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National Director Mercy Ministries Youth With A Mission Australia. David has a background in teaching with specialisation in Early Childhood. He has also worked in the area of appropriate technologies. He has participated at board level for Mercy Ships Australia and Marine Reach Australia and is a member of the executive board of Youth With A Mission Melbourne and also serves on the board of COAID. He was formerly the Director of Youth With A Mission Albury. He is now based in Melbourne.

Steve Aherne (Director)

National Director Youth With A Mission Australia.

Has participated at board level for Mercy Ships Australia and is based in Melbourne. Steve serves on a number of boards, and is based in Melbourne.

Peter Brownhill (Director)

State Director for YWAM Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Foundation member of the work of the Institute for the Nations in Western Australia. Based in Perth.

Keith Grieg (Director)

Keith is an electrician with a background in missions and international aid. Keith was formerly the Director Of YWAM Sunshine Coast.

Tom Hallas (Director)

Asia/Pacific Field Director for Youth With A Mission International. Member of Youth With A Mission's International Leadership Team. Based in Canberra.

Chris Harrison (Director)

Formerly the Director of Youth With A Mission Darwin. He currently works as a staff development office with Youth With A Mission in Adelaide. He was formerly chairman of the Evangelical Alliance in Darwin. Based in Adelaide South Australia.

Jen Keatch (Director)

Jen is a housewife and mother who lives in Darwin and is the driving force behind the work that happens in that office.

Ken Mulligan (Director)

Director of Youth With A Mission Townsville. Ken has a farming background. Established the national ministry of Mercy Ships Australia, currently involved in training and management. Based in Townsville.

Marion Fromm (Director)

Director of Reverse The Curse. Marion has an administrative background and has formerly worked for Asian Outreach in Australia and Youth With A Mission in Osaka, Japan.

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Associated Ministries & Organizations

ACFID
ACORN
Blue Hearts For Jordan (Jordan)
Co-Aid
EARS Inc.
Home Of The Open Heart (Chiang Rai Thailand)
Indian Christian Mission Center (India)
Kid's Ark - East Timor
Marine Reach (Australia)
OPAL (Australia)
Partners (Chiang Mai - Thailand)
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Youth With A Mission (Balut - Philippines)
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ARMS Charter

Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd (ARMS) has been set up with the express purpose of providing direct relief to persons in any country who are suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution, helplessness and necessitous circumstances.

ARMS is a non governmental/non-profit organization that is governed by an elected board which is elected from its membership. Elections happen once every calendar year.

ARMS is funded through public donations, and through the seeking of grants and corporate donations from the business sector. All funds that are receipted into ARMS are subject to a yearly independent audit that meets the standards of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID).

ARMS uses the services of volunteers who donate their time to ARMS to achieve its goals.

All ARMS workers are trained to uphold the dignity of those to whom they have been sent to serve.

ARMS does not give preference on the basis of nationality, gender, ethnicity, creed, or religion.

ARMS is willing to cooperate with all governments and other non government organizations for the common good of those in need.

ARMS believes firmly in the values of integrity and accountability in all its dealings.



Capstone Statement

ARMS - people who care helping people in need.

Company Outline



Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd (ARMS) is a non profit charitable company, limited by guarantee and incorporated in the ACT, with registered offices in Melbourne, Perth, Darwin, Adelaide, Townsville and the Sunshine Coast.

Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd is the mercy ministry arm of Youth With A Mission Australia.

ARMS is dedicated to the relief of people suffering hardship and distress both within Australia and overseas and does so through a National Fund and International Fund that have been set up in accordance with the provisions of the Income Assessment Act 1997. Donations to the work of ARMS within Australia are tax deductible.

All ARMS staff give their services and expertise without charge. They maintain their personal support from people who believe in the value of their ministry.

ARMS has many expressions of its ministry some of which include, training, emergency relief, provision of medical supplies, project grants, child sponsorships, community development, ministry to the homeless, family counselling and the provision of primary health care.

ARMS relies on the generosity of the church, the corporate sector, small business, and the public in general for the finances necessary with which to run its ministry.

Mission Statement

As a Christian organization that sees Christ as the ultimate expression of God's mercy, ARMS outlines its commitment to mercy ministries in the following statements;

1. To example the love and compassion of God to a needy world.
2. To restore wholeness and hope to broken lives.
3. To empower and support families in crisis.
4. To equip people through training and skills development.
5. To serve communities by sharing resources.
6. To Mobilise people to help the poor and the need

Naw Mu Kapaw is growing up.

