



OVER 50% GIRLS DUTY TO PROTECT

**54% OF 67 STUDENTS ARE GIRLS AT
KAW THA BLAY LEARNING CENTRE**
This photo was taken June 15, 2011

OUR MISSION is to provide care and education for young people and for medical clinics – to serve victims of ethnic cleansing and cultural destruction in Burma. To accomplish this our Canadian Foundation raises awareness and funds.

Dear Friends of PUB,

As we complete the 9th year of PUB and our shared concern for the Karen and other people in Eastern Burma experiencing ethnic cleansing, we could never have imagined in 2002 what we would become. The support of PUB's community has been exceptional and completely appropriate for the world we all now share.

Over the years we have set goals we have been able to meet. While there is still so much to do we were very proud last year, to finally get the Kaw Tha Blay Learning Centre (previously- technical college) connected to the World Wide Web. They now have email, use Facebook and YouTube as well as use the internet as their library. In all the years, our most important goal beyond food and shelter has been to increase the number of girls attending the school. This year we are proud to tell you that 54% of the 67 students at KTBLC are girls. As everyone is beginning to understand sustaining and educating girls to the level of self reliance is pivotal in maintaining the family, creating peace and making our world a better place

PUB is a small part of the world's Responsibility to Protect (R2P) but small things grow to big things if we continue to nurture ideas and set an example. We recognize that this is not only charitable duty but in our best interest so that all countries can be Kawthoolei – lands without evil.

Cathy and David Downham, JUNE 2011

OUR VISION is the safety and survival of all ethnic groups in a free and democratic Burma.



PUB AND KTBLC HELP PROVIDE RICE

Many Karen villagers, fleeing from forced labour and burned villages, are forced back to Burma by Thai Police and are stranded in the jungle near the border river with nothing.



AUNG SAN SUU KYI celebrates her 66th birthday free from house arrest. Now she begins to travel throughout the country with her son. As she becomes an increasing presence we fear for her safety.

THE HOSTEL & AMI inside MAE LAH REFUGEE CAMP

AIDE MEDICALE INTERNATIONALE (AMI)

16 Community Health graduates from KTBLC will spend four months working 7 days a week, 8 AM to 5 PM, doing the practical/hands on portion of our Community Health Program. They will work with the guidance of previous KTBLC Grad students and with the training of AMI staff. AMI has replaced Medicine Sans Frontier (MSF) in Mae Lah Camp. The 16 students will stay at our Hostel in the camp during the training program.

SATELLITE IMAGE OF MAE LAH The large rectangular building above is the location of AMI within the camp.



COMMUNITY HEALTH GRADUATES Prepare to go to Mae Lah camp for their 4 months training with AMI.



TRADITIONAL KAREN DANCERS The students from our Hostel put in hours of practice in November and December and perform at Doh Tah, a neighbouring village, and many other venues during Karen New Year.



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MAE LAH REFUGEE CAMP HOSTEL Pictured here is Kshakalu, support staff and the children from the Hostel.



MAE TAO CLINIC

MOTHERS WITH THEIR NEWBORNS AT MAE TAO CLINIC Last year the Clinic was in financial deficit of \$650,000 or in the region of more than a quarter of its annual expenditure. This was due to the rising cost of food and the reduction in funding associated with the recession. Children and young mothers are the centre of Dr. Cynthia's attention. At last year's G8, Stephen Harper had pledged \$1.1-billion between 2010 and 2015 to the maternal-health program in developing countries but so far little has been seen. We expect this promise to be implemented and Dr. Cynthia's problems solved as she more than fulfills all the needs outlined in the Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

LETTER FROM Graeme Barber M.D., F.R.C.S.
Volunteer doctor at **THE MAE TAO CLINIC.**

Most people reading this already know the desperate situation facing the Burmese people and particularly the ethnic minorities.

I am a Canadian vascular and general surgeon who recently spent 6 weeks working in the Mae Tao Clinic through Project Umbrella Burma. After seeing first-hand what the Medics are doing to help people coming across the border for medical treatment, I hope to return next year.

The Clinic must function, with or without volunteer medical help, but there is still a vital need for teaching that can be provided by people from the so-called developed world. Advance to a more sophisticated level of care, which is needed, is hampered by language, lack of funds and the peculiar political situation. The Clinic is tolerated by the Thais since it relieves them of the load of people crossing the border looking for medical care that they would inevitably have to bear otherwise. But they are not prepared to allow anaesthetic drugs or equally feel there is enough sophistication for X-rays.

In spite of this, the surgical department takes care of infections, amputations, hernias and hydrocoeles, abdominal pain and some urological conditions, while other services exist including a very busy and flourishing obstetric department, prosthetics, E.N.T. and Eyes, Paediatric and Medical in and outpatients, as well as a dental service and a Laboratory that sees patients for AIDS and T.B. diagnosis, and the very large Malarial population, and in addition Blood Grouping and Cross Matching.

