

# MISSION:

## NEW LIFE TRUST

### MYANMAR

2014/2015



# THE STORY OF

## WHAT IS NEW LIFE TRUST

New Life Trust is an Australian based Charitable Trust that works for the direct relief of poverty and suffering of children. Our Myanmar Project currently provides relief for orphans and abandoned children.

## OUR MYANMAR PROJECT

New Life Foundation effectively started in 1992, when Rev Zaw Hlaing, a local Pastor in Yangon and his wife Bella, took in 3 orphans who were dropped at their door.

Sadly, Zaw Hlaing, passed away aged 54 in 2004. However, his vision for rescuing children lives on through his wife Bella and her children, and a dedicated team of volunteer carers, cooks and maintenance workers.

For the past 2 decades New Life Foundation has rapidly grown. They have overcome many struggles and events and today home over 180 orphans and abandoned children, have a rice farm and fish paddy that provide additional food for them, as well as a medical centre to provide healthcare for them and the wider community. Their next project is to build a Education and Training Centre.



# NEW LIFE



## NLF EDUCATION TRAINING CENTRE

Our Goal over the next three years is to prepare our children with improved education and training in order to improve employment opportunities. We will do this by:

- Establishing a preschool for local community children
- Teaching English and Burmese literacy to children
- Teaching basic and advanced computing skills
- Building a modern and safe building in which to learn
- Establish an English and Burmese library.

J734 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.



## HOW WE ARE HELPING

As GEMS and Cadets, we will be fundraising much needed money for the Education Training Centre. Host a themed Mission night or fundraise at your church. Don't forget you can get the special GEMS & Cadets New Life Trust fundraising tins.

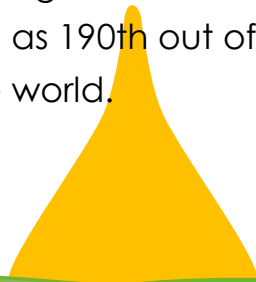


# MYANMAR

## MYANMAR HISTORY

Up until 1948 Burma was ruled by the British, until they gained independence. However, a military junta has been ruling the country and the country has been on a steady economic decline. Even though the military junta lost the election to Nobel Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi in 1990, they refused to give up power. Myanmar is currently inviting foreign investment to assist rapid economic growth.

However, human development is at a historic low, with less than \$1 per person being spent on healthcare. The underfunded sanitation and water treatment contributes to many food and waterborne diseases such as hepatitis, diarrhea, malaria, dengue fever and typhoid fever. The World Health Organization has ranked Myanmar's health system as 190th out of 190 in the world. That is last place in the world.



# FACTS



One third of all children in Burma have malnutrition and many die from hunger or preventable diseases.

80% of the population live on less than \$2 a day, this is barely enough to cover essential food items.

## MYANMAR VS. AUSTRALIA

	<b>Myanmar</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Population</b>	61.1 Million (2012)	23.2 Million (2013)
<b>Capital City</b>	Naypyidaw	Canberra
<b>Largest City</b>	Yangon	Sydney
<b>Yangon</b>	677,000km <sup>2</sup>	7,692,024 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>States/ Territories</b>	14 States	6 States & 2 Territo- ries
<b>Official Language</b>	Burmese	English
<b>Currency</b>	Kyat (K)	Australian Dollar (\$)
<b>Time Zone</b>	UTC +06:30	Various UTC +8 -
<b>Compulsory Schooling</b>	Must complete Primary Education	Primary and Secondary
<b>Main Religion</b>	80% Buddhist	61.1% Christian
<b>Climate</b>	Monsoon & Dry Seasons	Various Temperate

# LIFE AT NEW

There is always so much to do at New Life.! From cooking meals, cleaning sleeping areas, washing clothes, daily devotions and not to mention studying for school. There is hardly a spare moment, but when there is the children love to play basketball, use the soccer field, chat with one another and just enjoy being kids!

