

Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd

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The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

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Australian Relief & Mercy Services Ltd is a member of Co-Aid a consortium of smaller Australian relief and development organizations that are working together to benefit those who are in need in the developing world.

More information about Co-Aid can be obtained from the Co-Aid website:

Website: www.co-aid.org Email: info@co-aid.org



ARMS partners with the World Relief Overseas Fund by acting as its agent for the delivery of aid and development projects.

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Website: www.worldrelief.org.au Email: info@worldrelief.org.au



The Board of Australian Relief & Mercy Services has endorsed the Make Poverty History Campaign (formerly known as the Fair Share campaign) which is being run by a large group of concerned aid agencies under the auspices of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID).

This campaign seeks to encourage the Australian Federal Government to increase its aid budget and to embrace policies that will help to reduce world poverty by half by 2015. Australia has committed itself to achieving what have been termed the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). These are as follows;

Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

- * Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than \$1 a day.
- * Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

- * Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

- * Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005 and in all levels of education no later than 2015.

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality

- * Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate.

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

- * Reduce by three-quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio.

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases

- * Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- * Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

- * Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and program and reverse the loss of environmental resources.
- * Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water.
- * Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without access to adequate sanitation.
- * Have achieved, by 2020, a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

- * Develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, nondiscriminatory trading and financial system.
- * Address the Least Developed Countries' special needs.
- * Address the special needs of landlocked and small island developing states.
- * Deal comprehensively with developing countries' debt In cooperation with the developing countries, develop decent and productive work for youth.
- * Provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries.
- * Make available the benefits of new technologies – especially information and communication technologies.

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Cert IV Emergency Medical Technician - (First Response - Cairns, Queensland)

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 and is a registered Emergency Medical Technician.

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 serves on the boards of Co-Aid and World Relief. David is also on the Board of Mercy Link Inc. David 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. 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. Peter lives and works in Perth.

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 J.P. (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)

Cert IV Education of Intellectual Handicapped (Burwood State College, Victoria)

Jen has a background working with children with disabilities and also has worked for the Anglican Church as a community worker specializing in disadvantaged families. As well as leading ARMS Darwin Jen is studying Community Development.

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.

Kathy Kennedy (Director)

Kathy has a nursing background and is actively involved in medical projects world wide. She has a passion for Primary Health Care and founded the IPHC in Perth as well as the Birth Attendant school, both of which are recognised by YWAM's training arm, the University of the Nations. Kathy lives in Perth.

Nerillee Sowter (Director)

Nerilee has a background in advertising and marketing. Has worked for Youth With A Mission for 12 years. Has a desire to serve poorer communities in developing nations.

Dianne Clark (Director)

Dianne is the operations Director of YWAM Canberra. She has a strong interest in staff development and in reaching out to the poor and needy.

Will Knight (Director)

Will is a former farmer who now works as Co-Director of YWAM Tribe to Tribe a ministry that specializes in reaching out to Aboriginal Communities. He also is a member of the State Emergency Services in NSW.

Ministries & Projects

Australian Mercy Fund - (National Office)
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Birth Attendant School - (Perth)
Burmese IDP Project - (National Office)
Child Immunization Project - (Townsville)
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Associated Ministries & Organizations

ACFID (Australia)
ACORN (Turkey)
B.M.S.S.S. (India)
Co-Aid (Australia)
Destiny International (Australia)
Home Of The Open Heart (Thailand)
Kid's Ark - (East Timor)
Marine Reach (Australia)
Partners Relief & Development (Thailand)
Project LIFE Foundation (Thailand)
Reverse The Curse of Landmines (Cambodia)
RescueNet US (United States)
The Yeshua Network (Australia)
World Relief (Australia)
Youth With A Mission (Philippines)
Youth With A Mission (East Timor)
Youth With A Mission – Mercy Relief and Development (Vietnam)



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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 needy

Health Care Amongst IDPs Is A Serious Matter.

By David Skeat

Late last year the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) aired an item that told of an extensive health study that has been done amongst Internally Displaced People (IDPs) inside Burma. The report itself is a sharp wake up call to all those involved in providing aid to the IDPs of just how bad things are. The report is entitled *Chronic Emergency* and was overseen by Dr Cynthia Muang a well known doctor who has been working with IDPs for many years. Her clinic in Mae Sot is well known to both NGOs and the western media alike.



The study that is outlined in *Chronic Emergency* surveyed over 2000 families in Burma's conflict zones and tells the woeful tale of health issues amongst the IDP populations inside Burma.

Within the Burmese conflict zones 1 in 12 women run the risk of dying during child birth. When you compare this statistic to the situation in Thailand where one in 900 women die in during child birth you begin to appreciate just how bad the situation is.

The report shows that 42% of deaths amongst IDPs are from Malaria or other mosquito borne diseases. 15.8% of IDPs are malnourished.



According to the report, maternal mortality rates amongst IDPs are amongst the worst in the world. In the 'black zones of eastern Burma' there are 221 deaths of children under five years for every 1,000 live births, (22.1%). The report states; '*Over a quarter of all families surveyed reported that part or all of their food supply had been taken or destroyed over the past year.*



The 81 page report is sobering reading and can be downloaded from the ARMS webpage. The continued savage attacks on the minority peoples of Burma continues to be a major concern to ARMS, the savagery in which the attacks are carried out and the atrocious human rights abuses from where we stand seem to be getting worse. The reluctance of the international community to be involved in sanctioning the Burmese government (SPDC) is only prolonging the agony of the minorities within Burma.

In early 2007 mass attacks on villages and subsequent plight of more than 25,000 IDPs who were fleeing the Burmese did not make western headlines. Neither did the rape and murder of women in Karen State whose bodies were burned after the Burmese military had finished with them. Reports of soldiers shooting children in the forest as target practice are quite common. Women and children are forced at gun point by the Burmese to clear mine fields and to act as porters. This situation has been out of control for years, and it is time for the international community to take appropriate political action against the SPDC and to force them to agree to a ceasefire and transition of Burma into a democratic state.

I have been visiting the refugee camp at Mae-la for many years. The thing that strikes about the Karen is their gentleness. They seem to bear no malice and just want to go home to their village to grow their rice and raise their children.

Recent moves by the Thai government are seeing thousands of Burmese refugees to take up residence

in third countries such as Australia, Norway, Canada and the United States. This is having a positive and negative affect on the people. Those who are migrating will find a more secure life, but the down side is that the Thai government are sealing the camps which means that IDPs trying to escape the Burmese onslaught are not permitted to take the places of those who have left the camp as part of the migration program. It seems that the Thai government want to close the camps and secure the border.

For those who are unable for migrate, or for those who are on the run inside Burma this is not a good situation.

