

Water for Myanmar

February 2016

In the spring of 2015 Global Outreach began helping support House of Refuge, an orphanage in Yangon, Myanmar. Last month we were privileged to visit House of Refuge and personally meet Pastor Cyrus, his wife, Rebecka, and all the children. Sunday, January 10th, after visiting and ministering to another



Children were very attentive during worship service.

congregation in the morning, we were able to join the children at House of Refuge for a worship service in the afternoon. House of Refuge is located outside the main city on a nice plot of land donated to them in 2013 to begin an orphanage. Pastor Cyrus holds weekly services at the house and invites neighbors to join with the children in worship. We were so impressed with the children as they



Cyrus translated as Bill preached.

sang, quoted scriptures, read a letter of thanks to Global Outreach donors, prayed and listened attentively as Bill preached the word of God.

Pastor Cyrus and Rebecka, who have two young daughters, care for these sixteen children by themselves at great personal sacrifice. Cyrus just informed us they are planning to accept six additional children from a region experiencing war and strife.



The current water storage system. Water is piped into this tank from a well, but is very dirty and unsafe.

Last year, Cyrus had shared the need for a water treatment system. In his words, *“water is oily and smelly, it’s color changes into yellow after four or five hours of pumping in the water storage tank. Due to using dirty water, we all often suffer from stomach pain and diarrhea. The children get rashes and itchy skin from bathing in the water.”* When we saw the water storage system they are using, we realized the problem is even worse than he described. **We now feel an urgency to help them get clean water and a means to store it safely.** The total cost to supply them with safe water is \$1,900. They already have a well but need a water treatment filtration engine, tower, and storage tank.

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After the service we enjoyed a special lunch they had prepared for us, the children and the community members who attended the service. It was a special meal because it included meat, which they normally only eat one time per month. They told us that some of the children and elderly attending the church services eat with them on the weekends because they don't have food at home.



Some of the children enjoying lunch inside the home



Pastor Cyrus, Rebecka, and House of Refuge children

Cyrus and Rebecka as they care for these precious children. Not only do they feed them and send them to school, they also help the older children receive vocational training and help them become productive adults. House of Refuge is a perfect fit for the type of ministries that Global Outreach supports. Our monthly support as well as funds for additional projects such as the water system, make a huge impact in a ministry that is clearly changing lives! If you would like to help provide clean water, please designate your gift for Myanmar.

We came away from our time at House of Refuge with an even stronger desire to help Pastor

Global Outreach Welcomes New Board Member

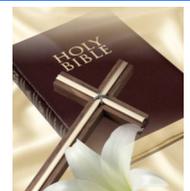


Please join us in extending a most hearty welcome aboard to the newest member of our Board of Directors, Pastor Robert "Rob" Stevens. Rob and his lovely wife Denise have three

children, Alyssa, Jordan Isaiah and Clairryssa. Rob and Denise devoted 28 years in active service in the United States Navy as an enlisted member and later as a commissioned officer. Rob has held many high profile assignments at sea commands and ashore, to include the Pentagon. Rob and Denise have had an active and fruitful ministry throughout their career and we feel especially blessed to have them join our Global Outreach team. Welcome aboard Ron and Denise!



*In Loving Memory
Of
Mary Hookana*



*By her sister
Marge Peschman*

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will all be changed."
I Corinthians 15:52

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for joining with us as we strive to provide for hurting orphans. Bill & Renee Reed