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>> End of Financial Year Appeal 2011

10th of June, 2011

Dear AFAP supporter,

This year AFAP's Community Partner Program supported amazing initiatives in 16 countries. This Program is unique because it enables Australians to get directly involved in making a meaningful difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people on Earth. It is not possible to put all the amazing stories that come out of this work into a short letter like this. But just to give you a tiny glimpse of what the Community Partner Program is doing, here are some examples of the work it is supporting:

Income generation activities in Nepal • Therapeutic feeding for malnourished children in Timor-Leste • Access to education for children in Africa and Cambodia • Literacy Programs in Laos and South Africa • Meals for street children in Vietnam • Vocational training for women in Cambodia • Homes for orphaned children in Ethiopia and Nepal • Life changing surgery for disabled children in Bangladesh • The provision of safe water to Maasai Communities in Tanzania and school children in Cambodia • Peace building in Democratic Republic of Congo • Medical care for newborn babies in Uganda • Improved environmental management in Tibetan communities and public health initiatives in India.

This year I visited Ethiopia and Timor Leste to see first-hand some of the work our Community Partner Programs are supporting. The photo below was taken in Ethiopia where I met with an Ethiopian savings group. The women involved each contribute 5-10 Bir (equivalent to approximately 20-30 cents) a week into a fund that they use collectively for investment opportunities and health care. These groups enable women to be less vulnerable in the long term.

I was most impressed by the work I saw in Ethiopia ***"it really was turning hope into a reality for children, adolescents and adults who are living with or affected by HIV"***.

AFAP's Community Partners come from all walks of life and are all contributing in whatever way they can, in order to make a difference to the lives of others. We hope that you will support AFAP again this year. As your support is crucial to enabling us to keep the Community Partner Program operating.

Yours faithfully,

John Rock
AFAP Board Member



Our Community Partner Program

The Community Partnership Program is an important part of AFAP's ongoing strategic development. Through the service, communities in Australia are linked with communities in Africa, South Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific in the support of specific development and poverty alleviation projects.

"By supporting the important work that AFAP's Community Partner program does, you can feel confident that you are contributing to effective and meaningful work that is making real changes to the lives of individuals in developing Countries" **Cassandra Mok, AFAP Partnership Program Manager.**



"I would be only too proud to support and promote the work that HIAM-Health is carrying out in Timor-Leste. Having visited the Centre and seeing first-hand the work I was extremely impressed" **Dr Jose Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste writing about the work of Hiam Health, AFAP Community Partner in Timor-Leste.**

"Our biggest challenge is to stop the kids from accepting fate - to fight their own fate and make their own future." **Michael Brosowski, Blue Dragon Program in Vietnam and AFAP Community Partner (featured on CNN Everyday Hero, 12th May 2011).**



If you donate before 30th June you can claim your tax deduction this Financial Year!!

To Donate:

1- Visit our website www.afap.org and make a secure donation online.

2- Complete the donation form and post it along with your credit card details or cheque to:

**AFAP
Po Box 12
Crows Nest
NSW 1585**

3- Give us a call on 1800 007 308 (toll free)

You can be a part of this work and get involved by volunteering your time or by giving regular financial support to AFAP.

Please support the work of AFAP so we can continue to develop partnerships and support innovative programs to alleviate poverty and improve lives.

We need your help today.

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