

What Would You Do?



I get to read a lot of reports from different parts of the world. All sorts of reports: kids in school, adults learning to read, people with HIV and leprosy, people trying to bring change to their village and lots of people with loans and little businesses. I find them both inspiring and frustrating. It's easy to talk about the inspiring stuff, you'll read that in most newsletters. But, it's the frustrating stuff that I'm thinking about, it leaves me scratching my head, often confused and sometimes very angry.

There are a group of people out in Rakhine State, Myanmar. Nobody has helped them before. Some people may come along and 'lend' money at a price. But these people are from a minority group and many locals won't deal with them. Then someone comes along with a plan to help. A loan, reasonable rates, some training: our partner.

They sign up, they start to save, and they get a little loan. Their business starts to grow, they send their kids back to school after months of not being able to afford to. They repay their first loan and get another, larger one. It's going really well. And then the monsoon strikes and wipes them out. Totally destroyed, their community is washed away; their home, their business and even the school are gone!

What would you do if you were them? What would you do if you were our partner trying to help? What would you do if you were Bright Hope World knowing we'll never get the money back?

It seems that the poorest of the poor have everything stacked against them. I guess that's partly what it means to be poor. For generations they have tried to survive and they are constantly shoved towards the margins. On the edge, near the border, where it floods every year; on the rubbish dump where no one else would live, on the hillsides, in the slums.

So what do we do? We go back again. This is not a project, these are people. These are our friends, our brothers and sisters. And sometimes we have to go back many times until one by one they emerge and they climb out of the margins and they find themselves in the middle. Not just free of poverty, but with a faith that is tenacious and fully formed. A faith that doesn't just transform them, but their families and their communities.

Kevin Honore
Field Director

Bright Hope News

Rob, Kevin and Fraser recently attended the International Brethren Conference on Missions in Rome.

Although it's always encouraging to hear different perspectives on missions in the various conference seminars and sessions, the real joy for our team was catching up with so many partners at once.

Bright Hope World partners from Burundi, Jordan, Zambia, Malaysia and Pakistan attended the conference and the opportunity to hear what they're doing and discuss plans for the future was incredibly valuable.

We were also able to catch up with a number of donors as well as meeting several potential new partners.

But, for those we may seek to partner with, this is just the beginning of the process. We will visit them several times, spend time with them and their families and see first-hand the work they are doing. Typically a new partnership takes 18 – 24 months from first contact to official partnership.

In addition to these contacts, Kevin will soon be undertaking a trip to new countries in the Middle East as we extend our reach into this troubled area. Please pray that God would lead us to extraordinary partners!

Life Change Story – Joseph Kampelembi



Joseph Kampelembi sadly passed away in June 2015.

Joseph was a real leader in his community. He had a huge heart for orphans and vulnerable people because of the hardship he grew up with himself. He was a refugee from the Congo and had many sad things happen to him there.

Bright Hope World started to work with Joseph in 2005/06 helping him and his church to get orphans into school. We were always amazed by the quality of these children when we interviewed them on our visits. They could speak English well and were very engaged in life. This was a real testimony to Joseph and the team he built around him, as they weren't just paying for school fees but actively taking an interest in the children and discipling them. Joseph used to go and visit the orphans in their homes, which became harder later when his motorbike died, but he still carried on the work 'footing' it.

Joseph was a good farmer and took to the Foundations for Farming methods well. At our conferences he was a respected leader and when he spoke he commanded attention from all who were listening.

He has now passed the baton on to some good people in the community so that this partnership can continue to look after the vulnerable in that community. But he will be missed.

Read more about the Chisasa Orphan Care Programme (ZAM15) in Zambia at:
<http://www.brighthopeworld.com/partnerships.asp?pid=113>

Bright Hope World Annual Report

The Bright Hope World 2014/2015 Annual Report is now online on our website at:
<http://www.brighthopeworld.com/who-annual.asp>. If you don't have web access and would like a printed copy, please contact us at the office and we will send you one.

Prayer and Praise

1. Pray for the loan recipients in Myanmar who have been devastated by the floods.
2. Pray for Joseph's wife and family as they are adjusting to life without him.
3. Pray for Martin and the other people who are stepping up to lead the partnership in Chisasa, and for the vulnerable children they are seeking to help.
4. Pray for Godly wisdom and discernment for our Partnership Facilitators as they maintain a relationship with our partners - so many face very trying and testing situations.
5. Praise for the people Rob, Kevin and Fraser met at the recent International Brethren Conference on Missions recently and for future partnerships that may result.



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