Some of you will remember the tragic story of Naw Mu Kapaw the little girl who was found abandoned in a pig sty in a village inside Burma in late 2000. The fate of those who lived in this village is still not known and none of Naw Mu Kapaw's family were ever found.



When she was found Naw Mu Kapaw was living with the pigs and was covered in filth and worms. The man who found her walked for 2 days through the forest and crossed the Moi river into Thailand in order to find a lady named Rose Mu. He had never met Rose but had heard that she was a lady who would care for such a child. When he found Rose he gave Naw Mu Kapaw to her and left saying “take care of this little girl Rose, she has

had a hard life.”

Rose loved Naw Mu Kapaw right up to her death in 2002. When Peh Lu took over the work that Rose started Naw Mu Kapaw moved into the new orphanage with Peh-Lu and husband Sandi. With the investment of time, love patience and prayer life began to change for Naw Mu Kapaw.

Despite her tragic start to life Naw Mu Kapaw has grown up to be a happy well adjusted child. I caught up with her last July at the Mae-La camp. She is pictured with Rose just after she was brought to Rose's orphanage and again at Peh Lu's in July 2004. Naw Mu Kapaw is nearly 6 years old. She is the life of the party and loves to draw and to dance.

Naw Mu Kapaw is one of hundreds of refugee children who directly benefit from the support that ARMS gives. Her story is only one of many. The situation in Burma is worsening and ARMS has been giving assistance to many Internally Displaced and Refugee families whose lives have been adversely affected by the ongoing war the Burmese military government have lodged against the minority peoples who live in Burma.

More information about what is doing amongst Burmese refugees and displaced people go to the ARMS web site www.arms.org.au.



Ministry Reports



awareness of our work, and see our donation rates increase on all fronts. Keep an eye out for the changes that are happening at www.arms.org.au .

Australian Mercy Fund

The ARMS Board did not make any disbursements from the Australian Mercy Fund (AMF) in this financial year. The increase of invested capital for the year was \$2,804.02

The AMF at April 30th 2004 had \$17,775.29 under investment and \$722.63 in its disbursement fund ready for distribution.

Donations

The audited statement of accounts shows that income from donations and gifts grew by approx. \$88,000 in the last financial year. This can be partially attributed to the tax deductibility we receive through COAID for some of our overseas projects and intensification of our work on projects in East Timor.

Table 1 - Tax Deductible Projects Income over 2 years.

Project	2003	2004	Variance +
Umm Qasr Medical	0	6,346.35	6,346.35
Karen Preschool	1,540.00	3,578.30	2,038.30
Burmese IDP	0	42,729.74	26,518.17
Reverse The Curse	15,169.50	42,729.74	27,560.24
Weberek Water	6,096.45	6,102.97	6.52
Hekan Building	5,055.00	36,366.12	28,321.62
Home Of The Open Heart	6,901.00	13,183.50	6,282.50
TOTAL	34,761.95	134,825.15	97,073.70

Other non tax deductible projects that received significant donations over the 12 months to April 30th 2004 were:

Pehlu's Orphanage \$4,734.95
 Kid's Ark \$3,582.55
 Iraq Crisis \$1,247.61

Karen Projects

Large military movements on the Thai / Burmese border in January 2004 saw thousands of Karen and Karennii people displaced from their homes. Initially 5,000 people were displaced this grew to 20,000 within six weeks. ARMS was



able to provide emergency aid to these people who were surrounded on three sides by hostile military forces for many weeks. The emergency aid took the form of medical supplies, food and clothing.



For some years ARMS has been sending medical personnel to the border area to train refugee medics and primary health care workers. Some of these people were the first medical aid that reached the vast populations of displaced people, and provided most of the emergency medical attention that was needed. Emergency fund raising for this crisis came to approx \$18,000.

Child Sponsorships

The National Office child sponsorship program is currently helping 38 children in 3 countries. Since Kid's Ark has established itself in Hera the program has taken on another 43 children. At the end of the financial year the break up of children actually sponsored through the National Office was as follows:

Children in the Philippines	21
Children in Thailand	14
Children in Karen Refugee camps. (No individual children are sponsored)	
Children at Kid's Ark	3

We also partner with ACORN in providing child sponsorships for handicapped children in Kurdistan. Other children in Bali and West Timor are sponsored through ARMS' Darwin office.

Co-Aid Membership

The membership that ARMS has with COAID has proven to be very fruitful as can be seen from the increases in funds for projects due to the tax deductibility. COAID have proven to be very helpful in all aspects of our relationship and have been a source of invaluable advice and information.