Governments need to have compassion on those less fortunate; even if they do come fro another country. The Burmese IDPs need to have access to places where they can find sanctuary from the brutality of the SPDC.

There are over a million IDPs in Burma and half a million refugees in Thailand. Every single one of whom need to have knowledge that they have a future and a hope. We can help give that to them.

ARMS is committed to continue its work amongst the Burmese refugee and IDP communities, our prayer is that the SPDC will be replaced by by a government that will bring healing and peace to the people and restoration to the land that is Burma.

Please continue to pray for ARMS work amongst the IDP populations of Burma and continue to give to our projects that are desperately trying to address these issues.



Ministry Reports



National Office Report

By David Skeat

The ARMS Disaster Trust.



This financial year we had a great opportunity to begin to establish our disaster relief work through the establishment of our Disaster Trust. The trust has been set up through ANZ Trustees and is officially called "The ANZ Charitable Trust Australia (ACTA) - ARMS Disaster Relief Charitable Gift"

ARMS has been sending emergency relief teams into disasters for many years. Such teams have been to Iraq, the Philippines, Aceh (Tsunami), Pakistan (Earthquake) and East Timor (Refugee Emergency Relief). Through the work of ARMS many thousands of people have been helped and hundreds of lives have been saved. ARMS is always looking for creative ways in which we can fund our emergency relief programs, particularly the work of RescueNet which is sent into the most difficult places.

Our fundraising just to keep RescueNet equipped is always ongoing. Recently we received a donation which was given to help meet some of RescueNet's ongoing costs. After careful consideration the ARMS Board decided to use these funds to set up a permanent trust through which our disaster relief work could benefit. Therefore we established the ACTA - ARMS Disaster Relief Charitable Gift, a fully tax deductible charitable trust that will grow and develop and continue to benefit our disaster relief work. Our hope for this trust is that over time it will grow and become a major provider of funds that will enable ARMS to help the many thousands of people who are caught up in disasters every year; but in order to do this we need help.

The initial seed for the trust was a deposit of \$40,000; We were greatly encouraged in early 2007 we saw this grow approx \$43,000. In order to receive the maximum amount of interest on the deposit we need to see the fund pass the \$50,000. In order to do this we are raising awareness of the trust and seeking public and corporate support.

Both individuals and companies will receive a tax deduction for donations made to the ACTA - ARMS Disaster Relief Charitable Gift. Regular or one-off tax deductible donations are welcome. Donations can be sent either to;

ARMS PO Box 1212 Surrey Hills North Vic 3127;

or to

ANZ Trustees GPO Box 389D Melbourne Vic 3001

Please include a note saying that the funds are to be used for the ACTA - ARMS Disaster Relief Charitable Gift together with an address where a tax deductible receipt can be sent.

ARMS Disaster Trust	
Contributions Previous Financial Year	\$ 0
Contributions Current Financial Year	\$41,760.00*
Total Contributions	\$41,760.00
Income Received	\$ 0



(*In the financial year 2006 – 2007 a further \$1760 in donations were sent to ANZ Trustees to be added to the trust.)

NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCIAL OUTLINE.

Contributions to the ARMS National Office.

The ARMS National Office raises money to keep itself afloat so that the projects it serves do not have to pay more than the 5% administration charge.

Origins of this income vary from general fundraising and yearly contributions from interstate locations to the sale of drinks. Some of our regular donors have chosen to direct their giving towards the running costs of the ARMS National Office, these are included in the table 2 below.

Other expenditure by the National Office were in terms of expenses that were incurred on behalf of projects which were repaid from project funds.

Table 1

The Australian Mercy Fund		
	2006 - 2007	2005 - 2006
Invested Income	24,824.88	23,564.05
Disbursal Account	2,369.32	1,542.93
Total	27,194.20	25,106.98

More information about ARMS can be found on the ARMS website
www.arms.org.au

The Australian Mercy Fund

The Australian Mercy Fund saw another year of growth. (See table 1) No disbursals were made during this financial year but saw an increase in invested income of \$1260.83. No disbursals were made in the financial year. 2006 – 2007.

Karen Projects

The Karen Projects supported by the ARMS National Office continue to make a difference in the lives of Burmese refugees and IDPs in camps close to the Thai / Burmese border.

Table 2

National Office Operational Income	
Donors	870.00
5% Admin fee	9620.00
Drink Sales	253.00
Other Fundraising	7254.00
National Contribution	3000.00
Interest	19.00
TOTAL	\$21,016.00

In the financial year 2006 -2007 the ARMS National Office raised \$30,637 and distributed \$37,964 for Karen related projects – these included;

Item	Funds Received	Funds Distributed
IDP Support	\$14438	\$17336
Orphanage Support	\$ 3831	\$ 2465
Malaria Projects	\$ 2398	\$ 3469
Preschool Support	\$ 775	\$ 5572
Primary Health Care Resources	\$ 1426	\$ 1361
Medical Support	\$ 3490	\$ 3169
2006 Christmas appeal.	\$ 4279	\$ 4592
TOTAL **	\$30,637	\$37,964

****** The difference between the totals in these figures are the residual funds that were in project accounts from the previous year. In the case of the ARMS Christmas appeal some funds arrived after the cut off date and have been held over for this year's appeal.



Child Sponsorships

The ARMS National Office is still supporting children in the Philippines and in Thailand as well as receiving funds for children in Kurdistan. Details of the financial transactions involved in these sponsorships are below.

Item	Funds Received	Funds Distributed
Thailand	\$ 1676	\$ 4707
Philippines	\$ 896	\$ 2086
Kurdistan	\$ 2100	\$ 2060
TOTAL **	\$ 4,672	\$ 8,853

Home Of The Open Heart

Item	Funds Received	Funds Distributed
General Donations	\$ 19073	\$ 19618
Building Donations	\$ 24692	\$ 23967
Hospice Donations	\$ 475	\$ 475
Medical Assistance	\$ 152	\$ 152
Staff Wages	\$ 7459	\$ 7470
Child Support	\$ 8441	\$ 7153
TOTAL	\$ 60,292	\$58,835

Reverse The Curse

Item	Funds Received	Funds Distributed
General Donations	\$ 50001	\$ 50507
Building Donations ***	\$ 59726	\$ 60000
TOTAL	\$109,727	\$110,507

(*** See Audit of accounts - Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes.)



East Timor Projects

The East Timor Projects include a variety of smaller projects. Those marked with * are now complete and have been included in this list simply to acknowledge their completion.

