



# REACHING OUT 2006

## 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 in the region, we have focused our efforts on small classroom construction, educational sponsorships, leprosy patient and outpatient livelihood programs, school water systems and medical assistance.

Outreach Asia is an entirely volunteer organization whose administration costs represent less than 7% of its total yearly budget. As a result, 93% 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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## Helping the world's least fortunate

With your generous support, Outreach Asia is improving the lives of impoverished children and families in the developing countries of Southeast Asia.

In 2005, our work included four new water systems or upgrades, ongoing support for leprosy families, two new classrooms and life-changing heart surgery for a young girl.

We are a streamlined, efficient US 501(c)(3) Non-Profit charity organization, and you can be assured that we make the most of your grant and donation dollars. Right now, your generous donations are benefiting communities in Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Read on to learn more about our activities.



Above, children in Leyte, Philippines celebrate the arrival of a new water system. Below, a new classroom in Laos.



## Recognition

We received a recognition award in 2005 for a new water system at Conception School in Leyte, Philippines. Our representatives Editha and Tayo Capalaran accepted the award at their handover ceremony (left). It was one of many awards given to us by schools and villages in the Philippines, Laos and Vietnam. We have also been honoured with an award from the Philippines' Department of Education.

# A healthy heart for young Vinafe

In November, we funded life-changing heart surgery for Vinafe, a nine-year-old girl from the Philippines. Vinafe's family came to us on November 14 to help pay for her much-needed heart surgery. She needed a \$5,600 operation to correct a congenital heart disease called Atrial Septal Defect, Ostium Secundum.

Her family was desperate and on the verge of selling all their belongings to pay for the surgery. But even that would not have been enough to cover the cost.

Thanks to many generous donations, Outreach Asia was able to support Vinafe's heart surgery. The operation took place on November 26 at The Philippine Heart Centre in Quezon City – a 13-hour bus ride from Vinafe's family's home in Cagayan Valley on the island of Luzon.

The surgery was a success and Vinafe was able to travel home on December 5. The good-natured girl had tremendous spirit and made quite an impression on the hospital staff. While she was in emergency care, she would wave at everyone through the window. Everyone at the hospital loved her and took care of her while she was recovering.

Her mother's employer sent us an e-mail shortly after the operation: "Dearest Mike. I am just coming from home



Vinafe prepares to leave the hospital and return home with her Aunt Agnes.

and I must say you have changed the life of this family. They were about to sell all their belongings, and even then they were short of most of the money. As Fe (Vinafe's mother) told me: "This is the most beautiful Christmas present I could have dreamt of."

## Help, hope for leprosy patients

Outreach Asia is continuing to help bring health, independence and hope to leprosy patients in the Philippines who struggle with deformations and lesions caused by bacterial infections affecting the skin and nervous system.

We support outpatient livelihood programs for patients who are still disfigured after being cured by drug therapy. We help provide more than 50 families a home, a livelihood and schooling for the children on land provided by The Dominican Sisters. Projects have included a chicken coop, heads of pigs, a computer, shoes, eyeglasses and books.



Chicken coop: creating self-reliance

Winnie Bradecina writes: "God is so merciful that he had given us this project... With this project it will help us to be productive even though we are patients. It is a great help for the education of our children, for their medicines. So, thank you very much. More power and God Bless to all of you!"

Mario Ayag writes: "I'm a patient with 3 children. I'm thankful of this project granted to us by Outreach Asia. It is a piggery project that will help us sustain the needs of our families. With this project we will be able to send our children to school. Thank you very much for the help of Outreach Asia to help us to become self-reliant because it's not forever that we will depend from outside help."

## What happened to Flory?

Many of you will remember our efforts in 2004 to provide prosthetic legs to Flory Tacle, a college student we were sponsoring at Southern Leyte State University in the Philippines. Due to a birth defect, one of Flory's legs ended at the knee and the other was too disfigured to use. She was forced to walk on her knees.

Our generous donors helped get Flory to the U.S., where she was fitted with customized prosthetic legs.

Since then, we have had many inquiries about how Flory is doing. We visited her in March, 2005 and January, 2006 and are happy to report that she is doing great. Flory won her school's chess championship, which brought great honor to Southern Leyte State University. She now enjoys dancing, going to the beach and other activities that young people her age enjoy.



At college with her new legs

### More about Flory

For those of you who have not seen Flory's video story, please visit [www.startribune.com/flory](http://www.startribune.com/flory). For more photos, visit [www.outreachasia.org](http://www.outreachasia.org)

## WATER FOR LIFE

# Safe, clean drinking water is desperately needed

One of our key priorities is helping meet the need for safe, clean drinking water in Southeast Asia. The existing manual wells and rainwater retrieval systems are inadequate, and in many cases are contaminated with unsafe levels of bacteria.

With your support, we provide schools and villages with water systems featuring deep wells, an electric motor pump, a 425-gallon metal storage tank, water lines, and two to four drinking fountains. We maximize dollars by using volunteers from local Parent-Teacher Associations.

These systems bring safe water and give the village a sense of pride and accomplishment to have helped completed these projects.