Hekan Housing Project

The Hekan housing project built two houses in East Timor during this time. One of these houses was opened on television in East Timor and President Xanana Gusmao commented that he thought that these were good houses.

We have also received requests to build Hekan hospitals, schools and larger type

buildings. This has widened the scope of Hekan and we are currently negotiating to extend our tax deductibility on this project to include these other applications. We are hoping that in the next 6-12 months we will establish a manufacturing plant in East Timor that will build Hekan components for all applications and provide jobs for east Timorese workers.

Community Outreach Program

The ARMS National Office together with staff and students from the YWAM Melbourne base are participating in a program through which needy families in our local community are helped. Teams of young people spend time mowing lawns, doing gardening and any other jobs that need doing for elderly people and families in need. The program is in its infancy but we are hoping that it will grow and be a great blessing to our local community.

David Skeat
National Director



RescueNet Report

Following a very successful initial deployment of six weeks into Iraq, Mark Cockburn was recalled back over to assist with the continuing work for a further three and a half weeks.

Upon arrival in Kuwait, Mark teamed up with Operation Blessing (OB), a Christian movement from America which Mark and David had helped 'shoe-horn' into Iraq, whilst their own registration papers were being processed.



OB had been continuing RescueNet's work in Umm Qasr hospital, but had now moved operations further north into Basrah where they had established contacts with several of the major hospitals, and were now involved in obstetrics and dental work.

As the hospital staff had not had any training for over thirty years, Mark began the work of training these personnel in updated emergency medical work plus emergency evacuations and transportation.

Added to this, Mark began the work of establishing links with the International Office of Migration (IOM) in an effort to get surrounding countries to 'adopt' patients that were beyond the care of the current Iraqi Health System.

It was Mark's role to carefully document and photograph each case and present his findings to IOM who would carry out the necessary negotiations with potential adopting countries.



This exercise quickly grew and many children and adults received much needed assistance that they certainly would never have received had they stayed in Iraq.

Following the unparalleled success of the entire Iraq deployment, RescueNet began to enjoy unprecedented favour among international NGO agencies and the United Nations. It is a fact that due to the uncertainty of security, whilst one other agency went inside Iraq soon after the war began to carry out assessments, RescueNet was the very first agency to go inside Iraq and actually begin a work.

Also nationally and internationally, word soon spread about the success of the Iraq deployment and a highly successful training camp was held in Canberra following the May NLM.

Ten participants completed the course and up to seven of these people have elected to join the growing team of RescueNet.

Following this course, RescueNet was invited to run another training camp in Las Vegas in order to help boost the ongoing work of RescueNet in the States. Four participants completed the course, which was equally as highly successful as the Canberra course if not more so. On the back of these two great courses, it is planned to run yet another course following the NLM in November.

Bob Scroggins from New Zealand met with David and Mark during his visit in May, and has since gone on to endorse the work of RescueNet to the New Zealand bases. As a result, Mark has been invited to promote RescueNet around every base in New Zealand throughout the first week in October, and the national leader of YWAM in the Philippines (Mr John Parsons) has likewise expressed interest in establishing RescueNet in the Philippines.

Mark Cockburn National Co-ordinator



Reverse The Curse

RTC Cambodia is finally set to begin operations in Phnom Penh. It has taken four years from the time the Lord first gave us the vision in June 2000. It is amazing what the Lord has done in that time.



From May to August 2003, an intense time of fundraising enabled Marion Winn and I to return to Cambodia in September, to negotiate agreements with the Royal Government of Cambodia.

MOU agreements with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation (MOSALVY) were completed in December 2003, and this, in itself, was a miracle, as these agreements usually take from 1-2 years to complete. RTC Cambodia was very warmly welcomed to minister to the needs of Cambodian Land Mine Amputees, in the areas of training and employment. Then I returned from Cambodia to

Australia, in early December, with the completed documents of NGO registration. We give much praise and thanksgiving to God, who gave us great favour with Government officials.

Purchase of Factory Equipment Another period of intense fundraising enabled us to purchase all the items of equipment needed to send to Cambodia from Australia. These items include a second hand 130 litre steam kettle, and a second hand steam boiler to drive it, for cooking the fruit. We bought a new pulping machine & mincer and had a stainless steel press made to stamp out the fruit flats. Packaging machinery & materials have also been obtained. All this equipment will be shipped to Cambodia in July and we thank God that the shipping costs have been donated. A dehydrating system for fruit drying will be manufactured in Cambodia, using the reverse side of a regular box type air conditioner, cooling the kitchen one side and drying the fruit on racks attached to the back, on the other. Stainless steel troughs, storage drums, buckets, trays, trolleys and other cooking equipment will also be purchased in Cambodia.

