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a message from the Chief Executive Officer

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 (NIV)

The word justice appears 1,576 times in the Old and New Testament in 1,379 separate verses of the Bible. That's two times as often as love or heaven is referenced, and seven times as often as the grave or hell.

Justice is not an abstract idea for Partners Relief & Development either; it is our core. Justice has a name and face; it has a story, like that of a Rohingya refugee our team met, named Noor Begun. Like 140,000 other people, she lives in a series of ad hoc refugee camps outside the West-Myanmar city of Sittwe.

Her life is complicated by inadequate shelter, no access to medical care, violence from the authorities and a life of barbed wire isolation. After wrestling with health issues and the coarse grind of poverty for two years, she gave birth to beautiful twins in February 2014. What should have been a time of celebration quickly became one of desperation.

Her husband died on May 4th, after fighting many medical problems. Then on the 5th one of her twins passed away and finally, on May 8th, her last child died. Noor Begun herself has tuberculosis and is very sick.

Our team provided medical attention, food and oral rehydration salts. We prayed for her and begged her to stay strong, despite her suffering. We did all that we could do to help her, to love her as we love our own.

Justice is the foundation of God's throne, the epitome of the golden rule and the greatest commandment, and in so many essential ways, one word we could say lies at the root of the gospel of the kingdom.

What we pursue for Noor Begun and the millions of families affected by conflict and oppression is justice, not charity. We seek to walk like our leader did who said He came to heal, bring freedom to the prisoners, and set captives free (Luke 4:18). Furthermore, He said: "God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied." (NLT)

Our partnership with you meant that in 2014 we ministered to more than 250,000 refugees and vulnerable people. Our team helped treat over 26,000 patients in 8 clinics and trained 70 new health workers. We enabled more that 140,000 children to attend school in areas of conflict and oppression which would otherwise mean that no school would be possible.

In this report you will see more of the highlights from 2014 and get a snapshot view of our financial position. None of this would have been possible without you. Thank you for sharing your resources, freedom and love with people who desperately lack these commodities. Thanks for hungering and thirsting for justice with us. I know we will be filled as we follow our leader.

For the displaced and abused,





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EMERGENCY RELIEF supplies for ROHINGYA include 94,900kg of rice and 7,400kg of vegetables



Sustainable food support for 6,500 DISPLACED KACHIN



Clothing and household supplies for 600 KAREN affected by a fire in refugee camp



**1,000 KAREN** received emergency **MEDICINE** for stomach bug outbreak.

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

to provent the exploitation and trafficking of children

**RAKHINE STATE** My sister's husband left before the fighting started, to get work in Malaysia, while she stayed behind with her two young children. When the fighting started our whole family had to flee for our lives from our home in downtown Sittwe to an area outside of Sittwe where all the Rohingya are trapped in camps. After a while my sister decided to make the dangerous trip to Malaysia so that she and the children could be reunited with her husband. They paid \$200 for a small boat to smuggle them out to sea where a much larger boat was waiting to take them to Malaysia. Only the boat never made it to Malaysia. Instead, the passengers were taken to Southern Thailand where they were locked away, beaten and tortured. They were forced to call their families on the phone and beg them to pay \$1000 to let them go. Fortunately the children were not hurt. For my sister, she was lucky, as we were able to get together the money and send it to the people torturing my sister. She was tortured for 10 days before the money came, after which they then took her by car to Malaysia where she and the children were reunited with her husband. They now live in Malaysia and things are okay for them. However, she warned us all never to try to take a boat to Malaysia. She doesn't want us to go through what she had to go through. For us we are lucky, we have more money than most but many people are desperate and are willing to risk torture and slavery in the hope of escaping this place and starting a new life somewhere else, anywhere else. Anywhere has to be better than here. - Rohingya Relief team member

