

2006 Project Goals

- Attack the endemic nature of child poverty and a global failure to invest sufficiently in known and proven solutions for the problems.
- Mobilize a wide range of strong sustained partnerships, indicating the seriousness of our intentions, to move decisively to honour promises made to Akha children, to build them education and vocational training facilities
- Giving Akha children adequate opportunities to contribute in both planning and implementation.
 - New dining and recreation hall due to start December 2006, still needs funding to complete.
 - 525 children to complete another school year.
 - 525 children to gain skills in, permanent building, sewing, cooking, growing vegetables, welding, computer, accounting and more.
 - Sanitation & evaporation system will start 1Q and be completed 2Q 2006
 - Sick Bay will be completed.
 - 4 toilet blocks for children will start 1Q and be completed 2Q 2006
 - 2 toilet blocks for staff will start 1Q and be completed 2Q 2006
 - Kitchen for training. Needs funding.
 - Mechanical & welding training workshop has started but still needs funding.
- Trucks for transporting children and development in villages. Funding is needed.
- 1st Priority 5 Village schools, water, sanitation & clinics. Funding is needed.
- Volunteer teachers from England, Australia, North America & Singapore needed at different times of the year, in your school holidays.
- Cane furniture training started and will continue in 2006
- Volunteers and funding are needed for all types of on going training.

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Roster:

	This week	Next Week
Program	Major Bruce Blair Heritage of Australian Railways	Sam Leone: Introduction to Family of Mandolins and Players
Introduction	Shukry Sahhar	Eric Taylor
Appreciation	Phil Ibbotson	Bernadette Cappello
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Bruce Hall Ian Excell	David Fox Ray Newcombe
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Bruce Wyatt
Birthdays	Des H-Kelly 23rd, Des Pain 25th (Big 0), Carlo Binutti 28th	Denise Goard 29th Mar, Eric Taylor 29th Mar.
Anniversaries	Ajit and Anna Banerjee 23rd.	nil
Trash &	26th Tom Davies-?	2nd April ??-
Treasure	9th April John Widdup-Ken Goard	16th Neale Emanuel-Bruce Hall

The Raven

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This Week:

Major Bruce Blair

on

Heritage of Australian Railways

Bruce is an Canberra resident ex Melb 1990. He was a Tax accountant with 800 clients east coast of Aust. As well member of Active Reserve Aust Army with Rank of Major. Currently Army rep on Nature of service review Strategic Operations Division. President of Aust Railways Society AC T Div for past 3 years and very involved in maintaining a rail link for the National Capital. ARHS has 300 members and is very active. Divorced with one son still at home and two cavalier king Charles dogs and lives at Weston Creek.

Last Week:

Tonight we were guests of the Lions Club of Canberra Woden at the Southern Cross Club. Lion Stella McLeish was awarded a Lion Pin for her work in introducing three new female members to Lions - Rotarians take note!

Stella then introduced the guest speaker: Colin Emerson, who spoke on Leadership. Colin began his working career in the Air Force but has since worked in many large organizations and is currently in the banking industry. He shared with us eight lessons that he feels are important in any management position.

A Thought for the Week:

Beauty, truth, friendship, love, creation... these are the great values of life. We can't prove them, or explain them, yet they are the most stable things in our lives. Jesse Holmes.



SERVICE Above Self

1. Respect is given to a person's rank but ultimately the individual can earn respect by the way they treat others.
2. Respect must be given to others before it can be given in return.
3. Learn to trust the people you employ and do not micro-manage them.
4. You will be promoted to your level of incompetence: That is, you cannot know everything about a job and need to support others so they can use their own expertise.
5. Provide support and stand up for your team.
6. Show leadership, but this should be done in partnership with members of your team.
7. Be human, understand the strengths and weaknesses of team members.
8. You need to have more than a vision. Show that you are part of the vision and make it come true.

Colin felt that Rotary and Lions provide vision and leadership in the community and make things happen. He hoped that the work of both organizations would continue well into the future.

A fine session was conducted by Lion Neil and Rotarian Neale. Many Rotarians were fined for sitting with fellow Rotarians rather than mixing with Lions. *With thanks to Recorder Robin Cromer*

Attendance matters - 15 Mar 06: I have polished (caressed) the numbers from last week (8 Mar 06) and now have 93.10%. This happened as Jim Grainger was able to give me a makeup from Hervey Bay. Last night (15 Mar 06) we had 20 members present, two visitors, Helen Sahhar and Maureen Booth and no makeups. Our percentage was back near our normal level at 65.52%. - *Ros Osbourne*

Children of the Golden Triangle Inc-taken from the Annual Report.

“These children are very easily exploited and need education and protection. They are poor, sick and looking for work or an income. Over the past years working in the Golden Triangle with Akha children we have seen many tragedies that could have been avoided.

- Parents killed when trying to rescue children from sex slavery after being tricked.
- Children taken at gun point, then dying from abuse.
- A child returning to an Akha village after escaping from sex slavery and sitting staring at the wall for a week and then quietly dying, leaving nobody to understand what horrors and abuse she went through.
- Stories of children struggling and crying for mercy while being dragged to pain and humiliation and a certain death from AIDS.
- AIDS has many faces and kills the children in many different ways. Some die with their flesh being eaten away, others swell up like a balloon some lose the control of their bowels creating unbearable stench.
- 3 child sex slaves out of 200 in one establishment were returned home,

the rest were jailed because they had no citizenship. Nobody was charged and what happens to the children after leaving the jail? With no money, they didn't speak the language, and with no parents to turn to for protection?

- A young girl repeatedly being hunted in the streets and dragged to a brothel,
- A small child searching for home for 5 years after being trafficked sexually abused repeatedly and escaping.
- 3 year old raped and killed because the young mother left her to sell trinkets, to buy food.
- Old women and children walking 300 kilometers after village killing and enslaving.
- Please don't stop helping to protect these children, they need you and appreciate you.”

2005 Project Status:

- 400 children completed another year of school.
- 400 children gaining skills in, permanent building, sewing, cooking, growing vegetables, welding, computer, accounting and more.
- Clinic with warm showers is completed.
- Water system, 60,000 Lt. holding tank, tower, bore, completed. Water pipes still need funding.
- Hot water installed in kitchen, all cooking converted to gas, greatly reducing cooking time.
- One new accommodation block started.
- 4 Classrooms computer, sewing and English teaching rooms completed. Equipment and teachers are needed for each classroom.
- One teacher teaching Thai to preschool.
- Mechanical and welding workshop started, but still needs funding to complete.

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