## MEET SHELLY

### WHO IS SHELLY?

Age	6 Years
Schooling	Shelly is in Primary School.
Hobbies	Shelly is a quiet girl who likes chatting with her friends at New Life. She is a happy child that loves
Story	Shelly, her mother and sisters were rescued after Cyclone Nagis destroyed their home in 2008. Shelly's mother and older sister moved away leaving Shelly and her sister Bella Grace at New Life.



# LIFE

## MEET ROMANO

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### WHO IS ROMANO?

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- Age 15 Years
- Schooling High School Grade 10  
He is top of his class!
- Hobbies Romano loves to sing; he also loves handicraft and horticulture. Romano often grows plants outside of the boy's dormitory.
- Ambitions Romano wants to be a lawyer one day.

Story Romano joined New Life with his sister Rena after their Grandmother could no longer support them. They were members of a local church and have no close relatives that live nearby.

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Far Left: Shelly with her bear.

Top: Romano and a visitor from Australia.

Middle: Enjoying a game of basketball!

Bottom: Talented musicians of New Life.

# LANGUAGE

## မြန်မာအက္ခရာ

The official language of Myanmar is Burmese.  
All states have their own dialect.

English	Burmese
One	ti'
Two	hni'
Three	thon:
Four	lei:
Five	nga:
Six	chau'
Seven	hke-ni'
Eight	shi'
Nine	ko:
Ten	te-hse
One hundred	te-ya
One thousand	te-htaun

Burmese has 33 letters and 12 vowels. Like English it is written left to right. The Burmese language is characterized by it's circular shape.

English	Burmese
Hello	Mingalaba
Goodbye	Ta-ta
How are you?	Nei-kaun:-la:
I am well	Nei-kaun-ba-de:



# WORK TEAMS

Each year a team of volunteers travel from Australia in to New Life; their trip is two-fold.

The first is as a Work Team. This team builds, fixes, paints and repairs. The volunteers also teach the older boys new building methods, as well as provide knowledge and work to local tradesman.

The second is as a education team. This team provides craft activities, English and music lessons, medical check-ups, some relief for staff and general activities to keep the children entertained for part of their school holidays.

Past projects include, building new leaders accommodation, repairing the girls dorm roof, concreting food areas, and many more. Their work is valuable to New Life Foundation, and is a great way for Australians to understand the Burmese way of life.



# ACTIVITIES

See if you can answer these? All of the answers are in this book!

Who was the first Burmese person to win a Nobel Peace Prize?

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What is the population of Myanmar?

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What continent is Myanmar located in?

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What is the largest city in Myanmar?

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Myanmar is also named?

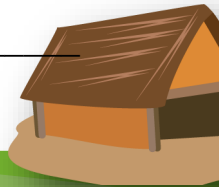
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How many children and staff live at New Life?

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What is Hello in Burmese?

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# PRAAYER LIST

Please keep New Life in your prayers throughout 2014. Here is a monthly prayer request that you, your club and family can pray for:

**February:** Thank God for the leaders at New Life. Pray for health and protection over each one of them.

**March:** Pray for the students that are doing exams during this time, that you give them strength and ability.

**April:** Please pray for the Australia team members that are heading over around this month.

**May:** Pray for the children at New Life, that God protects them and gives them good health.

**June:** Pray for protection over New Life during the coming wet season.

**July:** Pray that funds will be raised for the centre, and building can commence in the near future.

**August:** Thank God for New Life Trust, that their work and projects be for His glory.

**September:** Thank God for the NLF Education Training Centre, and for the centre to have a positive impact.

**October:** Pray for health and continued wellbeing.

**November:** Please pray for the Australia team members that are heading over around this month.

**December:** Pray for New Life that God continues to provide for years to come, and thank God for the blessings he has given New Life.



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## HOW ARE WE HELPING

GEMS and Cadets Australia are partnering with New Life Trust for 2014 and 2015. We will be raising funds in our local clubs for the New Life Education and Training Centre.

100% of funds raised will be used directly for this project in 2014. For 2015, 100% funds will be used to purchase items that will be used in the Education and Training Centre.

Should you want to make a donation, please contact the GEMS and Cadet board on [secretary@gcboard.org.au](mailto:secretary@gcboard.org.au)

