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During April and May, which is summertime in Myanmar, the temperatures were higher than ever since records began. As the monsoon started late, it meant that there were water shortages, with half the village having no water. It not only affected the villagers, but also some crops perished due to not being able to water them.



## SCHOOL



This year more children have passed their exams and there are more students attending High School. One very bright girl is going to school in the city, to give her the best possible chance, as she wants to become a doctor.

After finishing High School, some boys and girls have got jobs in Front Office, Service Department, and other departments in the nearby hotels, as they can speak good English. These young men and women can earn more money than their parents, thus breaking the cycle of poverty.

At the moment, we have one girl, training as a Pre-School teacher in the city. Starting in August, she will return to Lintha and teach children in the village from 3 to 5 years old. We also have two ex-sponsored students now working in the IT sector.

Sadly we still have quite a number of children dropping out of school due to having to go to work to help the family income, or having to

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look after their younger siblings. Most likely these children will also live in poverty all their lives.

The flat above the school is now housing five very clever but poor boys and girls, so that they can study in the evenings with electricity, and be sustained with nutritious food. In the next two months seven more children are expected to join them, as they are currently living in extremely bad circumstances.

One boy is learning to play the keyboard, which was donated, and it is a pleasure to hear him play classical music. A pianist from a Resort Hotel has been teaching him for free for the last three months. When he can play really well, he will be able to teach others in the school.

It is a pleasure to see that some of the children that have been sponsored since the early days of the Trust are now taking responsibilities in organizing activities for younger children.

## HEALTHCARE

These are just a few patients, for whom the Trust has paid for their treatment, and who are now well:-

- ♦ A girl, who was born with deformed legs, had a problem because the blood was not able to get to her heart properly. She had two operations on each leg, and is now fit and well.



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- ◆ **A boy who was paralysed from the waist down, as he has TB on his spine, had an operation, and can now happily run around.**
- ◆ **A mother, who was critically ill with typhoid, is now well, and able to look after her baby.**
- ◆ **We supply a boy who has bronchial asthma with regular medication.**



**The Trust was able to save their lives.**

**100% of your money goes directly to help and our Trustees are all volunteers.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, WITHOUT WHICH NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN.**



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