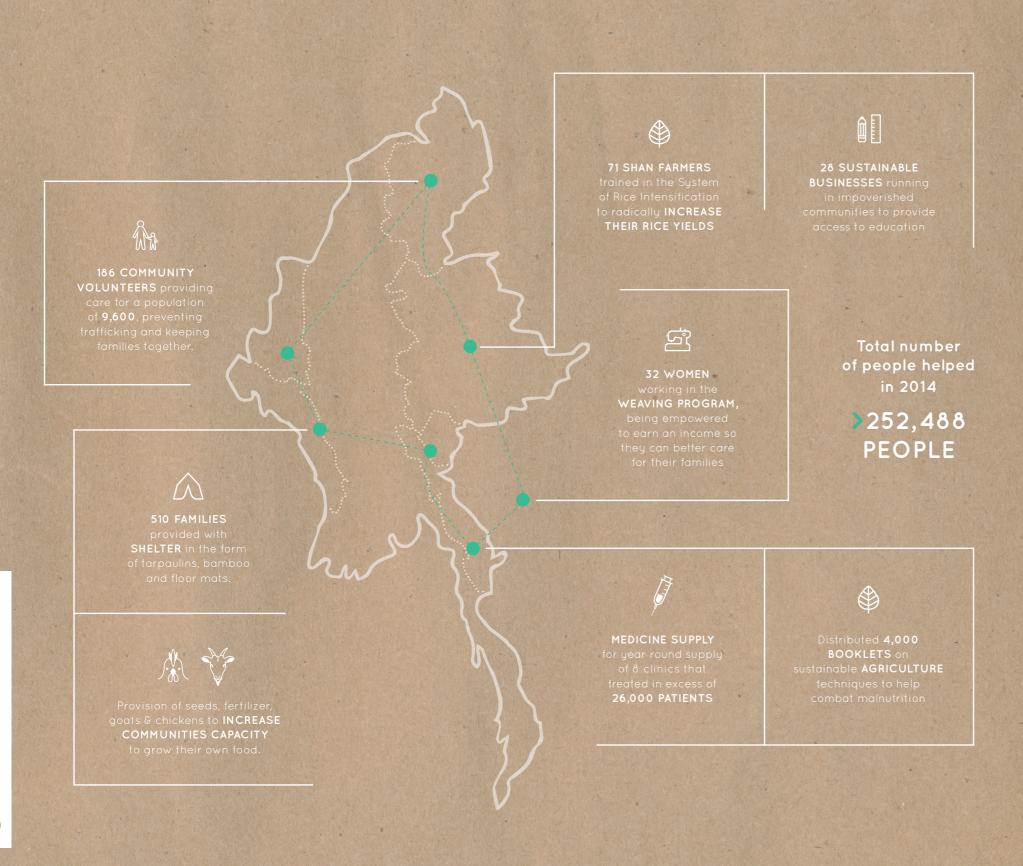
## WHEN WE STRENGTHEN FAMILIES, THE RESULTS ARE OFTEN INTANGIBLE. IT IS ABOUT HOLISTIC CHANGE WITHIN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. IT'S MORE THAN JUST NUMBERS.

-read about some of the huge impact

**KACHIN STATE** One recent case involved a women selling her two year old twins to a family in China because she did not feel like she could take care of them. They came to the Internally Displaced persons camp and convinced the mother that they would take care of the children but were hiding their true intent. Thankfully the Community Support Network, along with the grandparents and the Kachin Women's Association became involved. They were able to find out where they had been sold to and contact a leader in the Chinese community to get the twins back. The twins are now safe and living with their grandparents.

One man from China went to a Kachin Internally Displaced Persons camp and talked to the children telling them that he could find really well paid jobs for them in China. One young girl agreed to go with him because she wanted to get out of the camp and wanted to earn money. The Community Support Network (CSN) obtained the phone number of the man who took her. He said that she was doing well and was happy but the CSN coordinator soon realized that she had already been sold to a rich family in China. The volunteer contacted the Kachin Women's Association who managed to find out where she had been sold to and organized to get her back through other contacts that they have.

We interviewed our community support volunteers in Kachin State and they told us that through this program they have been directly involved with the provention of at least 10 cases of trafficking and rescued four trafficking victims.



## WHAT DEFINES US?

Motivated by our faith, we strive for a commitment to establish sustainability in our projects. By working in partnership with local communities and organizations, we're helping secure a brighter future for children affected by conflict and oppression.



#### SUSTAINABLY FOCUSED

We're focused on solutions that move beyond immediate relief. By equipping poor and displaced communities with sustainable ways, we empower them to provide for their community needs, which enable them to flourish even in a state of conflict and oppression.