In the current situation there is an inarguable need for the Clinic and hopefully in time further progress can be made to allow for the possibility of improvement in the level of care.

DR. CYNTHIA Post-Natal CARE Asylum for Women & Children

Dr. Cynthia's Clinic offers many opportunities for Child Protection and post-natal education. Two thousand babies are born safely every year at the Clinic and each is issued a birth certificate. For stateless children this registration is the proof that they exist. Post-natal care for babies includes inoculations, parental training for feeding and hygiene as well as monitoring of baby growth.

The clinic runs a school for children of migrant workers in Thailand with a daycare, nursery school and primary school. Recently added is an intermediate and senior school bringing the total to 1500 students.

Asylum for women and children is given at a drop-in shelter that provides protection and support from abusive relationships, until safe alternative situations can be arranged.

By Eric Sayle



KAW THA BLAY LEARNING CENTRE

KTBLC has become an integral part of a Thai Karen village community and has been classified by the Thai Ministry of Education as a legal, privately funded Private School. PUB is the 'private funding'.



GATHERING RICE Adrian Downey student teacher from Bishop's University and Professor Fred Fallis from Laurentian University gathering rice at harvest time with KTBLC students.



2010 GRADUATES Several students will go on to further education and some will head back to Burma to lead.



AVISH RAJ TAUGHT ENGLISH, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT AT KTBLC FROM 2009-2011.

He describes it as a migrant school of "firsts". First to recognize the importance of integrating education and work in developing a sustainable environment, first to offer use of the internet to enhance student learning skills and first to offer online virtual classroom sessions. Students are exposed to the kind of education where freedom, confidence and self reflection are highlighted, instead of rote learning. Avish sees a strong commitment from the KTBLC staff and students to the Thai/Karen community, supporting activities in the neighbouring village, school and monastery. A solid partnership has been forged.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Rod Harth, past President of the Washago and Area Rotary Centennial Branch, explains its community involvement and charitable enterprises. Rod, with the help of many other local groups have been incredibly supportive of PUB.

"Time and again we have found with Community Projects that members of the Community must wish for and take part, bear responsibility, and carry part of the cost, if that project is going to flourish. Growth can only happen through a cooperative effort. It is not going to work if you just come, build a school, and go home. It has to be done together." by Rod Harth

“ The Karen and PUB work together against what the Buddhists refer to as the three evils, Greed, Anger and Ignorance. ”



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Mary Purkey, who teaches Humanities at Champlain College in Sherbrooke, PQ, was Coordinator of the Bishop's University and Champlain College Refugee-Student Sponsorship Committee. She is founder/coordinator of Eastern Townships, Mae Sot Education Program. She is an active leader in the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR).

"Regarding paths for future growth in long term refugee situations, Mary noted that KTBLC students may lack the worldliness of the migrant-refugee students in Mae Sot, and for many the future remains a blur. However some have gone on to higher education in Min Ma Ha's post-ten programme or to a vocational education program in Mae Sot. Others have worked with Karen CBOs and/or returned to Karen State as medics, journalists and teachers and some have gone on to enter the militia.

A contract signed as they enter the centre reminds students that they receive education and in return are expected to help their people. With this underpinning and with its emphasis on agriculture as well as academics, KTBLC demonstrates the value of education that is holistic and that develops commitment to community. Finally, it also expresses aptly the philosophy that educators and donors need to listen to and take their cue from their refugee partners if they wish to develop programs that are truly empowering."

Mary Purkey

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LETTERS from the BORDER
THE REPATRIATION PLAN

BY CATHY DOWNHAM CO-FOUNDER PUB

"It is the first week of May as I travel to Kaw Tha Blay Learning Centre (KTBLC) to say goodbye to the students and teachers and check the preparations for the beginning of the 2011 school year. The rainy season is here. Kshakalu, the students and the farmers are busy planting.

As I leave Mae Sot, all the talk is of the Thai plan to repatriate the Karen refugees back to Burma. The referendum on the constitution has passed almost unanimously. Hah! And the democratic election held. Hah! The parliament has opened and there is peace. Hah! Hah! Kshakalu and I talk about the realities of their return, both aware that the Burmese side of the border is one the most heavily mined areas in the world, that there is fighting, with skirmishes and larger engagements daily.

I remember a few months before, while shopping on the main street of Mae Sot, looking up toward the border and seeing smoke rise in the sky from a mortar bombardment. Shells also landed on the Thai side of the river, killing one and wounding others. Yet the Thai leaders said it is safe 'inside'. Hah, hah, hah!

We pass Mae La Refugee Camp (60,000 people) on the way to KTBLC. I ask if there is time to slip into the Camp and say goodbye to the Hostel kids. Sometimes the Thai soldiers are few or can be 'persuaded' with whiskey and pork! He says "Wait and you will see". Reaching the camp, I see new leaf thatched bamboo Thai guard stations about every 150 metres and I am told these go all around the 2.5 square kilometre camp. We stop briefly and Kshakalu chats up one of the soldiers, at the gate we use. He is allowed to walk in to give money to Yah Paw for Hostel provisioning from the camp market.