Item	Funds Received	Funds Distributed
Hekan Housing	\$8155	\$ 3117
Kids Ark Preschool	\$ 290	\$ 290
Kids Ark Clinic	\$ 6193	\$ 4058
Kids Ark Building	\$27664	\$ 24954
Kids Ark Staff Support	\$ 6023	\$ 5563
Kids Ark Property	\$ 19029	\$ 33867
Felicidade House	\$ 0	\$ 105
Weberek Water*	\$ 0	\$ 103
Bairo Pite Clinic*	\$ 0	\$ 715
Emergency Relief*	\$ 4879	\$ 4547
TOTAL **	\$72,233	\$ 77,319



HOME OF THE OPEN HEART

Is a ministry to families coping with AIDS which is located in Chiang Rai Thailand that has 3 objectives.

1. To give HIV positive babies a loving home. We provide small group homes for babies who cannot be cared for by relatives.
2. We offer self-contained cottages for HIV+ mums to live independently with their baby, then hospice care when they are no longer able to live independently.
3. Community visits which provide support for people with or affected by HIV/AIDS.



In the last financial year this ministry has been providing care for 11 children suffering from HIV / AIDS has been engaged in several building projects. The first is a baby house that will house HIV affected babies who are in care, the second is more live in accommodation for HIV positive single parents who are trying to look after children as well as cope with the affects of HIV and a Hospice which will care for loved ones of families who are in the last stages of HIV / AIDS.

Home of the Open Heart is well connected into the the state health system and is highly commended for the work it is doing in the Chiang rai area.

KID'S ARK

is a ministry that has established a preschool and clinic in Hera East Timor. ARMS in partnership with some Australian businesses and churches is constructing a preschool training center in Hera which Kid's Ark will use to train preschool teachers and run preschool for families in the local area.

This construction project has been delayed because of the civil unrest in East Timor. However, Kid's Ark has still run their programs even in the midst of the civil unrest.



At the height of the problem in June 2006 Kids Ark was feeding 2000+ refugees who had hidden in the hills behind Hera and were in desperate need. ARMS sent in an emergency medical team to assist the Kid's Ark team.

As things have setted down we anticipate that we will have the first preschool building completed and in use by October 2007.

Kid's Arks also runs a clinic in a very needy community in Sidara and viillage close to Hera. The peope in this village are desperately poor and have severe health needs. Through the clinic outreach in Sidara Kid's Ark have been able to establish an immunization proram in partnership with Dr Dan Murphy in Dili.

On project that was completed this year was the building of a house for a lady knwn as Felicidade. Felicidade and her daughter Honoria are out casts of the local community who suffer violence at the hands of some of the rougher elements in the district. Felicidade has been raped at least once and beaten may times.

Kid's Ark and ARMS received a grant of land from the village eldership on which we were able to build a house for this homeless family. They are still getting back on their feet but are experiecing a safer lifestyle as they no longer have to sleep out in the open.

HEKAN HOUSING / BUILD EAST TIMOR

The Hekan Housing Project has been running in east Timor for several years. It was an initiative of ARMS to help provide low cost housing for homeless families.



Over the years the project has evolved and is now known as Build East Timor and is led by Ricky and Sue McElroy. The McElroy family moved to Dili two years ago and have, together with East Timorese volunteers constructed more than a dozen houses. Each house costs approx \$AUD5,000.

This project has done very well in helping to build local community spirit and has the ear of the President's office as Xanana Gusmao has taken a personal interest in the project as many of the recipients are war veterans.

By the end of 2007 it is hoped that close to 16 houses will be completed.



Townsville and Sunshine Coast Offices are in a temporary state of suspension owing to staff absences for the year. Therefore no activity reports from those locations appear in these documents.

ARMS Darwin Report



The Darwin office of Australian Relief and Mercy Services this past year has seen continuing partnership with the established projects and contacts we have in South East Asia.

East Timor

Projects in East Timor have included ongoing support for a health and nutrition program for the elderly and mothers with young children in the village of Sidara. This community has developed successful initiatives of vegetable cultivation and goat herding.

The past few months have seen an increase in the numbers of individuals and teams beginning to return to Timor since the marked political and social unrest which has been

evident there over the past year.

Sponsorship of many children at the preschool, Kid's Ark in Hera where 45 children attend, and Sidara where 30 children participate, is providing them with health care, nutritional supplementation as well as the great advantage of the foundation of an early childhood education in preparation for their general schooling.

Children at Kid's Ark Medical clinic at Weberek

The Darwin medical team who have supported ARMS ministry for a number of years now, has continued to provide valuable back up support for the nursing staff based in Weberek, and they have recently been planning with the staff team there to visit and be involved in a health teaching seminar later this coming year.

Support towards projects implementing strategy for adequate community health care provision and community health and nutritional education is being well utilized for long term outcomes. The nursing staff are working in conjunction with government initiatives for community health education. Donated toys and musical equipment for young children has also been donated through ARMS Darwin for the children's and mothers playgroup in Weberek.



West Timor

In West Timor the continued sponsorship of two young men has enabled the elder one of them to prepare for university education later this year, as he has now almost completed his high school years.

Girls from the street kid's project in Bali

Support for the child sponsorship and Street Kids project has also continued in Bali, Indonesia.

The children's home has 24 children in their care and attending local schools. Twice a week the staff visit an urban community in Denpasar where they run programs for the children and provide them and their families with rice and basic needs. At Christmas time together they held a special party and celebration.

Northern Thailand

Donations to projects in Northern Thailand, have helped



equip medical ministry to the remote villages near the northern Thai border with Burma.

Also a donation to the Hmong peoples, who live in the hilltribe communities of Northern Thailand has helped to provide reading material in their own newly written language.

We extend our grateful thanks to all those who have generously given of their time, finance or expertise to contribute to the lives of many others in these various communities.

Jen Keatch
ARMS Darwin



RTC CAMBODIA REPORT

The year 2006 – 2007 has been wonderful for RTC Cambodia. Our production and marketing has grown consistently and our staff has expanded to twenty two, eighteen of who are land mine survivors. The Lord's blessing has been powerfully evident and His provision amazing. Only three of our staff has yet to come to faith!



Project Board Members

Our Board has gone through several changes. Stephen Sjoerdsma has continued to be our Chairman, but we sadly received the resignations of several Board members throughout the year. Rhonda Pooley joined us during the year and we welcome her. Stephen & Heather Weeks also joined us for a few months but then resigned because of work commitments. Alan Roberts also resigned because of his increasing ministry with MAF. We were very sad to see them go. Our Board now consists of Marion Fromm, Director, Stephen Sjoerdsma, Chairman, Marion Winn, Secretary & Treasurer, Alice McCann, Hugh Magarey and Rhonda Pooley. Our Board has worked very hard during the

past year to raise money for the RTC factory and all their efforts are very much appreciated.

