

Dear GEMS and Cadet Leaders,

For the next two years our Mission will be raising funds and awareness for New Life Trust, an Australian based Charitable Trust.

A Brief Background

New Life Trust works for the direct relief of poverty and suffering children. Their current project is located in Yangon, Myanmar. Currently they are raising funds for an Education Training Centre, based within New Life Foundation (Burmese Orphanage). The Education Training centre will provide a preschool for local children, English/Burmese literacy classes for children, computer access and the room to establish an English and Burmese library.

The Mission

The GEMS and Cadet Clubs of Australia will be supporting New Life Trust for 2014 and 2015. We will be fundraising for the NLF Education Training Centre. Each club will be provided with the following:

- This leader's guide/Mission letter to assist you with fundraising.
- An electronic copy of the GEMS/Cadets New Life Kids Info and Activity Booklet.
- 25 New Life Trust Information brochures.
- 2 New Life Trust/GEMS and CADETS fundraising tins.

You will also be able to get more New Life Trust products, please email the board for more details. Each club is encouraged to host their own fundraising events (see below for details).

Our target for 2014 will be to raise \$10,000 to support the project.

Our aim for 2015 is to yet to be determined, and New Life Trust will inform us as to what their main needs will be later in the year. Ideas for the moment include fundraising for Burmese books, book collections and collecting school supplies for use in late 2015/early 2016.

GEMS/Cadets New Life Kids Info and Activity Booklets

These booklets are designed to inform the GEMS and Cadets of the New Life Trust and its Myanmar project.

You will find all the facts and figures for New Life and Myanmar. We encourage clubs to go through this with your participants. There is a Burmese recipe that you could cook up, as well as some games that the Burmese like to play.

Fundraising Ideas

Here are some great ideas for raising funds:

- Host a BBQ and/or bake stall following a church service. People love good food, love good company and love giving to good causes.
- Have each person in your club take home a New Life Trust tin to personally raise funds (more tins are available upon request, as they are custom made directly from New Life Trust).
- Sell the New Life Trust products, these will be available to be purchased from the New Life website (available early 2014).
- Connect your church and New Life Trust, and raise funds via second offerings or a once off donation from the church.
- Host a trivia night, car boot sale, bake sale, dinner as a club and open it to the general public.
- If you are in Queensland, invite people to attend the 2014 High Tea and Ball hosted by New Life Trust (these are available on the New Life Trust website).

Funds Raised

Funds raised will be donated towards the NLF Education Training Centre. The NLF Education Training

Centre is an approved aid and development project of Global development Group, an Australian NGO that carries out humanitarian projects and provides long term solutions to poverty. Australian donations for eligible development activities are tax deductible.

Should someone wish to donate and require a tax receipt, please encourage them to contact New Life Trust directly as we will not be able to issue them with a receipt (This is really only a viable option should they want to donate for tax benefits). All funds raised by your club should be donated into the GEMS and Cadet Account. The board will make donations of our pooled funds on behalf of all clubs throughout the year.

Please remember the faster the funds are donated, the faster they can get to where they need to be to make a lasting impact in the NLF Education Training Centre.

Thank you very much for your commitment and support of the 2014/2015 Mission. We hope that as GEMS and Cadets we can spread awareness of New Life Trust and the work they are doing.

Please continue to pray for New Life Trust, be sure to look at the prayer page in the booklets.

God Bless,

Nicole Robertson-Cornes