In 2005, we completed water systems at three sites in Leyte, Philippines (Conception High School, Santa Cruz Elementary and Benit Primary), and added a water purification system to an existing water system we had built in 2004 at Hung Vuong School in My Tho, Vietnam.

Imelda Luna, a teacher at a past recipient school,



**With your support, Outreach Asia brought the gift of safe, clean drinking water to four communities in 2005.**

*writes: "The need to provide a safe and potable water supply to the school children is a big problem. But suddenly somebody brought good news to the school that Outreach Asia of Edina, Minnesota will give a water system to The Central School. A feeling of surprise to everyone. Who could be the charitable persons kind enough to think of donating a water system. Eureka, we know who you are! Long live Outreach Asia."*

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

# Helping to educate children to create a brighter future

Outreach Asia helps create a future for impoverished families through our sponsorship program at Southern Leyte State University in the Philippines, new classrooms in small villages in Northern Laos and donations of books and supplies.

In 2005, we completed two new classrooms in Hoey Yen Village and Nammong Village in Laos, and our sponsorship program now supports 30 students. This past year, we also shipped more than 600 used encyclopedias and books for children, hundreds of pairs of shoes and 2,000 sets of eyeglasses.

Mr. Bounthan Siliat of the Lao Department of Education said that before new classrooms were built in the villages of Namkha, Mokvet and Moan, there wasn't enough classroom space for all the children. Each year, villagers had to repair the small, unstable classrooms, and teachers had difficulty working in those conditions. Only 60% of students passed exams and the drop-out rate was 7%.

With the new classrooms, more children started attend-



**Left: new classrooms in Nammong Village. Below: students benefit from donated books.**

ing school and everyone was happy with the new spaces. "Students' learning process and attitudes were much better than before," he wrote. "The number of students who passed exams increased up to 95% and the drop-out rate was decreased to 3%."



**In June 2005, Outreach Asia volunteer Elizabeth Johnson stayed at LCC and taught English to the children. Thank you, Elizabeth, for your time. This is one of the new classrooms we provided.**



## LOVE CHILD CLUB

# Thai mission helps parentless children

Outreach Asia continues to support Love Child Club, a small mission started by a caring and generous Thai lady named Phiengphorn Van Vliet for children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS.

We raise funds to provide these children with food, clothing, dental, medical and school supplies. We have also provided a classroom for the children and funded a project to build housing for volunteers who help at the mission. Our staff will next visit Love Child Club in November, 2006.

## FUNDRAISING

# Your donations help improve hundreds of lives

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of private donors and grants from foundations.

On behalf of Outreach Asia and the hundreds of lives you have helped us improve, we offer our deepest gratitude.

We also want to recognize the foun-

dations that provided grants in 2005:

Sit Investment Foundation,  
Minneapolis, MN: \$500

International Foundation, Fairfield,  
NJ: \$7,500

Wings Financial, Apple Valley, MN:  
\$1,000

Cottonwood Foundation, White Bear

Lake, MN: \$1,000

Pax Christi Church, Eden Prairie,  
MN: \$3,500

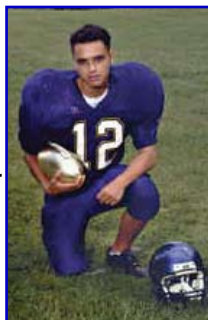
Arch Diocese of St. Paul, St. Paul,  
MN: \$2,500

Elbow Lake Lodge, Cook, MN: \$1,200

Tom & Glory Sullivan Foundation,  
Ponte Vedra, FL: \$3,500

### Donor spotlight: Sean Herman, age 16

We want to recognize Sean Herman of Hawaii. Sean has made several donations and now sponsors a student at So. Leyte University. He writes: *"I used to live in the Philippines at Angles City so I know how those kids feel. I heard about Outreach Asia by reading a book about Mother Teresa. It inspired me to give more money since I can't volunteer because I'm too busy with sports, school, and church. And your letters back (to me) of what you used my money on, just lifts me up. It makes me feel like I made a big difference in someone's life. So thank you."*



### A little goes a long way

Here are examples of how your donation can help:

**\$21** will buy a 100-lb. sack of rice for a needy family.

**\$110** will pay to ship used donated shoes/eyeglasses to Southeast Asia.

**\$165** will sponsor a student at Southern Leyte State University in the Philippines for one year.

**\$400** will sponsor a child at Love Child Club in Thailand for a year.

**\$1,450** will buy a complete school water system in the Philippines.

## Some of our newest projects and needs

- Two classrooms in Laos (\$6,000)
- Seven school/community water systems in the Philippines (\$1,450 or \$3,700 each, \$13,100 total)
- Five squatter house repairs in the Philippines (\$280 avg. each, \$1,400 total)
- Sponsorship of Love Child Club in

Thailand (\$400 for one child/year)

- Charity Golf Event for Northwest Airlines employees Aug. 14, 2006 at Le Sueur Country Club in Le Sueur, Minnesota (corporate sponsors needed: \$250-\$1,000). Our 2005 event raised \$3,500 for a water system in Santa Cruz.

**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: Outreach Asia, Inc.

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Or donate by credit card, PayPal, Just Give! or Network for Good via our website, [www.outreachasia.org](http://www.outreachasia.org). We promptly mail all donors a receipt for tax purposes.

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