Harvest Generation Limited

In November 2006, the company, Harvest Generation Ltd. was formed and registered with the Cambodian Government. It was necessary to register this company to enable us to purchase property for RTC Cambodia and University of the Nations. A company with 51% Cambodian membership can legally purchase property. The Board consists of Chairperson, Virginia Mange, Marion Fromm, Bunthoeun Thong (RTC), Piseth Sam (U of N), Seyla Uon (Evangelical Churches Assn.). The existence of this company enabled RTC Cambodia to purchase a property in Kandal Province in August.

New Factory property

In April, 2007, it was decided to buy the property owned by Ly Lin, (former employee of RTC in 2004) at the very good price of \$6 per square meter, for 1.7 hectares of land, so the total cost was US\$102,000.00. Plans are being prepared to build the new factory building as soon as the property is purchased. These will include a biogas installation, which will enable us to dispose of fruit and human waste without damage to the environment. Three wells provide a water supply and electricity is 500 meters away on the nearby main road. This property is near the village of Prek Daung, Kompong Svay Commune, Kean Svay District Kandal Province, only 15 kilometers from Phnom Penh.



New office in Seim Reap

A small apartment has been rented at #626, Group 1, Vihea Chen Commune, Seim Reap, for a marketing office and living space for Kimsan and Tepy.

Finances

The year has not been without struggles to cover all our expenses. However, we have increased our marketing to a point where, by the end of April, our sales covered all the production costs. This is a big step forward and our aim is to cover all the administration and salaries in the coming year. This would then enable funds raised in Australia to be used to erect and install the new factory building. An audited financial report is available with this report.

Marketing

RTC Cambodia's "**Cambodian Harvest**" products are now selling in all supermarkets in Phnom Penh, Seim Reap and Sionoukville. Total Service Station shops, souvenir shops, hotels, restaurants and coffee shops also sell our products. In the past year, Sokhem has managed our marketing very well. As sales increased, we employed two salesmen, Kimhor and Bunthoeun Cheng, but Bunthoeun Cheng has transferred to become trainee accountant, in preparation to fill Darong's position when he leaves.

Trade fairs have not proved so successful this year. Documentaries from local TV stations have increased awareness of our products and contributed to our increasing monthly sales. Free publicity like that was a real blessing. Glossy brochures were printed in 2006 and have recently been updated. The brochures have received an excellent response.



The Business Advisory Council awarded us the "Employer of the Year" Award in November. This was followed by another award from the National Council of Disabled People, for employing staff with disabilities. This was a very unexpected honour and the publicity surrounding this event resulted in much greater awareness of our products and our company.

Factory Production

With the addition of a third dehydrator and steaming trays, our production averages one ton of fruit per week. Mango is the quickest and easiest to process and ginger the most time consuming. We have not



continued making fruit strap except for special orders because of lack of demand. The production of jams and pickles has continued to increase and we have now included Ginger Marmalade to our range. Trials of two new products, Chili Relish and Mango Chutney are being undertaken. Packaging has been updated to clear plastic boxes, which has improved the look of our products and been a factor in the increasing sales of glacè fruit. The possibility of sales to Japan in the near future will necessitate an additional range of packaging for that market. This involves a lightweight triple compartment plastic box with a heat seal inserted in a flat cardboard box. The heat sealer required and a minimum order of boxes will mean an outlay of US\$4000. Once we are sure of the orders,

we will go ahead with the necessary changes that will be required, while still retaining our other packaging.

Training

Robert Blenkiron, the former director of Angus Park Dried Fruit Company, was sent to us by Australian Business Volunteers for a month in October 2006. He increased the level of training for the factory management to level 3 in food technology, which is sufficient for our current production needs. Bunthoeun Cheng is studying accounting, Thida completed a course in office administration and all staff continues to study English with Judith Stanfield from New Zealand.

Marion Fromm

Director.

ARMS PERTH REPORT

Community Development Programme & NeighbourCare 2006/2007

It has been another busy and blessed year here in Perth. The Community Development Programme (CDP) has been ministering to families in crisis in the Perth metropolitan area. We are well received by welfare and referral agencies in the city. We continue to receive more referrals than what we can handle.

Susanna Spitzli has led the day to day practical components of the team and has done an amazing job! We have been blessed with some people who have served with us this last year and have five full time staff as well as many people who participate on a part time basis.

We are continuing with the "in home help" offering cleaning, shopping, childminding, gardening, prayer and friendship, anything that will help the family get through their crisis and stay together.

Since the beginning of the programme in 1988, the CDP has visited and ministered to 1434 families. In this last year we have ministered to 62 families. We are currently regularly visiting and assisting 20+ families, either on a weekly or fortnightly basis, which keeps us very busy! We have students who come out with us to serve the families which is fantastic!



Statistics May 2006 to April 2007

Marital Status

Married	19
Single	17
Divorced	8
Separated	7
Widowed	7
Defacto	3

Help Provided

Cleaning	38
Friendly listening ear	36
Housework	33
Gardening	17
Child minding	5
Cooking	1
Moving house	2
Transport	1



NeighbourCare

What was formerly known as 'The Neighbourhood Care Programme' is now NeighbourCare. After waiting on God we felt that what we are promoting is not a programme but a ministry concept. We felt to restructure the training with a view to partner with the local church to see how together we can impact our communities. There has been some interest, but presently we are in a dialogue phase.

We are continuing to trust God for participating churches in every region of the city and our goal for the year of 2007 is to have 5 churches connecting with their community this year. We have been able to refer some families to churches for care.

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 in February was raised nearly \$14,000! We praise God for his provision to us!

Liesbeth McClure – CDP Leader

A Medical Boomerang Overview – Andrea McArthur



We have sent 3 medical teams overseas since July 2006. Teams went to Cairo; Egypt, twice, and Hyderabad, India.

On our teams we have had several professionals – nurses, midwives, pharmacist, physiotherapist, medical students, primary health care workers, radiographers and doctors. Having a range of skills has meant that we can be more effective in serving the poor and needy.

We engaged in a variety of activities. We held clinics, did house visits, medical check-ups, teaching sessions, community visits, ante-natal clinics and

medical camps.

In 2007 and 2008 we have 3 outreaches planned. We will be going to China, Vanuatu and Jakarta, Indonesia

Cairo, Egypt 12 July – 3 August 2006

The third Medical Boomerang outreach team to Cairo this year consisted of 8 people and 3 children with a mixture of nurses, a pharmacist, a physiotherapist, trainee paramedic and a medical student. They had the unique opportunity to work amongst the diverse groups of Cairo – the Evangelicals, the Coptic's and the Muslims. The team held clinics together with Egyptian doctors in different parts of the city, went door to door, taught general health care to families. The Egyptians were touched by the team's servant heart and compassion. Number of Patients treated: 517

October Report to Cairo – 13th October -

Clinics

We had a number of opportunities to run clinics all over the city in garbage cities, with Sudanese refugees, at a convent and on the Island.

