



Plus... Taboo – but not taboo for RTF!!!



Burma



Water Filters



Traveling Medical Clinic



Wheelchairs



A new canal



Girl Books

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Dear Donors, Friends and Supporters in so many ways,

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for making the work of Rescue Task Force possible. Without your support none of the following would have happened, nor the things that will happen next.

And please remember, as you read the stories and see the pictures in this report, that what you do is not only solving physical problems, but your help reaches much deeper...

You restore hope!!!

Burma:

The bombing of villages continues with more and more villagers fleeing into the jungles.

We received a 9-1-1 call from Pastor Wareechai, one of our Burma project coordinators, 20 more families had just arrived at a secret refugee settlement in a Burma jungle region. No food and only the clothes in their backs.

These are Karen Tribal people. Primarily Christians, and need help!





Above photos provided by Karen Freedom Fighters

We put a ‘band-aid’ on it (wire transferred money to Pastor) to get supplies into the camp right now.



RTF – On the way!!!

Our teams are based in Thailand, on the Thai side of the border river separating Thailand and Burma. Supplies are purchased in Thailand, trucked to an undisclosed river bank location, loaded into boats and then covertly taken into Burma.



Arriving on the Burma side of the border





Refugees meet us at the riverbank and then carry the supplies to their forest camp – about 3 hours walk inland



You are there...





Mr. Lamoo and wife Portamu. Suddenly homeless – pushed out of their village by the bombing.
When the team arrived, they literally had nothing left to eat!!!!



Chapron is 15 years old. Her village (Lotha) was bombed into oblivion.



Lertoo and his wife Chamu are from the same village – the now “gone” village

Steven has a major relief mission planned for October!!!

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Cambodia RTF Traveling Medical Clinic

This month’s host was the Grace (lost in translation...) Church in kampong Thom.

Visiting with Pastor Mrs. Khuth Sok Ra, I was delighted at how pleased she was at the turn-out and her anticipation of many return visits for church services.

Today’s clinic saw 85 patients!

Think of this...

That is 85 people, mostly elderly, who without your generous donations would not have ANY medical care!!!

Your dollars make a difference in many lives – in many ways!!!!



RTF Medical Team nurses and coordinator Sreypov and Laysin in white jackets above with Bodet, Gary and church volunteers welcoming folks to today’s clinic



Mrs. Tin Yong, 68, came to the clinic with back and body pain and insomnia. She has suffered with these for 2 years but has never seen a doctor – the nearest clinic is 2 hours away on a motorbike – and expensive.

She and her family are rice farmers.





Mr. Hom Meas is 36 and has been suffering with headaches and insomnia for the past 4 months. This is his first time to see a medical practitioner. The nurses did blood tests and found very low blood sugar count – Yes, we had just the right the medicines for him –

medicines that YOU provided.





66-year-old Mrs. Moen is having body numbness and general malaise. The nurses provided her with 2 prescriptions that will bring relief

Her family are potato farmers



Center above in blue shirt Pastor Khuth Sok Ra

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Cambodia Water Filters:

Before the medical clinic that morning we also distributed 40 water filters...



Gary and Bodet explain the care and cleaning of the water filters. “You put the dirty water in the top and clean, safe water comes out the bottom...” The filter action of the porous ceramic clay filter catches particulates and Colloidal Silver, mixed into the clay when it is kilned, kills bacteria and microbes on contact as the water passes through! (Rated 98% effective by MIT)

(Parasites can be passed from mother to nursing babies.
These filters break the cycle of reinfestation!!!)



Many villagers have to buy their water but most boil their drinking water. These filters are also a blessing to the environment as they greatly reduce the huge need for harvesting trees, chopping and then burning fire wood.



Mrs. Kat Soka, red shirt above, has 4 people in her home, they are rice and potato farmers.

They draw their water from a local well.



Thanks to you, Kat no longer needs to chop firewood for boiling their water – and for that she sends big thanks!