#### COMMUNITY DRIVEN

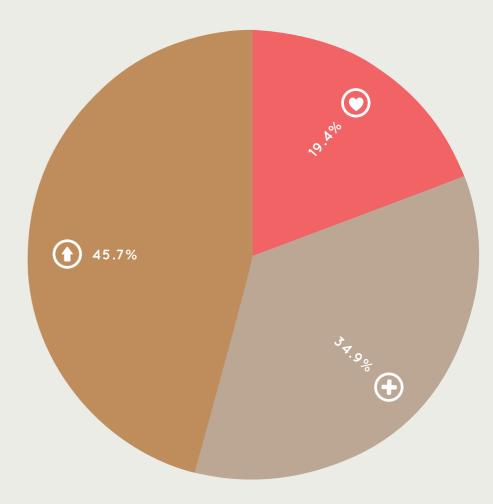
We're driven by relationships, not policy. We appreciate the capabilities which are already held by communities. Through partnerships we draw people and their skills together to develop creative solutions to the unique problems they face.



#### FAITH INSPIRED

We're inspired by our faith to do more than just talk about God's love. We demonstrate it through practical response – caring for the whole person by working to improve their spiritual, physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.





TWENTY YEARS AGO, an ordinary couple felt compelled to help one child orphaned by war. Since then, thousands of children in Myanmar (Burma) have experienced renewed hope and even life saving interventions because of this kind of compassion.

Despite talk of peace, conflict and human rights abuses affecting children still abound in Myanmar (Burma). Decades of war have displaced over half a million people and have meant access to basics like education and healthcare are out of reach for many children. With the help from people like you, we're working to change that.

From training medics to helping build schools, it's about sowing seeds for future generations. We join hands with locals to seek community-based solutions that strengthen families, meet their needs in times of acute crisis and create nurturing environments that allow children to reach their full potential.

We believe that no border or barrier should stop people from experiencing God's love. That's why we are where others have said we cannot go. By working with vulnerable and difficult to reach communities, our desire is to bring practical solutions that build a future for children free from hardship and exploitation.

OUR PROJECTS 2014

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

—meeting children's primary needs

Partners works to enable families to provide for themselves by initiating agricultural, animal husbandry and cottage industry projects for sustainable livelihood. By helping communities and families help themselves, we invest in the basic daily needs of children affected by conflict and oppression. We are always looking for ways to provide sustainable development.

Additionally, access to healthcare is a primary component of a child's future. We do this by training medics, equipping clinics, hospitals, and community healthcare programs. We work to provide the sort of healthcare and medical access that a child needs in order to live a healthy life.



### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

-preventing the trafficking of children

We endeavor to strengthen families and provide safe nurturing environments for children to grow, through school attendance and development of church and social institutions in order to reduce the number of children sold, kidnapped, or otherwise trafficked into prostitution and slavery each year.



#### EMERGENCY RELIEF

—care for children in crisis

We provide emergency and short-term provision of food, shelter materials, and basic survival necessities for children, their families, and communities during times of acute crisis. Emergency relief is essential when war or social breakdown occurs, leaving children vulnerable to suffering and exploitation.



## FINANCIALS\*

#### **STATEMENT** OF ACTIVITIES

INCOME	\$1,216,405.00
EXPENSES	
Program Support	\$890,799.00
Resource Development	\$106,468.00
Management / General	\$118,426.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,115,693.00
BALANCE OF FUNDS	\$100,712.00

\* Partners Relief & Development financial statements are reviewed and verified by external auditors on an annual basis. Partners Relief & Development is a registered charity in Canada, United Kingdom, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. While the financial details represent income and expenditure for the United States, the accomplishments detailed in this report are the result of our combined efforts.



#### **#GIVINGTUESDAY**

One amazing day raised \$26,626 to support refugee children



#### USA

Donations to programs up 22% in 2014 due to our very generous supporters



#### CHRISTMAS 2014

210 ducks donated to help communities with sustainable agriculture.



#### CANADA

The annual cycling & golf fundraising events raised \$32,000



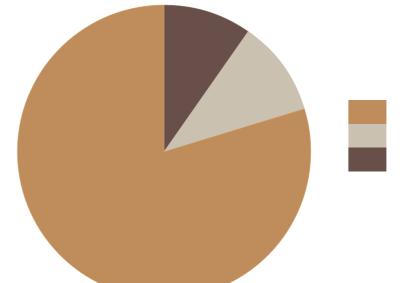
#### **NEW ZEALAND**

Live Below the Line (living on NZ\$2.25 a day for 5 days) raised \$25,644



#### UK

'The Ferguson Trust', gave £20,000 (\$31,400) for Shan Sustainable Schools





Management / General 10.6% Resource Development 9.5%

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