

2009

# ANNUAL REPORT



# BRAD HAZLETT

*A letter from the Thailand National Director*



In just six short months since joining Partners Relief & Development, the two things I've been most impressed with are the unified dedication of the team and the steadfast determination of those suffering inside Burma. Villagers who are facing unbelievable atrocities are filled with a hope which cannot be explained in human terms. Their geniality and warmth betrays the reality of their harsh existence. Their poverty doesn't keep them from inviting guests into their simple homes of bamboo and leaves. I wonder how many attacks they have fled and the violence their children have witnessed. I can't imagine how many times they have set up shelters, planted gardens, taught their children before the Burma Army came to kill and destroy. Yet when I see their smiling faces I get a picture of resilience and hope. And I wonder, how can we, and how can the world, turn away from reaching out to them and their children, Burma's next generation.

This report is an overview of the past year of Partners Relief & Development activity. It tells a story and paints a picture, but there is much more it cannot show. There are too many stories, too much suffering, and too much grief, together with other stories of relief and hope to be contained in so few pages.

My wife and I joined Partners during the past year but we are not the only new members of the team. Our team has grown as our work has expanded in Burma and Thailand. Although much has changed, there is plenty more which has remained the same. As a team, our vision of free, full lives for the children of Burma still unites us. Our hope of reconciled communities living in peace still motivates us. Our work of helping those in Burma who live just to survive the next day still gives us purpose and drives us on.

Sadly, the military regime in Burma is something else that hasn't changed. The Burma Army is still attacking

innocent communities, torturing villagers, raping girls, burning homes, displacing lives and killing its own people with impunity. Until this situation changes we will continue to do all we can, while being accountable to you for your gracious financial and prayer support.

This report concentrates on one example of how Partners Relief & Development responded to the offensive around Ler Per Her in June and July 2009. It outlines how teams were mobilized to bring relief and how money was used to purchase needed supplies including medicine, food and shelter. We are compelled by Jesus' love to reach out in this way to those in need. I hope it clearly describes for you, our valuable partners, how together we are making an impact in an area of great need. The suffering described in this report is being repeated in many other villagers all over Burma.

There may be changes in some of the faces in Partners Relief & Development, but our purpose hasn't changed. Our desire to reach restoration for those in oppression remains. I am humbled by how God is using a little, but growing band of believers called Partners Relief & Development. My hope is that as you read this report you will feel as privileged as I do to be a part of this team. May you get a glimpse of how God is using YOU to bring hope and love to these war-torn communities. As one family in hiding stated, "We also cannot manage to survive on our own. We need the international community's support and cooperation. That is very important." Thank you for joining us in following God's heart into Burma.

Yours for a great cause,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Hazlett". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brad Hazlett  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR - THAILAND



Children's homes housing,  
**19** 1091 children who are given  
annual health checks.

**500**  
FAMILIES

were provided with direct relief after attacks deep in Shan State.

**SIXTY**

Community Health workers from 40 communities were given six months training in Shan State, Burma.

**42** THOUSAND PEOPLE

were given mosquito nets in partnership with the anti malarial organization Buzz Off.

**NINE HUNDRED & FORTY**

Karen State Education Assistance Group delivered school materials to 940 schools (home to 3,200 teachers and 66,671 students). This provided teaching & learning materials, education resource books, and sports equipment.

**3500**

people in Karen State and refugee camps were affected by the installation of Solar & UV water projects

**FIFTY**

woman living in 3 refugee camps and in 3 villages make bags, Karen clothes, and other products for sale in Partners countries. The Profits go towards women and children living along the border and inside Karen State.

**35**  
PIGLETS

**60**  
BREEDING TALAPIA

**10**  
HATCHING PONDS

and so much more at the newly established Mae Pa development farm, Mae Sot.

**DISPLACED CHILDHOODS**

Human Rights Report advocating on behalf of the internally displaced children of Burma in order to raise awareness and initiate a formal investigation through a United Nations Commission of Inquiry.

**6250**

people were provided with rice over the last year.

**1 1/2 HALFO.5 MILLION PEOPLE**

The approximate number of people Partners Relief & Development helped in 2009. This includes our direct projects and relief efforts in partnerships with Free Burma Rangers.