One group focused on working with Sudanese refugees. The other team were able to go out as small mobile teams to visit the people who were too sick or unable to come to the clinic. There is a huge need amongst the Sudanese and it was humbling to hear their stories and their difficulties with leaving their country and living in Egypt.



Both teams were able to go house to house in Cemetery City. On one occasion we held an impromptu clinic in one of the small Sheesha bars. It was amazing. We also held a number of clinics in churches and one in a convent.

Health Care drama/ teaching

In one of the garbage cities we were able to share in their youth group, kids group and womens group. We shared health care teaching and finally had a clinic for those who needed help.

Physiotherapy Rehabilitation

One of the Physiotherapists on the team was a specialist in Children's Physio so it was great to be able to serve some of the children at a school for kids with disabilities. We treated the children and put together home programs and taught them to the parents and carers so they can carry on helping them after we left.

Statistics

Patients treated: 594

Health care teaching: 20

Hyderabad; India 13 April – 3 May 2007

What we did:

1. Worked at Nireekshana (HIV/AIDS) Clinic with Dr Suneetha
2. Admission/follow up forms revamped X 3 (General admission, Child Welfare, Widows Welfare forms)
3. Attended 2 seminars about HIV/AIDS and attended 1 event for children and their mothers with HIV
4. Basic health/hygiene teachings to children
5. Community visits with workers from YWAM Hyderabad to people with HIV – advice re care of premature twins given; teaching re meds given...
6. Antenatal clinics X 2
7. 'Medical Camps' X 2
8. Delivered one baby gir at the government maternity hospital

Our contact - Dr Suneetha is a great man. We enjoyed working alongside him. When I requested some maternity and practical work in a community, he facilitated both of these. God continued to be very faithful to us and opened up many opportunities



PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SEMINARS

The ARMS Primary Healthcare Seminars are run out of the ARMS National Office and led by Marion Wilbraham. Marion's report appears below.

We have just completed a most successful Primary Health Care Seminar, held at the YWAM base at Way Te Loo village, Thailand.

As this was the second time that we had run the seminar in Thailand, we found that instead of finding our way over stepping stones, it was more like walking on a cleared trail. We still met with challenges, but we were able to see our way more clearly.

The course began with 27 students (mainly aged 18-23) who were eager to learn and committed to study. Four students had to drop out because of family or work issues, which meant that we graduated 23 students; 4 of whom were second level students.

Marion Wilbraham led the seminar, with Robin Wales as full time staff. We had three visiting teachers – Shaune Vincent, David Skeat & Nathan Willis. Marie Skeat provided valuable administrative assistance during the first week, and Jacob & Dana Miles helped with odd jobs during the third week. Hte Law Sue was our very competent and willing interpreter, assisted by Tha Mu for 6 days. Tha Mu was very helpful in translating vital signs & medication dosage charts for our handouts.

Our class time started each day with worship in both Karen & English, followed by a short basic Bible teaching in Karen. David, Jacob & Nathan each taught a Bible lesson that was interpreted. During the border fighting, the students spent time in intercession for their fellow countrymen.

The subjects taught were:- Introduction to Primary Health Care;
Water & Sanitation;
Hygiene;
Health education & teaching skills;
History taking & IMCI (integrated management of childhood illnesses);
Malaria & Febrile illness;
Worms & Parasites;
Coughs & Breathing difficulties;
Ears; Eyes; Skin;
Nutrition;
Mother & Child;
Family Planning;
HIV/Aids,
STD's;
First Aid;
Diarrhea/ORS;
Vital signs;
Immunization status & Injections;
and Medications.

Each day the students had 4-5 hours of lectures, reinforced with many laughs as we used cucumbers as 'patients' for wound care & injections practice; or did role plays with Dr & Patient – all ad lib. Each teaching session included revision questions and opportunity for students to query points of interest or clarify issues. The staff was available out of class hours for discussion times & to treat the students' minor ailments.



Assessment was done by:-

- * practical demonstration of CPR on our Basic Buddy models – paying attention to the danger situation in which they found the ‘patient’;
- * two T/F answer sheets covering the lectures given and basic medications.
- * Set role plays wherein each prac. group took a turn at being the patients in an multi patient emergency situation, being treated by the health workers in another prac. group. * Students were required to prepare 3 lesson plans on subjects of the course,
- * and then to present a teaching session for the members of their group – including Q & A, and review.



Student results were encouragingly high over all assessments with the marks range being between 89% and 72%.

On the Wed. & Thurs. of week 4, we traveled 1¼ hours to Ke Ku Doh Kee, a mountain village, where we stayed overnight. Nathan & Shaune supervised the setting up & running of a clinic. About 60 village people came to the clinic & the students conducted the consultations; diagnosed simple cases & referred any complicated medical conditions to the staff & teachers. We were able to treat fungal conditions, anemia, & an infected tooth condition; dress wounds, and advise about goiter, malnutrition, & post natal depression.

Serious conditions included fluid filled cysts in the knees; fluid retention in body – kidney/urinary blockage backup; & a suspected STD or severe UTI that had not been treated. Such cases as these were referred to a well run clinic in the nearest refugee camp.



A 13yr old boy, with an enlarged liver and severe jaundice (a family history of death from this disease) was transported to Mae Sot for treatment at the hospital there, under the covering of Partners Mae Sot.

An aged lady with an ‘AAA’ (abdominal aortic aneurism) was not sure if she was 80 or 90 years old. We felt that transportation from her native village to a strange environment may well cause greater trauma for her than the limitations of living with her condition.

The graduation ceremony was a time of joyous creativity, with staff, teachers & students performing original skits, and singing original songs of respect, thankfulness & dedication.

A short address was given on the need to keep in mind that the ministering of Primary Health Care is a spiritual act of worship. “... to the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me.” Matt 25:31-40. This was followed by the students receiving their medical kit bags and their graduation certificates.

We then shared a delicious meal of Karen & Italian dishes, gingerbread & chocolate brownies; had a combined photo shoot, exchanged email addresses, & our 4 week seminar was completed.

Marion Wilbraham - Course Leader



RESCUENET ACTIVITY REPORT

Deployment wise, this year has started off quite slowly, and I'm now receiving emails from newer members asking if we might deploy before they die!

Following our Emergency Relief training event which took place from 23 July to 5 August where thirteen people attended, an unbelievable nine people from the event have been approved to join the ever growing RN international team. We also have three more in the 'pipeline'!