I must return to Canada and now they are having a head count. People will be forced to stay inside. There will be no outside help and no migrant work. Barely basic rations will be available. Twenty-six years of the same fears and mistakes continue as the Thai try to control the massive numbers that flee Burma for reasons varying from economic disaster to ethnic cleansing. At KTBLC and in our adopted village I have personally seen people seeking sanctuary. With other NGOs, we have helped as many as we can. Our students have handed out not only what we purchased but necessities from their own meager supply. Kshakalu has talked in area Thai-Karen villages finding people willing to give refuge. But often, people we know, have reported and photographed the police forcing the refugees back across the river to their mined and burned villages, back to the forced labor and the endless atrocities of the Burmese Military. Heading home for the safety of Canada, I fear for theirs."



DR. DAVID DOWNHAM WITH DR. CYNTHIA MAUNG
 David and Cathy Downham met Dr. Cynthia 12 years ago and, together with Kshakalu, have made PUB a successful, flourishing, direct-aid organization that is truly making a difference to all participants. Cathy and David will be returning to Thailand in the fall of 2011.

ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

- Flag-raising with Karen visitors and local dignitaries at the Orillia Opera House on July 22, 2011 at 10 AM
- Informational displays at Arts for Peace Festival and Mariposa Folk Festival in Orillia
- Fundraisers: Shopaholic's Dream Sale of accessories; Banquet For Burma & Silent Auction hosted by Twin Lakes Secondary School; From The Border II Dinner & Silent Auction at Brewery Bay Food Co; on-going sale of Prudence Smith's cards & bridge tallies and sales of Maung Maung Tinn's cards from Thailand.
- Fabrics and accessories from the Thai/Burma border for sale at Gateway Fibreworks in Gravenhurst.
- Unique items from Thailand sold at EcoCentric in Orillia
- PUB account at Closet Gems resale shop in Orillia
- CDs of Karen music created and sold by Fred Fallis.
- Speaking engagements by Cathy and Eric Sayle in an increasingly wide area

“ The numbers are in, PUB is 98% Direct Aid. ”

FINANCIALS

For the year ended May 31

	2010	2009
Revenues		
Grant - Barber Foundation	17,000	5,590
Donations	120,172	98,340
	137,172	103,930
Administration Expenses		
Accounting Fees	210	210
Newsletter	630	1,682
Supplies	760	293
Bank Charges	989	752
	2,589	2,937
Direct Expenses		
Clothing	5,368	4,474
Food	26,935	22,885
General Supplies	5,451	9,649
Stipends	9,083	7,514
Transportation	8,644	9,976
Recreation	8,156	5,414
Building & Premises	20,184	11,117
Clinic	3,114	2,386
Communications	1,495	1,416
Academic Supplies	6,254	5,777
Medical	5,460	2,297
Miscellaneous	129	3,584
Capital Items	13,624	18,154
Travel costs to Thailand (donated)	9,077	5,835
Special Donaton	3,000	—
Total Direct Expenses	125,974	110,478
Total Expenses	128,563	113,415
Surplus (deficit) for the year	8,609	(9,485)
Surplus (deficit) beginning of year	505	9,990
Surplus (deficit) end of year	9,114	505

MANY THANKS

Rev. Jolyn Campbell & Rev. Christine Sloan, Paul Copeland, Adrian Downey, Elizabeth Charters, May Kelly, Tai Tai, Law Kwa, Matt Lennox, Eric, Cathy & Hilary Sayle, Canadian friends of Burma, ADRA Burma, Prof. Fred Fallis, Dr. Graeme Barber, Dr. Michael & Stacy Travis & Team



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STUDENTS OF KTBLC with volunteer Elizabeth Charters give thanks to all PUB has accomplished this year.



BREAKFAST BEFORE KTBLC Law Kwa, Tai Tai, Dr. Barber, Kshakalu, Elizabeth Charters, Cathy and May Kelly



NAW SNOW & REV. JOLYN CAMPBELL volunteered last year and returned this year to visit to KTBLC.



DR. GRAEME BARBER demonstrates to KTBLC students suturing on a pig. Pork curry to follow.



DR. TRAVIS AND HIS DENTAL TEAM have come every year for the past 6 years to take care of the students of PUB.



ERIC & CATHY SAYLE talk about their experience with PUB. They are pictured left with their daughter Hilary, also a volunteer, at KTBLC. *"Volunteering as PUB board members as well as being on-site supporters have been enriching opportunities for us. After five visits to KTBLC, we have observed growth and development in the students to build capacity in leadership and hope. We are proud to be members of an organization that promotes social justice and direct aid, and make every effort to bring awareness of this valuable project to those around us."*



ANOTHER MEMORABLE YEAR!

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If you have been by chance, omitted, please forgive us, and let us know. We thank the following people who have supported us in the fiscal year June 1st. 2010 to May 31st. 2011.

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