

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

Reducing Illiteracy, Myanmar

Giving marginalised children the chance of an education

‘Access to education is restricted in rural areas where families cannot afford their children’s education.’
 Subash Chellaiah, Link Officer for Asia and Oceania



Myanmar factfile

Capital: Rangoon
Languages: Burmese, indigenous
Religion: Buddhist 89%, Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%
Export: Natural gas, wood products, pulses, beans, fish, rice, clothing, jade and gems
Life expectancy: 59 years (men), 65 years (women) (UN)

USPG in Myanmar

USPG has been working in partnership with the Church in Myanmar since 1853. In 2008, USPG sent £82,000 to support the work of the church in areas of greatest need.



About this Project...

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Children in the remote hills of Hpa-an, on the Myanmar-Thai border, have limited access to education as there are no government-run schools in the area. However, the Diocese of Hpa-an has opened 13 primary schools in the biggest villages, providing access to education to some 600 students. The need for education is still great, with over 50 villages and a rapidly growing population. The diocese is planning to build five more schools to cope with this increasing demand. As well as increasing literacy rates, children are also being taught basic

healthcare, which is also under-resourced in this area. While some children are unable to complete their education due to poverty and the need to work to support their families, others have completed their primary education and continued at middle and high schools in Myanmar and Thailand. As a result of this initiative, hundreds of children will now have a better chance of getting a good job, providing them with possible route out of poverty. USPG’s funding will go towards building schools and providing school meals, uniforms and equipment.

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