The Set-up in Cambodia began. On 28th April 2004, Marion Winn & I returned to Cambodia. Marion Winn was only here for one month. We stayed in the same house where I lived from September to December last year, until a suitable property for rent is available.



Vehicle One of the first requirements will be to find a reliable, small second hand vehicle for factory pick-up and provide general transportation. Small vans are difficult to find and one in reasonable condition, costs around US\$3-4000.

Expatriate Staff Three staff positions are yet to be filled, those of factory manager, accountant and handy man. Negotiations for the position of Factory Manager are currently under discussion with Gregg Burgess, an American, formerly with YWAM Cambodia and currently the Managing Director of Hagar Soy Co. Ltd. in Phnom Penh. Gregg's contract with Hagar expires in July and he will return to the USA to raise support. If this is successful, he may return to take the position of RTC Factory manager in the future. Hugh Magarey, a refrigeration engineer and our technical advisor on the RTC Board, plans to arrive in Cambodia in August, to help set up the equipment and get the production of fruit flats operational.



Cambodian Staff Employment of Amputees will be slow initially, as it will take time to see how many we need for a small start-up operation and funding for trainee salaries has not yet been secured. We anticipate starting with 15 amputee trainees.

When I returned to Cambodia, my former Assistant/Translator/Driver, Nissay Tou, declined to continue working for RTC Cambodia. Lin Ly, an agricultural science graduate, has taken the position of Translator/Driver in a temporary capacity. In the event of funding being available for a person to promote fruit production and sales to the factory, he would be most suitable for this position. From next August, I will employ a Cambodian Christian amputee, in the position of teacher/translator, for training the factory staff. Other amputee staff will be employed as soon as funding is available and the equipment coming from Australia is operational.

Factory & Accommodation Negotiations are currently underway to rent a new tenement style house. This building would be very suitable as factory premises downstairs, 2 offices on the 2nd floor and staff accommodation on the 3rd and 4th floors, which include three bedrooms with ensuites & community lounge and kitchen. A housemaid/cook will be employed, and later she will train the Cambodian amputees to do this work in the future. This property is for rent for US\$450 per month. Until RTC staff requires the accommodation, I will offer a permanent guest a room to reduce the rent to a reasonable level. The landlord is happy to have it used as a fruit factory and to have amputees working there. This is truly remarkable for this society. The property will not be available until the beginning of June. The Landlord is willing to have 3 phase power connected to the property,

Finances Since fundraising for RTC began in March 2000, we have raised a total of \$58,250.00. Of this amount, our efforts from January to April 2004 raised \$17,500. We are averaging around \$4000 per month. Now that we have begun operations here in Cambodia, our expenses will be much higher than our current income and this has become a major faith and prayer exercise. Set-up costs will be high, Second hand items of furniture and equipment would lower the set-up costs considerably, if they become available.



A “Farewell” breakfast and a garage sale were two very successful fund raising events, which were held by RTC, in Adelaide. An application for funding from a Dutch/Indonesian company was refused on the grounds that Cambodia is too unstable and our work unproven at this time. A submission for AusAID funding was also rejected because of our unproven record in Cambodia! Catch 22. As you can see, we are doing the “possible” while **we trust God to do the “impossible”** for us, and totally meet the need for funding the entire project, as He has promised.

Marion Fromm
Director

ARMS Townsville Report

Reef to Outback, Townsville continues to support the work of Mercy Ministries through a variety of opportunities.

Over this past year Discipleship Training Schools (DTS) teams from Townsville have been effective in outreach to locations within developing nations such as East Timor, Fiji, Tonga, Thailand, Bali in Indonesia as well as the most recent pioneering outreach to the highlands and remote, more isolated regions of Papua New Guinea. Friendships and strong relationships are built through this ongoing ministry, and networks developed with far reaching effects. We



witnessed the outworking of this with the Primary Health Care outreach of a team of five from Tonga who travelled through Townsville and Darwin on their way to serve in East Timor earlier this year.



Outreach team ministry to these nations has included service through mercy ministries alongside involvement through evangelism and ongoing training of students.

While in Tonga the Townsville DTS outreach team spent time working within the community at a rubbish dump and provided school programs for children. In both Tonga and Papua New Guinea the teams were able to go visiting in local hospitals where they gave encouragement and prayed for the sick. In Bali an outreach team built a playground for some children, as well as providing children's activities and making new friends at an orphanage. In Thailand the work was varied from working in the city through a program providing rehabilitation to prostitutes, to spending time in building relationships with people in a leper colony. Practical assistance in building and construction also contributed much to the lives of these people. Again ministry in an orphanage setting was a valuable component of this outreach in Thailand.