Mrs. Chin Moa had to quit her factory job to care for her mom. Her husband still works in the factory and gets home a couple times a month (Factory workers earn an average of \$210 a month working 6-day weeks).

They get their water from a local well and they do not have the money to buy bottled water.



Chin's Mom

“Ah khun”...“Thank You” in the Cambodian language

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And more wheelchairs!!!!

On the other side of the country... More blessing of mobility and dignity



Little Ice Channra is 13 years old. He was born with birth defects that limit his mobility. He is very sharp but has difficulty speaking.

5 years ago, when he was 8 years old, Bodet gave him this wheelchair – it has gotten a lot of use and it's now time for an upgrade....





In addition to the new wheelchair, we also provided a walker for him.

His mother, a widow, is in poor health.
Bodet and one of our RTF benefactors help support the family.



Bodet is holding a kite – made by Ice. Very clever!!!



And then down another looong dirt road for yet more wheelchairs...



Mr. Neit Siey, 70, is a former police officer. 5 years ago, he suffered a debilitating stroke and has been house-bound ever since.

These wheelchairs are mobility!!!!





An Tecadey is still in bed.... But there is hope! He is a carpenter and 6 months ago fell from scaffolding and suffered spinal injuries. He is starting to regain some feeling and his doctor estimates that in 1-2 years he will gain some limited walking ability. Having a real wheelchair is a great incentive and hope builder for him – and his family!



Mrs. Mie Neap suffered a stroke 2 years ago that left her partially paralyzed.

The family are farmers and Mie is excited to be able to get outside the house and see the rice crop – and visit family and neighbors.





They also raise a few head of cows for beef.





Dang!!! (Not the word I want to use...) When Na, Gary's wife, set up this wheelchair distribution in a near-by community (only 3 hours from home, with friends of hers,) she confirmed with the village elder about the needed wheelchair sizes –
“4 normal and one baby – 5 years old.”

Well, the pediatric wheelchair that we brought for this little guy just won't work.

But... We can order a specialized wheelchair, that is appropriate, from our medical supply vender and deliver what he needs next month.

Little Sotea was born with severe birth defects and has no motor control.
His mother, Mon-Pala Heem works in a factory 6 days a week (10-hour days)
and grandma cares for Sotea while mom is at work

Please help send us back!!!!





Mrs. Ling Hai, 72, suffers hip and legs arthritis. She is so excited to have this wheelchair and sends many, many, many Thank Yous....

Her family are farmers growing corn and rice.

Her granddaughter, Cheng Mai, pictured below, cares for her and said this will be a big help with toilet and bathing.



And she is excited to now be able to visit neighbors and friends...



Granddaughter Cheng Mai



Heading home...

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Water – Irrigation...

A delegation of community volunteers came to us with a special request (need!) Volunteers are punching a culvert through a dike that feeds water to a rice farming area that grows only one crop a year during the rainy season We (YOU) met this need!

With this canal 30 families will be able to grow 2 (probably 3) crops a year!!!





The culvert and canal will carry water for about one and a half miles to the dry paddies



All volunteer community labor. They had raised \$200 but needed a total \$500 for the supplies.

Could RTF help with \$300?

Yes!!!



It is our rainy season (Monsoon) now and the water is starting to move,
and will be flowing strong, year-round, very soon!!!!

Thank You

Girl Books...



All of our RTF projects are my favorites... but personally, probably the most favorite of the favorites is our Girl Book project

In rural Cambodia, and much of urban society, families do not talk with young girls about upcoming menstruation.

It is taboo!!!

So, many times when young girls start their periods, they have absolutely no idea what is happening to them. It must be terribly frightening. And, too often, not knowing better, many girls use dirty rags to help. Not good!