This brings our international team numbers to twenty one and of these, ten members are now actively deployable – being that their skills are up to date and they have at least the basics of their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).



In early February 2007 I taught on First Response Medicine to a Primary Health Care and Midwifery program in Perth. David Skeat and I then attended a conference in Malaysia regarding disaster mitigation planning, where over two hundred people attended – all very keen to be involved in helping to address various world issues.

Following that we went to Las Vegas in May to work with David Mansfield (our new US National Coordinator) with running another Emergency Relief training course.

Fourteen people participated in the course and whilst we had some excellent people participating, there were a few who knew that this work wasn't for them, so hopefully we will pick up a few more team members for the US Team.

Following that course, we returned to Sydney to run another course but sadly we cancelled that due to the fact that we originally had seven people strongly interested, but one by one they had to pull out due to personal reasons, until we only had two left with no one in the 'pipeline'. One of those was coming from overseas, so to save their airfare, we decided to cancel.

It's not been all bad news as the free time has allowed me to get a huge amount of 'backlog' accomplished,

In the '06 Sydney course, Kees Voogd from The Netherlands came and participated with the intention of going back to Europe to establish RN in Europe. In Las Vegas recently, Kees' wife Miranda participated in the training so together now, Kees and Miranda are working hard to establish RN in Europe.

We are now helping them to prepare before heading over to Europe to firstly help setup and then run our very first European Emergency Relief training course ever!!

Thank you all for your continuing prayers in the development of this exciting vision!

Mark Cockburn - National Co-ordinator



EAST TIMOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAM

By Robin Wales



In June last year David Skeat and I went to East Timor to help refugees who were hiding in the hills behind Hera and Sidara and some sheltering in the Kids Ark/Sidara house in Hera. Some had had their homes in and about Dili destroyed by rioters in the civil war there, others fled from their homes in fear. Branca had been holding the fort at the house caring for refugees. Carol Payne had come from NZ to relieve Soraya who had been evacuated to Darwin then to Brazil for fund and support raising.

We arrived in Dili on Tuesday June 27th, it was a real disaster area, with many buildings and homes destroyed. This was a great disappointment after having seen the improvement over the past 2 years following the earlier devastation during the Indonesian crisis. The streets were guarded by Australian Army, only 2 places open where were able to buy rice and medical supplies on the way to Hera. 70 refugees had been staying in the house with Branca and 30 still there when we arrived. They looked after us very well with what food they had and we were very comfortable and had good times of fellowship with them all. There was no power, and a shortage of water.

We had taken a lot of medicines and medical supplies with us and Branca and Carol sorted these for use at the house and Sidara clinic. There were thousands of people sheltering in the hills behind us, some starting to move to places down the riverbed towards the Sidara clinic setting up gatherings of people in many areas using tents provided by UNHCR. Because of the conditions many people are sick and hungry. We helped many of them at the house and at the Sidara clinic on the Wed and Fri, and held open air clinics further in towards the mountains up the riverbed on Thursday and Saturday. On Sunday David preached at a church service in the same place, this was an uplifting time with beautiful singing. We were also able to distribute rice on this and other occasions, purchased with ARMS funds and donations from our church and Carol's NZ church.

The day after we arrived 100 truckloads of over 40 Fretlin demonstrators went passed our house on the way to Dili, 60 came past going back but there were riots, house and car burning in Dili during the nights. More gunfire and rioting near Dili Hospital where the Australian Army were based on Thursday night. The situation gradually improved and David returned home the following week, there was a bit of commotion between rival groups on Hera side of hill on the way home after we took him to the airport, but no problem, NZ Soldiers walked in front of our wagon to escort us along the road for a while but trouble subsided. They were the ones protecting the people on the Hera side.

Dili returned as nearly as possible to normal during the second week with shops opening and taxis and mikrolets running, police later replaced the Army on the streets. Most of the people sheltering at the house were able to return to their homes, but we continued to help refugees coming there for medical needs and food supplies, as the situation eased the people we had treated in open air clinics were able to come to the Sidara clinic for treatment.

The girl in the picture above is my special friend Honoria. She is the daughter of Felicidade, a lady we had admitted to Dili Hospital with a deep abscess under her foot. It was from a deep penetrating injury and began to discharge freely after David started treating and dressing it every day, however it didn't respond to the antibiotics we had and became very serious. The hospital operated and removed a piece of wood after a few days on IV antibiotics, Felicidade was doing well and was



discharged the day after I left to return home on July 12th. This was costly, but a real blessing as there had been concern that her leg may have to be amputated.



Felicidade is about 30, had done community work here in Hera and was well liked. However one night she was raped, and Honoria's birth was the result. Felicidade became depressed and the local people rejected her because they said she was crazy and since that time has lived her life as an outcast..

Through Kid's Ark and ARMS, donors have provided money to build a house for a safe haven for these dear people. Both Felicidade and Honoria are responding to the loving care of the team at Kid's Ark. They are very dependant on each other with Honoria crying whenever

Felicidade was in pain.

The local authorities used IOM (International Office of Migration) as the NGO to distribute rice to refugees at the end of the second week, after assessing the needs in the area where we were working they delivered 4 trucks of rice to Hera including 300 bags to Sidara. Branca supervised donation of these to families according to their need. I treated a guy at the Sidara clinic on the Wednesday who had a deep barbed arrow wound in his shoulder from the commotion on the Hera road on Monday.

A 1 yr old boy from a relocation site near Sidara died on Thursday morning. He was well when we were there, but developed diarrhoea and then fever on Wednesday and died, we didn't know he had been sick until they contacted Branca on Thursday. Dr. Dan thinks the most likely cause of his death would have been Cerebral Malaria. This was very sad, they could have brought him to the Sidara clinic on Wednesday to be tested and treated for malaria. There was a similar problem the previous time I was there when one of the Kids' Ark children and two 10 year olds from Hera died from Dengue. In all cases they had access to clinics but parents didn't take them to the clinic as as fevers are common. Because Malaria and Dengue are serious risks there parents need teaching about having children with fever checked.

Whilst in Sidara we saw a 50ish man blind with corneal scars for last 30 years, probably too late for surgery. Also a family in towards hills behind the Hera house with 3 partially physically and intellectually handicapped children, Maria about 15 and 2 boys 16 and 20, they had also lost three. Branca was going to take food for them.

Before leaving I was able to spend some time at Dr Dan's clinic laboratory and was pleased to see improvements to the laboratory there and previous teaching being followed up. Peter Hind a lab worker with the RAAF at Amberley has been a great help to them in providing equipment and training.



