“Help Us Match the HHI Gift”

The Tonle Sap Lake, largest inland lake in Southeast Asia, is home to more than 30,000 fishing families living in floating houses. Many families are members of minority groups that have fled Viet Nam and are among the poorest people on earth with less than $100 annual income for a family of 12-14.

The Ship of Life spends six months per year on the lake providing health care to these families, but 84% of the health problems are related to the impure water they drink from the lake, according to a recent Rockefeller Foundation study. If we can give them pure water, two-thirds of their health care problems will be eliminated. A Church Building/Water Filtration Plant is currently being constructed on a raft that will float among the people and from it we will provide “Living Water” (the gospel) and filtered water.

The Siem Reap Bible Institute that trains evangelists is on the northern lake shore and will be manning the raft and evangelizing among the 12,000 people who come to fill their water jars, much as Jesus did with the woman at the well. Healing Hands International has agreed to provide half ($22,500) of the needed money if we can raise matching funds. We are asking you to help us with a portion of that if you are able. This is an opportunity to improve the health of more than 12,000 people and provide an opportunity to share the gospel with a community that is currently 100 percent Buddhist. Please join with us in showing the love of God to this community.

April 1st - After more than 50 years of isolation, the nation of Burma rejoined the world. Fifty years of military dictatorship had reduced this wonderful country with large deposits of natural resources, oil, coal, gold, precious stones, and virgin teak forest to a paralyzed landmass of 57 million people. Burma is the 24th most populated country in the world, whose people were afraid to move, speak about or even react to what was being done to them. NOW they are having democratic elections and the long suppressed opposition party won 43 of the 46 Parliament seats up for grabs. Foreigners are flocking to this “Land of Golden Opportunity” as Asians are calling it, to invest their money and set up businesses.

Political prisoners have been released and new religious freedom is lurking at the door. This can be the church’s golden hour.

Now for the first time in the last fifty years people can have access to the Bible and study it for themselves and history tells us that many will make a decision to follow Christ if they have the opportunity to hear. In March six English Bible study teachers came to be with us in Yangon, the capital city, and studied with more than 60 of the 4,000 people that have been studying with us through correspondence courses. Their comments were, “These students showed more interest than any we have studied with in Asia.”

Mature business people, teachers, religious leaders and university students came to see what the Bible teaches, saying “I have never had the opportunity before to learn about the living God.”

We are currently recruiting teams to come in July and October and would love to be in contact with you if you would consider being a part of this group.

Write us at PIPWEM@aol.com.
Ship of Life’s Crew
Sharing God’s Love

Each Sunday the ship’s crew meets for worship and they contribute to a fund that is used by them to help unfortunate people they meet along the river.

Dr. Paul Pinckley, Ship Manager, reports that in the village of Saricakeo they encountered a widow whose house was next to the river and as the high water rises every fall the house floods because it is only three foot above the low water line. The crew unanimously decided to take their church contribution and rebuild this widow’s house and they worked with village volunteers to completely rebuild it over one weekend.

This remarkable photo shows a fishermen in Burma perilously attempting to net some fish, and not fall in at the same time, in the process providing much needed sustenance for his family, and his village.
Bill McDonough’s new Book gets Rave Reviews

About the Author

William E. “Bill” McDonough, as a missionary to the world, has worked with missions in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and the Caribbean. Currently he is living and serving in Southeast Asia with his wife Marie-Claire LeStunff McDonough where they feed 1600 malnourished children daily, operate a program that has put more than 500 children back in school, plant churches and operate the Ship of Life, a clinical ship that sails the Cambodian Waterways bringing health care and the “Good News” to the poorest of God’s children. Following twenty years of service in German speaking Europe, McDonough co-founded Partners in Progress to provide physical care and spiritual teaching to the people of underdeveloped nations. This organization has to date worked with communities, churches and peoples of fifty-eight different nations on four continents. Where there is a famine, earthquake or natural disaster, Partners in Progress and Bill McDonough can be found working to share the Love of God.

What others are saying about this book:

This book is a silk purse filled with memories of the Great Commission at its best, and Bill McDonough has tightened the purse string to prevent those memories from being lost or discarded.

Mike Justus, M.D., Author

William E. “Bill” McDonough, a life-long missionary, has written a fascinating account of the progress of the gospel of Christ covering almost half of a century. This new book is entitled: Those Who Make Us What We Are. It’s as if you are reading the book of Acts in your Bible except it is set in the 20th and 21st century. You will meet countless Christian men and women walking by faith in real life adventures as they encounter trials and triumphs in planting first congregations in numerous countries on three continents. I read the 244 pages in one sitting, and longed for more.

John Gipson, Minister and Writer

I liked the book for many reasons. I even “enjoyed” being unsettled by my own lack of devotion—it proved I can still be convicted and I purpose to do more with my limited capacities.

Jim McGuigian, Author and Teacher

An inspiring book highlighting God’s providence in the spread of the gospel to numerous areas of the world. By using a few good fearless men who believe that God will use their efforts, many unfortunate, suffering people have been helped both physically and spiritually.

Dr. H. Glenn Boyd, International Health Care Foundation

Our lives are richer for having read your book. We cannot help but be challenged by your example and your life.