In East Timor the team was able to serve in both Dili and Weberek, and also provided much manual labour assisting with various tasks in each location. Another visiting Primary Health Care team and a Birth Attendant School team were volunteering their skills and providing health care and education, so during this time the Townsville team helped run a Healthy Kids camp and also assisted with a screening program checking for malnourishment among the children. During their stay in Weberek the team helped with the digging of a well for the village.

ARMS Darwin Report

Over the past year support directed through the office of ARMS Darwin has provided valuable assistance and sponsorship for many projects and ministry locations in the nations to our north.



Many church and outreach teams have travelled through Darwin to provide voluntary service through a broad cross-section of ministry involvement. These teams have served in areas including building and construction, community development, primary health care provision and training, as well as the teaching of English and children's ministry.

Teams have also carried in donated items of clothing, toys, books, tools, medical equipment and first aid supplies as well as some teams shipping over larger quantities of building materials, water tanks and plumbing supplies which they have used in contributing to completing building and development project goals. Ministry locations assisted by these teams and volunteers include Dili, Weberek and Hera in East Timor, Kupang and Rote in West Timor, Denpasar and Kuta in Bali, Indonesia.

ARMS child sponsorship projects have continued to grow and are one of the most effective ways of enhancing and contributing much to the lives of children and their families, as well as their local communities. The projects in Bali have recently expanded with three additional staff joining the work there with The Children's Home and the projects with the street children of Kuta and Denpasar. There are now 21 children provided with daily care, as 9 additional children recently joined the 12 who have been participating in the sponsorship program.

The Street Kids ministry team are now visiting a street community in Denpasar three times a week, providing educational activities for the children and offering help with primary health care. Regular support for the families in Kuta in this impoverished street community is continuing though many of these children have now moved with their families into Denpasar. This past year donations totalling \$1026.00 have been given to support the work of these two Street Kids Projects.

Sponsorship of a YWAM worker in Bali to attend a week long training program which taught effective methods of hydraulic pump building and maintenance has enabled him to provide assistance in that area to outlying villages across Bali - many rural villages do not have an adequate and easily accessible fresh supply of water.

ARMS Darwin also partners with the Kid's Ark Preschool in Hera, East Timor. Kid's Ark provides educational and creative activities for 43 children from the local

community who attend daily pre-school sessions. Ten of these young children now have sponsors and 10 more children are in the process of joining the sponsorship program.

Fundraising through toy catalogue sales has provided credit vouchers for the purchase of good quality educational toys which have been donated to Kid's Ark Preschool. Kid's Ark has also developed a mobile preschool and regular health clinic service in Sidara, an outlying region of Hera.

The child sponsorship program in West Timor, with which we have had involvement over the past four years is working with another child sponsorship agency and has expanded to provide education and resources for up to 100 children in the local community as well as the 23 children cared for directly by the Hope of the Nation Foundation. ARMS Darwin is providing sponsorship for those children not linked directly with the more extensive community program implemented by this agency. In November, a trip to West Timor as part of a local team of seven people, allowed us to travel to the island of Rote where ARMS supports the work of a health care clinic, as well as giving us the opportunity to visit a refugee camp for East Timorese families where there is considerable need, especially among the children.

ARMS Perth Report

Community Development Programme & Neighbourhood Care Programme 2003/2004

The Community Development Programme (CDP) has continued ministering to families in crisis in the Perth metropolitan area. The programme is well received by welfare and referral agencies in the city. It has been stated that often we are still the only service operating in the city that is available for referral to these families.

Because of this we have a constant supply of referrals and are usually unable to meet the demand. Our reputation continues to grow we get more referrals all the time.



We have seen a wonderful increase in our staff numbers from the last year. We now have eight staff, although 3 of the ladies are limited in their participation as they are expecting a baby this year.



We were able to purchase a small car in April with the funds from last years street appeal. It is a small Mitsubishi Mirage, almost new and ideal for transporting our staff to families around the city. It has brought a lot of grace into the work. We are still looking at applying for a grant for a new Tarago for the programme.

We are seeking God about new areas into which to expand the programme. A new initiative is to start a monthly coffee morning for the families and include some sort of speaker teaching on areas such as parenting, basic car care, card making etc. We hope to start that in this year, 2004.