MALARIA MINISTRY REPORT

By Robin Wales

Thai/Burma border

I arrived in Thailand on March 12th this year as the advance party gopher for the ARMS PHS at Way Te Loo, and to assist the Karen Health Dept in Mae Sot and Partners/FBR in Chiang Mai in the war against Malaria. I had good discussions with Steve Gumaer and David Eubank about the IDP situation. FBR have 25 teams inside, 15 in Karen State. We provided them with some Malaria test kits and medicines and a generous donation for the Good Life Club from money from an auction sale at our church. Partners staff gave me good advice about where to buy items on Marion's shopping list for the school that may not be available in Mae Sot.

The week before the Primary Healthcare Seminar was a busy time shopping for school items, and discussions and arrangements with KHWD, SMRU, and AMI, including a visit to their Mae La camp Hospitals with Jonathan's help. This was so we could tell PHS students from Mae La where they can refer patients to. The medical items were bought from the pharmacy used by Partners and KHWD, the owner was very helpful, he is sympathetic to the Karen situation and gave us good bulk discounts and provided cheaper substitute brands for some expensive things including Bactroban ointment. I was blessed to be able to stay in the Partners office for this week, they helped me with some transport, the rest was by motorbike taxi. I took one newly donated microscope to KHWD and refurbished one which they had left at Partners for me to be repaired. This will now be used by Ler Bwey at an IDP clinic north of Mae Salit. They arranged to bring defective microscopes to an IDP clinic so that I could go there, give them microscopy advice and repair what microscopes I could at a time when I was not required for teaching at the school.

We also arranged for second year students to be able to spend the third week of the school at a KHWD Hospital/clinic for hands on experience. Neither of these possibilities eventuated because of SPDC and DKBA attacks there, in fact the hospital was completely dismantled and removed at the end of the second week of the school. The microscopes were brought to KHWD in Mae Sot and I fixed some there and brought some parts of others back to Australia for repair. Partners were very helpful and I was very happy to see Marion and Marie when they arrived on Thursday, it was a pleasant change to have a rental car for them to buy kit bags and to do other shopping on Friday. We had a happy time visiting Pehlu at Mae La on Saturday and delivered donated toys for the orphans. It was a real blessing to have Marie with us for the first week of the school and I really appreciate all her help.



I completely agree with all that Marion has covered in her report on the Primary Health Care Seminar and David's school news published in the April – June FOM so I will not repeat this information re our team activities there. It was good to be able to spend time with some of students who came to share personally in the evenings and develop deep friendships with them. Liv and Tsar Moo Paw were wonderful hosts at Way Te Loo and helped us in many other ways.

I visited Em and Ler Bwey's father at Mae Plu on the way back but Ler Bwey was in Burma. It was a joy to be able to go with David to visit Pehlu and Corina at Mae la camp and then to Mae Salit Kee to see Em, Napoleon, family and other old friends and learn about their activities, hopes and plans especially Em's Mothers Union work and the house they are building and trees planted in 2000 producing fruit.. Also to be able to go to Porn Dee's wedding at Mae La which went ahead in spite of warnings of possible enemy attack.

The increasing enemy persecution was a special prayer point, they threatened to burn the Mae La refugee camp and it was blacked out at nights for protection during the third week of the school. The village of one our students near the border was destroyed and those who escaped in to Thailand were only allowed to stay for a few days.



The last Tuesday of the school I went back up the border to Mae Salit to take the Microscope for Ler Bwey to use for Malaria testing in an IDP clinic a bit further north in Burma where she is doing malaria testing for KNU, she submits all her slides to SMRU for quality control but they cannot provide a microscope as they have in Ler Ber Her. I had hoped to go there to help but this was not possible because of enemy activity so I gave it to Em to look after for her until the situation improves, this was a nice time of sharing with her, Napoleon and their family. Ler Bwey managed to get to a phone and called to thank me on Thursday. She is very dedicated to helping battle the malaria war and really appreciates our help and support. They have had to abandon the clinic and villagers are in

hiding, the medic in charge will let them know when it is safe to return.

Bangladesh

I arrived in Chittagong on April 27th to a real culture shock after Thailand, Chittagong is the port city for Bangladesh, teeming with people, thousands of pedal rickshaws and all other sorts of transport from Tuk Tuk type to old diesel smoke belching buses. I was the only white person I saw for the first 2



days, lots of beggar children tagging along with sometimes 4 or 5 clinging to me. Khamajon, the YWAM base leader was the only one who could speak much English, they made me very comfortable, all Hilltract people of various ethnic groups, mainly Tripura and Bawm. There are 13 Hilltract groups and they use their people group name as their surname.

My teaching was postponed for 2 days as some students couldn't get there as planned and I was able to use this time to visit a well equipped Christian Memorial Hospital further south. Jay Litchfield the director is married to Beryl, she was one of the people who started YWAM mercy

ministry in Dhaka, they are good friends of my friends from YWAM Davao who have working and ministering to Bihari Muslims in Dhaka for the last 9 years. This was a very helpful time, Jay has a special interest in Malaria and told me about the problems they have with it in the Chittagong Hilltracts, and their efforts in prevention, diagnosis and current treatment of drug resistant Falciparum malaria. I learned a lot about the conditions of the Hilltract people and what little medical help is available to them. The hospital has a good laboratory where they do malaria microscopy and we talked about using rapid diagnostic strip test kits in Hilltract areas. They showed me mosquito netting they will be providing for these people which has insecticide impregnated in the material during manufacture and remains effective for over 5 years. I now have information about suppliers of this and am following up possibilities of us using it for malaria prevention.

The teaching in Chittagong was a good time, David Johnson and one of his MM team came from Dhaka. I talked to them over 2 days about Malaria prevention, diagnosis using rapid field tests, making blood smears for microscopy, appropriate treatment for different types of malaria and the need for urgent diagnosis and treatment of P falciparum, all the students except David and one other had had one or more attacks of malaria. I left Parascreen malaria test kits and Coartem for treating Falciparum with them and gave them information for getting more for themselves if they can afford to I only had 2 days left to spend with my friends Leo and Anna and their daughter Marie in Dhaka but it was a great time. I repeated the malaria teaching there for Kyungmi the Korean IPHC leader and her team, they do a lot of MM with the poor while there is no school running, as well as other ministries they have a base, like the Mercy House we set up in Davao, where they take in malnourished children and teach

mothers how to feed and care for them. They were very appreciative students, I left then a Parascreen kit and some Coartem, which I was able to buy in Dhaka, for treating Falciparum malaria. David and Kyungmi have invited me to teach at their next IPHC in Jan 2009. Friday is the day for church in Bangladesh and we went to an international church the day before I left, it was very good with many people from different NGOs, Robert Puyu (I think), the Bangladesh YWAM director from PNG drove us home after the service and he and David Johnson send their greetings.

