

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Agricultural Training, Myanmar

Enabling people to work together to sustain rural communities

‘Nurturing people’s survival skills is part of the mission of the Church in Myanmar. The church, through this training, hopes to strengthen communities by enabling them to make the best use of the land.’

Rachel Parry, Regional Desk Officer for East 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

Cyclone: Myanmar is still recovering from Cyclone Nargis, which devastated the country in May 2008, leaving 77,000 dead and over 50,000 missing

USPG in Myanmar

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

About this Project...

▶ **Target: £14,060 / €16,170 | Project 482**

Life can be tough for rural communities in Myanmar as they deal with political conflict and food shortages. The Church of Myanmar is working to tackle both of these issues by helping to strengthen village communities.

Focusing on the Dioceses of Sittwe, Hpa-an and Mandalay, this Project is helping to transform farming communities by providing training in modern agricultural techniques. In some cases, training has enabled farmers to treble their annual income within five years, which is helping to tackle hunger.

Community farmers regularly attend field

schools at which they can share their ideas and concerns. Field visits also take place, giving farmers an opportunity to look at work being done in other dioceses. As well as developing knowledge, these activities are also helping to develop an important sense of mutual support.

The Project provides training in animal husbandry, which is helping to increase numbers of animals, leading to increased income generation.

Money donated to this Project through USPG will help fund agricultural training and animal husbandry training.

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