# WEIGHT OF CHANGE

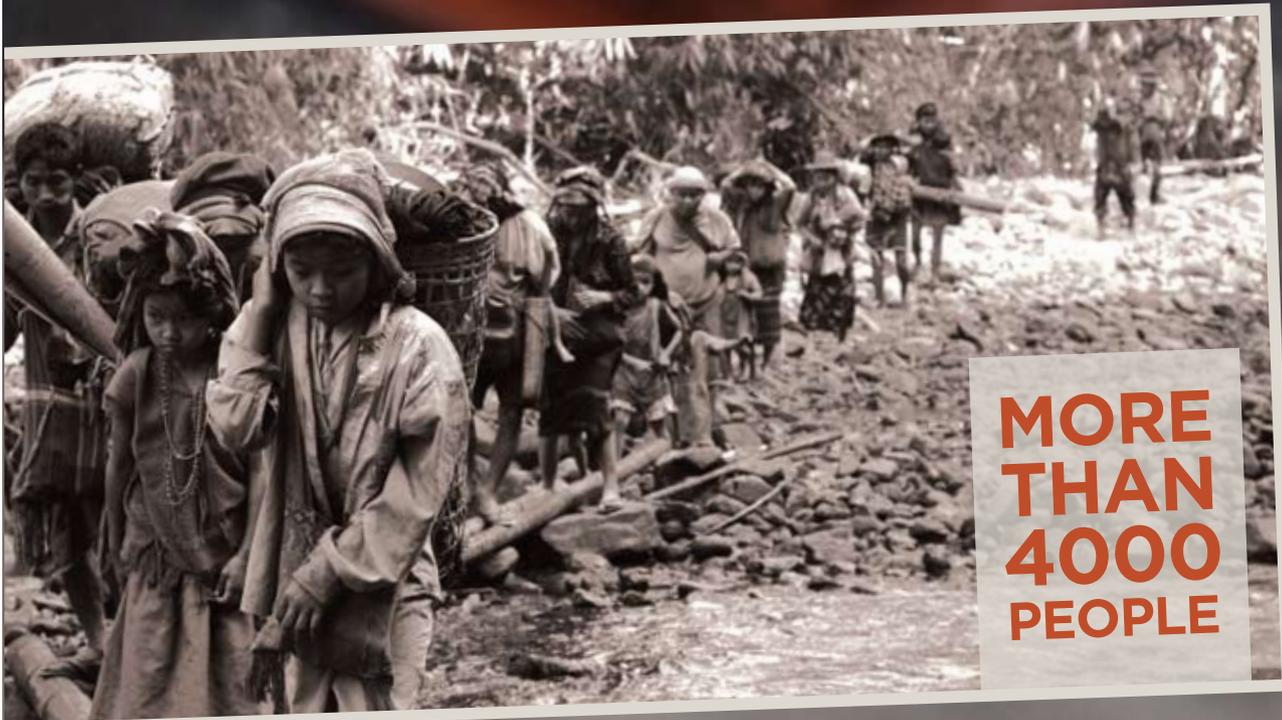
*Emergency relief mission in Karen State*

In June 2009 the Burma Army attacked Ler Per Her village and the surrounding area. More than 4000 people from this Eastern Karen State region were displaced from their homes and farmland. A number of people lost their lives. They fled forced recruitment, bombing and brutalities carried out by the Burma Army.

On June 5th thousands of people were hedged against the Thai-Burma border. Many feared for their lives as the sounds of the Burma Army drew near. That day they were forced to flee the Ler Per Her area, crossing into Thailand. These men, women and children had nothing but their clothes. They carried babies and occasionally a few precious possessions or food scraps.

On June 6th the Burma Army bombed Ler Per Her and the surrounding region. They laid landmines along walking paths, burnt homes and a school. It was no longer safe for people to return.

Partners Relief & Development conducted regular assessments. Our emergency response team stayed amongst the frightened and weary people providing updates and documenting the crisis with video and photography. Many images were shown internationally including on BBC News.



**MORE  
THAN  
4000  
PEOPLE**



# “THANK YOU SO MUCH TO PARTNERS FOR THEIR PRAYER AND SUPPORT BUT PLEASE DO NOT STOP PRAYING”

A KAREN LEADER



We spoke with people, encouraging them that they are not abandoned. God saw their desperate situation and caused generous hearts to provide emergency supplies - food, medicine, sleeping mats, cooking utensils, shelter, hygiene packs and clothing. Each delivery supplied whatever was lacking. When others began meeting the people's needs, we continued supplying displaced children and families remaining inside Burma's borders.

If Partners did not provide assistance during the first days of the crisis, the Ler Per Her victims would have been hungry, wet and cold. Their village leader told us that Partners was God's answer to their prayers. He was grateful that we were ready to respond to any crisis his people faced.

God used our 'five loaves and two fish' and multiplied.

Displacement of men, women and children is still occurring. It is clear that our ability to provide is small in comparison to the huge task at hand. Yet our resources are continually supplied. We gave to the needy and vulnerable, trusting that God who cares for them would supply abundantly.

Thank you for responding to the cries of desperation from the suffering people of Burma. Because of you we were there.

We are forever thankful that you decided to give much to those in need. Your kindness is received with genuine appreciation. It is saving people's lives.



# FINANCIALS\*

*to show where all the money went in 2009.*

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE

Income Contributions	\$1,203,832.88
Revenue	\$26,077.90

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**TOTAL INCOME** **\$1,229,910.78**

### EXPENSES

Field Programs	\$1,145,666.98
Resource Development	\$36,594.00
Capital Expenditure	\$42,666.42
Field Office Administration	\$127,961.18

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$1,352,888.58**

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**BALANCE OF FUNDS** **-\$122,977.80**

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\*All figures are in US Dollars using a fixed exchange rate \$1 USD = 32.325 Thai Baht

The balance of funds spent in excess of 2009 contributions represents retained income fund balances carried over from 2008.