But,

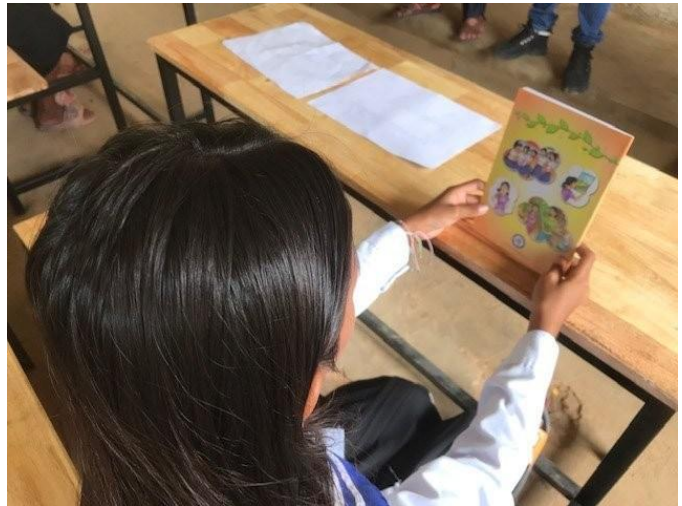
It is NOT taboo for outsiders to talk with them about such things as growth and changes.

(Don't try to understand... In my world travels I have discovered that there are just some things that are un-understandable... Period.)

Our Girl Book "Growth and Changes" is 44 pages of illustrated lessons in what is happening during menstruation. The books are printed in Khmer (the language of Cambodia) and English. (We have it in pdf if you would like to see a copy, we can gladly email it to you...)

Having three daughters, this outreach resonates with me personally. When my little girls began maturing their mom had well prepared them and when their first period began I had flowers delivered from a local florist, with a hand written letter: "Welcome to womanhood...." It was a celebration. Here in Cambodia, I think of these little girls sitting alone in a wood shack with no idea what is happening: 'Am I being attacked by spirits?' 'Am I being punished for something?' on and on... These books erase all of that!!!

Again, your donations touch many hearts and lives in many ways...





This particular project was at Bodet's home town school, his alma mater.

While Gary was doing the Girl Books presentation at the school, Bodet was busy with a personal project presentation... 20 new desks for some of the classrooms.





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Coming up in the next report...

As mentioned above in Burma: Steven has a special team assembled for our October Burma relief mission. In addition to relief supplies he is taking in an American dentist friend of his who is experienced in jungle dentistry! Fantastic!!! Due to location and conditions (no electricity, no running water, limited personnel), the dentist will only be able to do extractions, but for someone with a raging toothache – what a blessing.

Once, 30 some years ago while we were doing dental extractions in a Miskito Coast (Honduras) jungle village, with war refugees... I asked one of our guides, who had had a tooth pulled: “Aubery, what would you do if there was not a team here for your toothache?” “Well, Mr. Gary, I would just have to use my bayonet and dig it out.” That is reality! Imagine those people in Burma, bombed out of their communities and having a bad tooth ache – and knowing that tonight it will only be worse, and tomorrow even worse... Dr Larry Thomas (Loma Linda University Hospital) once told me that dental pain such as these unattended toothaches are a leading cause of suicide in third world counties. Think of it – a raging toothache and no hope of relief!

Bless you RTF donors for making a Mission Impossible... Possible!!!

We always need and appreciate your help, but we really need help (MONEY) for this... The volunteers all pay their own airfare and expenses, but there is a lot of equipment and supplies needing to be purchased. Please help.

And please help with our ongoing RTF wheelchairs, water filters, clinics and the myriad of RTF upcoming operations. Thank You!

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Hand to Hand to Hand... Your Hand to RTF's Hand to Their Hand

Thank You for using Rescue Task Force as your Ambassador

to these and so many hurting hearts, and lives.

Every Donation is Important.

**Bless you richly for caring and for sharing your hard-earned dollars
that make the work of RTF Possible over these many years... 37 years!!!**

Yours In Service,



Gary

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