock an English library, with any extra books to be given to Lintha Primary School and Ngapali High School.
- To train the volunteers to run the library.
- To send 33 more children to the State School.
- To try and eradicate Scabies in the Village.
- To provide a second-hand Ultrasound scanner for Thandwe Hospital.
- To provide out of date but still useful medical items.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

If you can help in anyway, either by sponsoring a child, helping raise funds, have any ideas which you think might help, know of any shipping companies, which might offer us reduced rates, medical supplies companies which might give us out of date medical items, and second-hand instruments. Also if you know of anyone suitable that would be interested in teaching, please put them in touch with us. Our e-mail address is [info@myanmar-aid.org](mailto:info@myanmar-aid.org) and the website address is [www.myanmar-aid.org](http://www.myanmar-aid.org)

Please note:- Renewal of child sponsorship should be sent by the end of March..

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT- please remember EVERY PENNY GOES DIRECT FOR EDUCATION & HEALTH & NOTHING IS TAKEN OUT FOR ADMINISTRATION.**

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