Other things

I have been able to take a lot of medical and surgical supplies and equipment donated by Ipswich Public and St Andrews hospital to Bev Armson at the Yeshua foundation. A lot of beds and other large hospital items have also been donated and dispatched to various locations. Bev has given us a lot of useful items for ARMS use.

Microscope parts that I brought back from the border still are being repaired at present, they will be posted back to Steve Gumaer to put back on microscopes for return to Gyi Gyi at KHWD for Karen IDP clinics.

Audit Of Accounts



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Notes on the 2006 – 2007 Audit of Accounts.

By David Skeat

Income Issues.

This year's audit shows a drop in income of \$122,362.44 from the previous year. This should not be a major concern to us as the previous year's audit incorporated funds that were given towards the post Tsunami projects that were running at the time, these projects received unprecedented financial support. Also during the 2006 - 2007 financial year donor support for East Timor dropped owing to the civil unrest in that nation from May 2006 through to the end of the year.

If the income figures for the 2004 – 2005 financial year are compared to the 2006 – 2007 audit then we see that despite the drop in donation income in 2006 – 2007 we still growing at a steady rate.

Item	2004 - 2005	2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007
Donations & Other Revenue	410,633.79	658,312.90	532,677.68
Interest.	2,582.10	4,340.96	7,614.34
Total	413,215.89	662,653.86	540,291.42

Loss

The 2006 – 2007 audit of accounts also shows a loss of \$64,311.95 this loss is attributable to the disbursement of donations accumulated in the previous financial year.

Donations to domestic projects.

The 2006 - 2007 audit of accounts shows that donations to domestic projects increased from \$12,066.91 in the previous year to \$59,729.91 in the 2006 – 2007 financial year; a difference of \$47,663.00. This figure includes the \$41,760.00 which was used to launch the ARMS Disaster Trust and means that expenditure growth on domestic projects increased by \$5,903 (48.9%) in real terms.

Administration Costs

One exciting outcome of the 2006 – 2007 audit was the significant decrease in administration funds; down from \$93,875.68 in 2005 – 2006 to \$78,072.05 in the current financial year; a difference of \$15,803.63. Part of the dramatic fall in administration cost is because we are behind in allocating our National Office title which would increase the figure by about 10,000; however, a reduction of \$5,803.63 is still a significant reduction in administrative costs.

A summary of the Audit of Accounts are found on the following pages.



Table Of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes.				
Appeal	Cash Available beginning of financial year.	Cash Raised during financial year.	Cash disbursed during financial year.	Cash available at end of financial year.
Funds for the purchase of land for Reverse the Curse factory in Cambodia.	\$0	\$59,726	\$60,000	- \$274 <small>(a transaction for \$274 came in after the financial year had ended – the larger amount was disbursed in the knowledge that these funds were coming in.)</small>
Other than this appeal no other single appeal or other form of fund raising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of total income for the period under review.				

A full copy of the ARMS audit of accounts for this financial year is available from the ARMS National Office upon written request.

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ADMINISTRATION COSTS

ARMS takes a 5% administration fee from all donations. This fee together with seperate fundraising events helps us to cover our administration costs. Our desire is to see as much money s possible pass onto the projects where it is needed most.

AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LTD
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2007
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

REVENUE	2007	2006
Donations and Gifts – monetary and non monetary	529,795.68	642,660.28
Legacies and Bequests	0	0
Grants		
- AUSAID	0	0
- Other Australian	0	0
- Other Overseas	0	0
- Investment Income (interest received)	7614.34	4340.96
- Investment Income (other)	0	29.38
- Other Income	2881.40	15,623.24
Total Revenue	540,291.42	662,653.86
EXPENSES		
Overseas Projects		
- Funds To Overseas Projects	441,751.44	494,010.66
- Other Project Costs	19,680.22	27,789.56
Domestic Projects	59,729.91	12,066.91
Community Education	0	0
Fundraising Costs		
- Public	5,369.75	4,208.92
- Government Multilateral, and Private	0	0
Administration	78,072.05	93,875.68
Total Expenses	604,603.37	631,951.73
Excess of revenue over expenses (shortfall) from continuing operations	64,311.95	(30,702.13)

AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LTD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 2007
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Current Assets	3,533.21	9,935.25
Cash and cash equivalents	158,153.68	216,921.68
Financial assets	0	0
Non Current Assets	(53.41)	0
Property plant and equipment	21,220.70	28,919.97
Other	0	0
Total Assets	182,854.18	255,776.90
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	15,116.47	23,727.24
Trade and other payables	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Non current liabilities	0	0
Payables	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Liabilities	15,116.47	23,727.24
Net Assets	167,737.71	232,049.66
Equity	167,737.71	232,049.66
Reserves	0	0

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

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors submit the financial accounts of the company for the year ended 30th April 2007.

The names of the directors in office at the date of this report are:

David Skeat
Stephen Martin Aherne
Peter Fitzroy Brownhill
Marion Isabel Fromm
Kenneth Neil Mulligan
Christopher Lee Harrison
Dianne Margaret Clark
Thomas Charles Hallas
Jennifer Keatch
William John Knight
Kathryn Margaret Kennedy
Nerilee Anne Sowter

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were:

The provision of relief to persons in necessitous.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

The net loss for the year amounted to \$64,312.

In accordance with the memorandum and articles of association of the company, no dividends have been declared or paid during the year and no recommendation is made as to dividends.


No significant change in the state of affairs of the company occurred during the financial year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in financial years subsequent to the financial year ended 30th April 2007.

No director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the end of financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company or a related body corporate with the director, a firm of which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts or the fixed salary of a full time employee of the company, controlled entity or related body corporate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director


David Skeat

Director


Christopher Lee Harrison

Dated this 10th day of October 2007

AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30th April 2007 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company;
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director


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David Skeat

Director


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Christopher Lee Harrison

Dated this 10th day of October 2007

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

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C
OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED**

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30th April 2007 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm: T A Khoury & Co
Chartered Accountants



Name of Partner: Tony Khoury

Dated this 11th day of October 2007

Address: Sydney

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

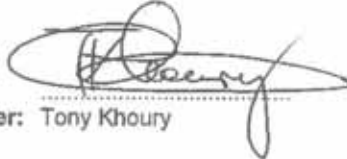
AUSTRALIAN RELIEF & MERCY SERVICES LIMITED
A.B.N. 84 008 643 258

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 2007 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



Name of Partner: Tony Khoury

Address: Sydney

Dated this 11th day of October 2007