We are continuing with the "in home help" offering cleaning, shopping, childminding, gardening, prayer and friendship, anything that will help the family to get through their crisis and stay together as a family. Since the beginning of the programme in 1988, the CDP has visited and ministered to 1089 families. In this last year we have ministered to 117 families. We are currently regularly visiting and assisting 22 families, either on a weekly or fortnightly basis, which keeps



us very busy!

The Neighbourhood Care Programme

We have run the Neighbourhood Care Programme twice this year, which is very exciting. This is where we train local volunteers to do the same work as the Community Development Programme, serving their local community and connecting families in crisis. We coordinate a training course over 8 weeks to train volunteers, one night per week.

In October 2003 we had one church participate sending 3 volunteers and we started another on the 8th of June, 2004, which is still in process involving 3 churches with 17 participants. Once they have completed their training we should be able to refer families in their area to them, which will be very exciting.

Highgate Outreach

The location of our office is actually next to this suburb and a number of our staff members live there. We have continued to door knock the area and visit with various community members there as well as helping people in need in the area. At the present time we are focusing on visiting the families and individuals in the area that have requested continued visitation.

The ARMS team has surveyed the local area, covering Highgate, Northbridge and parts of Perth city. We are in still in process of compiling the results to see what the needs are and how we can contribute to the families locally.



Finances

We continue to work on a donation basis and families will give to the programme as they are able. The majority of our funds however, come from the annual street appeal, which this year was in February and we raised \$16,020.85! Our faith goal was \$16,000 so it was really wonderful to be able to reach that.

Kathy Kennedy

Malaria Training Program

East Timor

I've just realized that the start of my time in East Timor was also before April 30th. I left home on Mon April 19th to take the microscope donated by ARMS, test strips for Malaria and Haemoglobin, microscopy and medical supplies, books, etc. for Branca to use in Hera. The Reef to Outback and ARMS people at the Darwin YWAM base were very helpful and hospitable and I enjoyed my time with them. Carol Payne had arrived at the airport just before I did and we were on the same flight to Dili on Wednesday. She came to Hera a few days ahead of an NZ team from her church in Taupo and will be going back to help with Kid's Ark when Soraya goes home on leave in September.



Soraya and Branca are lovely people and greeted me with big hugs at the airport. The customs officials weren't nearly so affectionate but eventually let me through with all the gear. We set up the microscope at the house at Hera, and Branca began learning about using the microscope and I started to show her how to identify different Malaria species using positive control slides. I planned to spend a lot of time with her in 1 on 1 tuition, but this was impossible because of her involvement with the visiting NZ. Team and other engagements. The Clinic in Sidara where she will be working and making and staining Blood smears was not completed but we arranged to use Dr. Dan's Clinic Laboratory for her to start learning staining methods etc. Apart from a bottle of malaria stain, none of the things that they were going to buy from Indonesia were available when I arrived. However after following up several possibilities, we had good discussions with the Director of Health at the Ministry and he arranged for everything we needed to be supplied by the Central Hospital Laboratory. We developed some valuable relationships during this time. During this first part of the trip a doctor from South Australia and her daughter were also staying at the house we had some good times visiting Kids' Ark, the Sidara site and other medical clinics.

I will write about the rest of my time there from 1st May on, and send a CD of pictures soon.

Trip to The Philippines and Thailand June 7th to August 8th 2003.

I was encouraged during this time by the hospitality and dedication of all the people I was able to spend time with. My mission was basically to teach microscopy, take donated and purchased microscopes, and service microscopes previously given, to health workers in Palawan in the Philippines and on the Thai/Burma border. It also

was a blessing to be able to see and share in other ministries and catch up with friends.

Thai Airways were very generous with extra baggage and good fare including Bangkok to Manila return. I stopped one night in BKK and left a microscope and other supplies for the border in the Alliance Guest house store room. JC, a big happy and helpful Indian Ywam-er from Balut, met me, took me and all my gear to the base and looked after me very well during my stay in Manila. It was great to be back with Rick Pavlat and other good friends in various Balut ministries, we visited the students, TB, Youth, bible studies for relocated Smokey Mountain residents. Most of them still live by scavenging at nearby garbage dumps even though the original Smokey mountain site has been leveled.

I spent two days in Manila purchasing cheap reading glasses, and Laboratory supplies. Because these included alcohols and staining solutions dissolved in alcohol which cannot be taken by air, I travelled to Palawan by sea, a very relaxing two day ferry trip, arrived Puerto Princesa Sat morning to a warm welcome at the YWAM base at San Manuel. Arthur and Eva Banganan were overseeing the Base for a year while the Dixel family were on leave. Eva and Arthur were both very involved with Frontier Missions. I knew Eva well before they were married when she organized my teaching seminars on previous trips since 1996.

