

# News & Prayer Letter.

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Message from CEO

**"Hope itself is like a star- not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity."**

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

It seems that Mission International news is full of reports of those suffering the night of adversity. Whether it be by cyclones, storms, flooding or the lack of basic necessities and of course war, adversity continues to severely challenge those at its centre. I am forever amazed at the steadfast nature of brothers and sisters, in particular in the developing world, as they endure difficult times. Their resolute reliance on God at such times is a wonderful lesson to all of us.

**Psalm 43: 5** Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God. (NIV)

The Psalmist, in writing these words prophetically (words that would become the songs and prayers of Christ) has made it possible for us as Christian believers, those in Christ, to pray these prayers and sing these songs during our times of adversity. Since Christ has experienced so much on the cross and into death itself, we can claim His victory as we suffer too.

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*Hugh Henderson MBE*

***CEO Mission International***

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As this Newsletter is being produced the war in Ukraine is worsening and worldwide focus is so much on this situation. However, we are reminded that the difficulties faced by our MI Partners continue and due to economic (increase worldwide in food and fuel prices) and climatic events, day to day living is becoming ever more challenging. First we wish to highlight areas of urgent prayer for the following:-

### Malawi and Mozambique

A further cyclone, Gombe by name, hit northern Mozambique and southern Malawi. The images below show the level and the effects of this cyclone. People there are still reeling from cyclone Ana and so are in desperate need of help. In addition to the loss of their homes possessions and simply trying to survive day to day, cholera is now prevalent due to lack of clean water . Please pray for God's protection and His provision for so many in need.



Our MI Partners in Malawi managed to get food to these street kids stuck due to the floods. As you can see the kids are happy to see them.



**Myanmar** – Reports from our MI Partner in Myanmar state that the economic situation, as well as the ongoing difficulties posed by the military coup in the country, is having an adverse effect on daily living. