



REACHING OUT

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Our Mission

Outreach Asia was founded in 2000 by Mike and Gina Peck. Our mission is to improve the lives of the least fortunate in developing countries in Southeast Asia.

In order to make the biggest difference, we focus our efforts on programs that build capacity, such as child and educational sponsorships, classrooms, housing, water systems, livelihood programs and medical assistance.

Outreach Asia is an entirely volunteer organization whose administration costs represent less than 4% of our total yearly budget.

As a result, 96% of all grants and donations go directly toward helping those who need it most – the poor and least advantaged of some of the world's most under-developed countries.

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Children helped by Outreach Asia in Southern Leyte, Philippines.

Making a difference, one life at a time

Do you ever wonder, "How can my gift make a difference when there is so much need in the world?"

Outreach Asia believes that improving the life of even one person will also help benefit their family and the community around them.

Our projects not only help meet basic needs such as food, health and clean water, but provide the skills and tools that are the building blocks for independence and success.

In 2010 alone, our projects included:

- 19 water systems
- 15 toilet systems for the disabled
- 2 community toilet systems
- 50 child sponsorships
- quarterly food shipments that provided 31,104 meals to children
- support for several heart, facial and dental surgeries



Our Water for Life program provides wells in areas with no access to safe drinking water.

- food, health care items and a crop project for leprosy patients
- renovations to open a vocational school for 70 young women a year
- 47 sponsored college students
- and many more initiatives.

Outreach Asia is changing lives – and it's your support that makes that possible.

Program works to end the cycle of poverty

Outreach Asia has supported the GEMS Heart Outreach Development project in the Philippines for several years.

GEMS' Children's Activity Centre in Cavite helps meet the basic needs of hundreds of children and families through initiatives such as child sponsorships, medical care, and a children's feeding program.

Educational programs are also offered with the goal of lifting people out of the cycle of poverty. These include computer literacy, lifeskills programs and tutoring in reading, writing and arithmetic.

Your support helps this good work continue.



Sri on the vacant playground site.

SRI'S PLAYGROUND

In 2010, eight-year-old Sri Peck approached her parents Mike and Gina Peck. *"I would like to try and raise funds for a playground for GEMS kids because they have no place to play."* We thought it was a great idea!

Donations of any amount are appreciated. By early 2011, Sri had raised \$4,800 – \$4,200 more is needed to construct the playground.



SHIPMENTS HELP FEED MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

Four times a year, Outreach Asia founders Mike and Gina Peck pack up fortified food from Feed My Starving Children Foundation in Minnesota and ship it to GEMS, at a cost of \$450 per quarter. These shipments provide nutritious meals to malnourished children through a feeding program that includes monitoring of weight and health.



GEMS is getting by with a little help from our friends...

Several volunteers have visited our GEMS mission to work with the children and help improve the facilities. The help is greatly appreciated, and the children look forward to every visit!



Megan on the GEMS grounds.

Megan and Tina flew in from California to volunteer for a week. They helped with the field trip, visited families, gave hip hop lessons and more. These young women have supported Outreach Asia for more than three years.



Tina at the basketball court.



Visiting a family.

Massachusetts college student Sam Scribner, the son of one of our GEMS sponsors, Lois Scribner, volunteered for a week. He visited families, gave music and computer lessons and more.



Computer lesson.



Access to the Children's Activity Centre was difficult before volunteer Andy Sandilands helped construct a foot bridge across the canal.



LEPROSY SUPPORT

Programs provide a ray of hope

For several years, we have been working with the Sisters of the Loving Cross in Ben Tre, Vietnam and the Dominican Sisters in Mindanao, Philippines to help 262 people afflicted with leprosy.



Christmas 2010 marked our third annual Christmas program. A \$20 donation sponsored either a hamper of groceries and medicine to leprosy patients in Vietnam, or a hearty Christmas Eve dinner plus health care kit in the Philippines.

Before we began this project, these people felt like no one on earth cared for them. Thanks to your generosity, they now know this is not true.

Comfortable and safe beds

Our work in 2010 included providing mosquito netting, sheets and blankets to people with leprosy in the Philippines and Vietnam.

The program made a big difference in these people's lives at a cost of \$20 per sponsor.



WATER FOR LIFE

Through our Water for Life program, we have worked with schools and communities in Vietnam and the Philippines to install 26 water systems that provide a much-needed supply of safe drinking water.

These systems are critically needed in areas that lack even basic sewer systems, and often help numerous families. It costs \$160 to sponsor a water system.



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



The completion of our vocational school project in Ben Tre, Vietnam will allow 70 young women each year to obtain skills to avoid the life of poverty, abuse, forced labour, prostitution and other forms of exploitation that is the typical future of girls who grow up in this rural area.

We worked with the Religious Sisters of the Lovers of the Holy Cross Congregation of Cai Mon to raise the funds needed to restore and renovate one of the congregation's former schools for re-use as a vocational school. Occupational training in the first three years will focus on programs in tailoring, embroidering and agriculture.

RICE / NOODLE PROGRAM



During Tet New Year in February and at other times of the year, we work with the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres to provide bags of rice and



noodle products to very poor who live in the countryside near My Tho, Vietnam. Each distribution costs \$2,000 and has a huge impact.

TOILET SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Our newest ongoing project is sponsoring toilet facilities for impoverished – and often, disabled – people in Ben Tre and Tra Vinh, Vietnam.

Sister Maria, who will administer this project, writes: *"The poor people in Ben Tre and Tra Vinh province are still using toilets outside. They make toilets in fish ponds, rivers or lakes... we call these "fish toilets". It is really non-sanitary. It causes serious pollution of the environment. It also effects the source of water and the health of people so much. It causes many sicknesses for poor people."*

Each toilet system includes both the toilet and structure and costs \$230 to build.



New toilets (left) will replace "fish toilets" (below).



A little goes a long way: how your donation helps

- **\$20** sponsors a person with leprosy for a Christmas gift of health items and food.
- **\$35** buys a 110 lb sack of rice for a needy family.
- **\$70** will replace a dirt floor with cement in a poor family's house in the Philippines.
- **\$75** ships 1,296 nutritious meals for malnourished children in the Philippines.
- **\$160** sponsors a family water well in Vietnam.
- **\$180** sponsors a child in the Philippines for one year.
- **\$230** sponsors a new toilet and building for a disabled person in Vietnam.
- **\$280** sponsors a college student in Leyte, Philippines for one year.

Any amount you can give can go towards these or other Outreach Asia projects, including:

- GEMS Mission Emergency Medical Fund (total cost: \$1,000/year).
- Support for Sri's Playground for the poor children of Cavite, Philippines (total cost: \$9,000).

Supporting bright futures

Congratulations to Nicalyn Agor for graduating Cum Laude (with honours) from Los Banos University of the Philippines with a bachelor's degree in Development Communication.



Nicalyn is one of the college students who can be sponsored for \$280 per year through our scholarship program. We only accept high school graduates with marks of 85% or better who have no other family assistance.

All prospective students are carefully screened before being accepted for sponsorship.

We now have 47 college students being sponsored and have many more bright young applicants waiting for a sponsor.



Our supporters help in a variety of ways. George Gange of San Jose CA, a member of the FilAm Veterans' Rondalla, visited GEMS in the Philippines and donated eight rondalla instruments. The children have been learning to play these traditional instruments.

A GIFT OF CULTURE

WANT TO HELP? HERE'S HOW:

No donation is too big or small – all are appreciated!
Make your 100% tax-deductible donation by mail to:

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