The first teaching was held at the San Manuel base for training in the use of finger prick strip tests. These are very useful for diagnosing Falciparum malaria on the spot in field work where there are no nearby facilities for microscopic examination. It also included general teaching about malaria, making blood smears, and a new strip test method for estimating haemoglobin.

Two more intense teaching sessions were held at places where microscopes are now located. Training included the preparation and staining of blood smears, the use and care of microscopes, and microscopic examination of slides to recognize and identify malarial parasites. The first of these was at Brookes Point, where Rick and Betty Casey head up the base for frontier missions tribal outreach, I stayed with them and taught Betty and other students at their home. They are a lovely family, Betty insisted I had the first day there to rest because I was all 'shook up' after a very bumpy bus ride from Puerto.



We now have 3 microscopes in Palawan including one in a large prison where YWAM have a permanent health worker who was involved in the microscope training. Fortunately, as well as one microscope I took with me, I was able to restore two others which had deteriorated since I took them previously. The people who took part in microscopy training have

mats under the door where I slept to keep the snakes and scorpions out. They are dedicated hospitable folks, the microscope we gave them, and the one for the prison will be most helpful of the 3 now in Palawan because these people are isolated and have no access to testing centres. PP and Brooke's Pt. can have their malaria slides looked at by Health dept. or private clinics. The strip tests will be good for tribal field work anywhere and enable health workers to start malaria medication.

We had 2 positive cases of Malaria while I was in Tanabag which they were able to start treating and I was delighted to hear that Karen had found parasites herself in a blood film in a new case the day after I left.

Being in Davao for a few days before going back to Thailand was a special blessing. I was able to spend some time with my daughter in law's family, and visit the new YWAM office and meet old and new YWAMers. I stayed with my good friends Mordegai and Toinette Rossouw, they have a lovely new baby boy, Gideon. Toinette had had Gall bladder surgery a few days before I arrived but is doing well. As well as continuing the Mercy ministry which Gaylene and I were involved in, Mordegai is very involved in Tribal outreach including dentistry, they also help with visiting YWAM teams, and Toinette is a midwife from the Mercy Maternity Centre.



Two people in need of support are Beth Colong who helped us greatly while we were in Davao and her YWAM Primary health care classmate Merely. Mordegai took me on a 2 hr motorbike ride to see the work these girls are doing. We walked down a steep slushy mountain track to where they have a little house with goat and chook houses by a small church. They are growing fruit and vegetable crops to feed the poor tribal people where they live, I think over a hectare of sloping gardens including corn, patchay, beans, radishes, tomatoes etc. They use this ministry and health care to help their people, and through this are able to share the good news of Jesus with them. They were being supported by a church to evangelize these tribal people, but, because the church found that they were spending much of their time in agriculture and raising livestock instead of doing full time evangelism, they have withdrawn any support. Beth and Merely are doing really hard work for long hours in difficult situations.

I returned to Bangkok on July 3rd and took the microscope and other gear left there by train to Chiang Mai. I stayed in Chiang Mai for a few days and bought Lab supplies for the Border Medics and spent time with the Partners team. July 10th to 25th was a busy time on the Border. Russ took me to Mae Sot by truck, because security was much tighter I could not stay in Mae la and teach at Pastor Arthur's church as

certification to say they have done the course. This will give them some credibility and access to help from the Dept of Health Malaria control unit..

In Tanabag, for the last teaching time in Palawan, I stayed with, with a Canadian couple Sheldon and Karen Patzer and their family and tribal helpers. Tanabag is a bit North of Puerto Princesa. The Patzers are frontier mission workers to mountain tribes and I had a great time with them, they have water problems, generator power sometimes (the lights brought in swarms of flying termites 2 nights). They stuffed on site. I had fruitful discussions with my friends at SMRU about the current Malaria situation there and their microscopy training schools, and ordered extra supplies through them because I had only anticipated supplying items for one clinic. I supplied a microscope for Ka Toe Ta, the other clinic already had one which they were using but asked for some further teaching, as things turned out they were able to bring their microscope to Mae Sot and we had one training session for all of them.