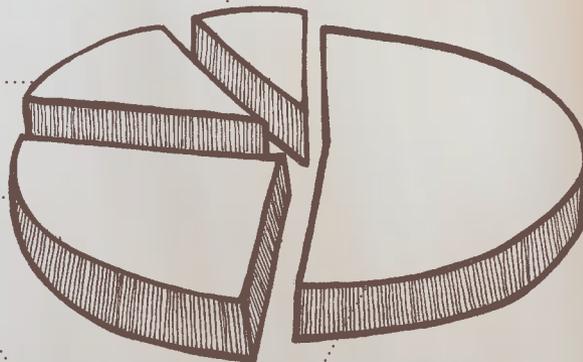
## FIELD PROGRAMS

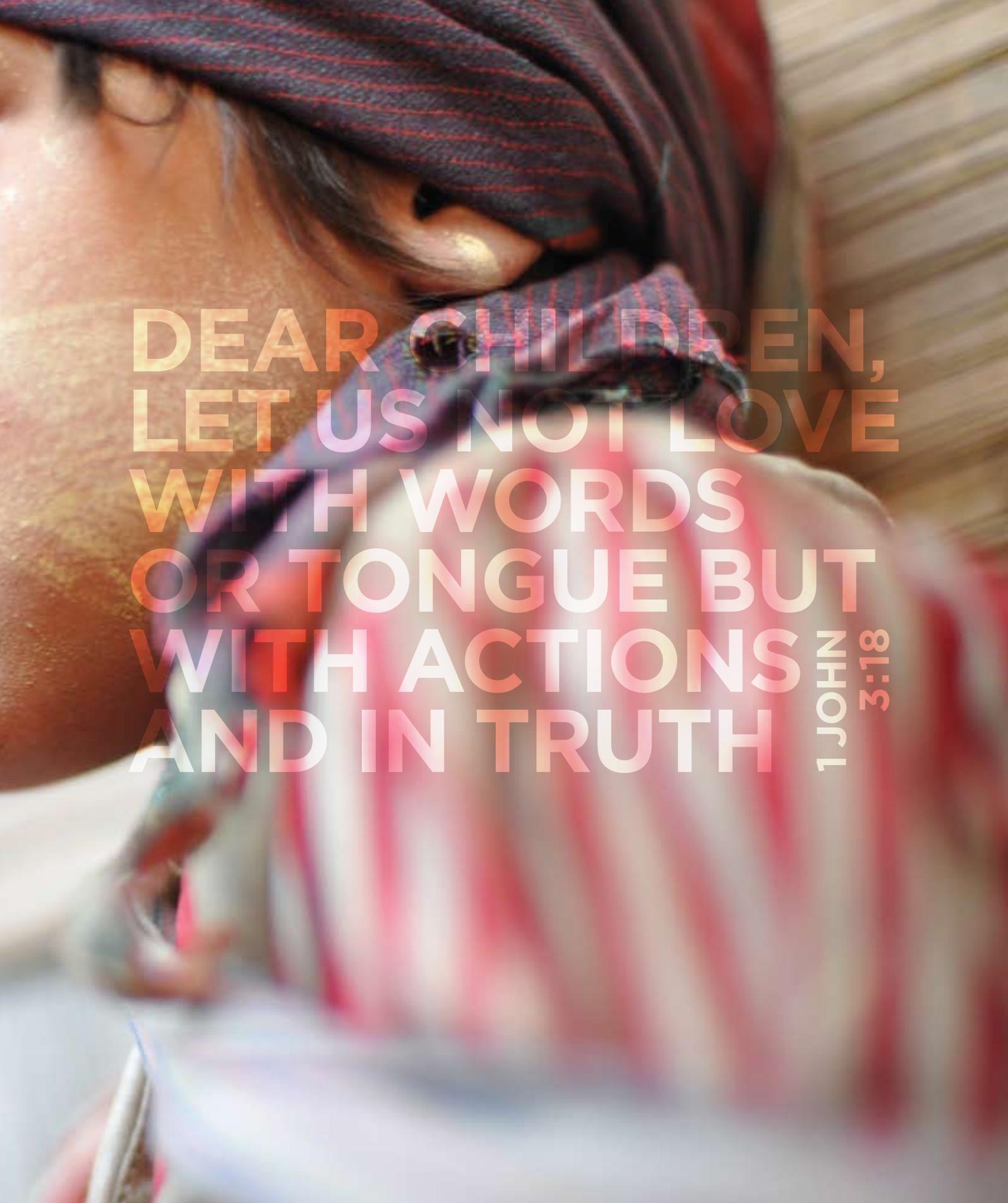
DEVELOPMENT **8%**

MARGINALIZED PEOPLE **14%**

CAPACITY BUILDING **26%**

RELIEF **51%**





DEAR CHILDREN,  
LET US NOT LOVE  
WITH WORDS  
OR TONGUE BUT  
WITH ACTIONS  
AND IN TRUTH

1 JOHN  
3:18

free, full lives  
FOR THE CHILDREN  
of Burma

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