Dr. Sandy Hazelip, Physician, Author

This book gives precious historical details regarding these efforts which had not previously been recorded. It is a very interesting read and will be a prized source for all who care about taking the Gospel into all the world.

Dr. Earl D. Edwards, Former Director of Graduate Studies in Bible, Freed-Hardeman University

It is interesting and informative and I highly recommend the book.

Dr. Clifford Ganus, Jr., Harding University

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All proceeds go to support the Ship of Life Project in Cambodia
The Windsong Church of Christ (formerly the 6th & Izard congregation of Little Rock, Arkansas) will be celebrating their one hundredth year anniversary during the month of May. This congregation has sponsored the McDonoughs and Partners in Progress since 1969 and you are invited to join them in the centennial celebration. Each Sunday morning during May special events will take place that you will want to join.

May 6th, 9AM  **Reviewing the past 100 years**  May 20th, 10AM  **Building for the Future Through our Youth**  
- John Gipson  - Dr. Bruce McLarty

May 6th, 10AM  **Looking Back**  May 27th, 9AM  **World Missions**  
- Dr. Howard Norton  - The Parade of Flags  - Bill McDonough

(Homecoming and singing in the afternoon)

May 13th, 9AM  **Meeting Windsong Children**  May 27th, 10AM  **Senior Builders**  
- Karla Wade and Staff  - Larry Roberts

May 13th, 10AM  **Mothers & Children Looking Forward**  
- John Gipson

May 20th, 9AM  **Youth Moving On**  
- Joe Chesser

Come if you can - Utter a prayer of thanksgiving if you can’t come.
Nutrition and Back to School Efforts Continuing

Churches are Being Planted

Many of you have partnered with us over the last five years in feeding up to 1,600 malnourished children and this wonderful program continues to go forward and reap a spiritual harvest while improving the children’s health. Several of the villages where our feeding program was started have been dropped from the route because the nutrition of the children has progressed to the degree that they no longer need it.

BUT these villages are visited weekly to share God’s word with the children and their families and as a result churches are being planted where there were none and young minds are being influenced for good every day. Sharon and Dennis Welch, who manage the program, report that the Bible school students in Phnom Penh are working with them on weekends to plant churches and two congregations were recently begun in villages where the Nutrition and Back to School programs are active.

Although we had planned to turn the Nutrition program over to another congregation, they have been unsuccessful in raising the needed funds so we are continuing to help finance it to the tune of $20,000 this year. For $8 a month you can feed a child a nutritious supplemental meal five days a week.

Back To School Program for 400 + Kids

Children in many of these same villages are involved in the back to school program. We provide them with a back pack, uniforms, school supplies and some limited supervision and they get back in school after their parents have pulled them out to work.

Garment factories are now moving to the villages to get cheap labor and parents send their children there to work for $60 per month. However our program has kept more than 400 in school and two are now attending university while many have become Christians as a result of this program. Help put a child in school for only $25.

Dr. Sandy is Headed for Four

Dr. Sandy Hazelip just completed her third trip to the Ship of Life in Cambodia and this time she responded to the request of the Provincial Health Department to provide a seminar on Diabetes. She was thrilled at the response of the 30+ health care providers who work in village health centers in the areas where the Ship of Life serves. This was an effort to provide continuing education that is not available in Cambodia while forming a closer union with the local medical community.
There’s A Place For You - How To Get Involved

So you have always wanted to help share the love of God around the world but just haven’t quite figured out where you can fit in. Well...there is a place for you to make a wonderful contribution. Here are just a few ways people are working with us in Southeast Asia that have asked the same question.

Patrick Le Stunff, Abej Solidarity, Lille, France — Came to the Ship of Life in Cambodia and taught our crew how to weld, which he learned as a young man and has continued to use on his farm.

Phil Gardner, Peoria, IL — Has devoted much of his retirement years to teaching English Bible studies abroad saying it is the most fulfilling thing he has done. He is pictured here with a student as he led a team of six to Yangon, Myanmar (Burma).

Joan Le Stunff, School Teacher, Lille, France — Worked in triage at our Health Clinic on the Ship of Life and helped out in the Pharmacy.

Madge Lewis, Searcy, AR — “Partners In Progress made our lives so wonderful by letting us go on mission trips. This was the most rewarding work Claude and I have ever done.”

Clay Satterfield, Physician’s Assistant, Seattle, WA — “Never have I been able to help so many desperately needy people.”

Dr. Sandy Hazelip, Eastland, TX — What a joy it was to be able to help 30 health care professionals better understand Diabetes, and see children at the Siem Reap, Cambodia church of Christ orphanage.”

Others who cannot go abroad are partnering with us to provide funds for evangelism, food for the poor and malnourished, medicine for the sick, education for children who were too poor to go to school and impacting the world with their blessings. There’s a place for you. Contact us at pipwem@aol.com for more information.
Medical Mission project being planned for Madagascar

World Christian Broadcasting Company (WCBC) has just completed the construction of a powerful radio transmitter that can beam the gospel across the Southern Hemisphere and is ready to begin transmission. In response to the courtesy shown to them by the government of Madagascar, WCBC is working to show their appreciation and has asked PIP to take a short term medical mission project to the area near the new transmitter. Our plans are to take a team there early in 2013 and we are currently recruiting medical professionals to join this effort.

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