Mon 14th was spent buying locally available supplies for the clinics in Mae Sot, then on Tuesday Tsar Klo Htoo accompanied me to Pehlu's orphanage where we had a very pleasant time. We went on and had lunch with Pastor Arthur and Glasper at the Baw Naw Baptist church where they also have a school and dormitory for students. They asked if I can do my teaching there again this year when I go back and don't see any problem with staying there. Then we went to Mae Plu to see Em and Ler Bwey's

parents and sister at Mae Plu across the river from Ler Ber Her. We went to Ler Ber Her and met with the Camp Captain, School children and teachers, and the Medic at the Health Centre where Ler Bwey does the microscopy and other things. They are very poor and badly off for food so I gave the Camp Captain what money I had to buy 4 sacks of rice for the school children. When we got back to Mae Plu, Em, Napoleon, Mesach(3) and Jael(1+1/2) were there and Ler Bwey arrived home from fishing soon after. We stayed the night there and had a great reunion, I was able to leave medicines for them. Next morning we spent some time with the wife and children of Nicholas, the brother who was killed by a land mine. We arrived back at Jonathan's house on Wed evening. I had to keep low profile on this trip as a tourist visiting friends and not mention Partners or ARMS.

The training at DHW was from Thur 17th to Tue 22nd July.

Students were:

Paw Bu Hla Ta Clinic: Naw Na Na (in charge), Naw Dah, and Naw Gay Pho.

Ka Toe Ta Clinic: Saw Kaw Doh Htoo (in charge), Saw Mya Sae Naing, and Saw Nyeim Naing.



They were good students and we shared a meal together with Eh K'lu and Jonathan at DHW on the last night. Jonathan couldn't go out in public as he has no ID.

On the 23rd and 24th I went with Steve and a visiting team and Sandy, a dentist, to Pehlu's orphanage, and to Pastor Arthur's, I also took them some Silica Gel dessicant for the microscope we gave for a clinic in Burma last year which they are responsible for under KKBC.

Back in Chiang Mai I stayed in the Partners office accommodation and Russ and I discussed possibilities for future training for medics from and supply of microscopes for more remote areas inside Burma where Malaria is a major problem.

I had a few days break in Southern Thailand and visited Penang before returning home.

My plans were to return to the border to continue whatever help I can give in November but this may have to be delayed depending on when the upgrading of Dr Dan's Laboratory in the Bairopite Clinic can be carried out.

Robin Wales

Audited Accounts

2003 - 2004



AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED
A.B.N. 84 008 643 258

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts	306,234.25	218,031.41
Grants	-	2,500.00
Investment Income - Interest Received	1,176.78	658.87
Investment Income - Other	10.63	154.21
Other Income	8,235.75	4,118.83
TOTAL REVENUE	315,657.41	225,463.32
DISBURSEMENTS		
Overseas Projects		
Funds to Overseas Projects	164,792.00	74,156.46
Other Overseas Project Costs	1,937.11	11,106.59
Domestic Projects	2,980.98	10,083.11
Fundraising Costs		
Public	5,582.51	4,386.87
Loss on Sale of Non-current Assets	1,974.00	844.00
Administration	85,935.00	86,116.08
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	263,201.60	186,693.11
Excess of revenue over disbursement (shortfall) before extraordinary items	52,455.81	38,770.21
Extraordinary items	0.00	0.00
Excess of revenue over disbursement (shortfall) after extraordinary items	52,455.81	38,770.21
Funds available for future use at the beginning Of the financial year	115,681.89	76,911.68
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	168,137.70	115,681.89

ARMS does not take administration fees from project donations but rather raises its administration costs separately.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash	104,346.89	85,928.30
Receivables	16,964.59	8,835.18
Investments	6,000.00	3,000.00
Property, plant and equipment	45,605.30	23,308.51
TOTAL ASSETS	172,916.78	121,071.99
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	4,779.08	3,390.10
Borrowings	-	2,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,779.08	5,390.10
NET ASSETS	168,137.70	115,681.89
EQUITY		
Retained profits	168,137.70	115,681.89
TOTAL EQUITY	168,137.70	115,681.89

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes For the Year Ended 30/04/2004

No single appeal or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of total income for the period under review.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED
A.B.N. 84 008 643 258

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being the Directors' Declaration, Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements of Australian Relief & Mercy Services Limited for the financial year ended 30th April 2004. The company's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

In the normal course of its business, the company derives a substantial portion of its income from donations and sales to related parties. As the effective control over such transactions are not established until they are received and entered in the accounting records, we have been unable to independently verify whether the amounts received from this source have been completely accounted for.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

**AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED
A.B.N. 84 008 643 258**

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Australian Relief & Mercy Services Limited is in accordance with:


(a) the Corporations Law, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30th April 2004 and of their performance for the year ended on that date;
and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and

(b) other mandatory professional report requirements.

Name of Firm: T A Khoury & Co
Chartered Accountants



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Name of Partner: Tony Khoury

Address: Sydney

Dated this 24th day of August 2004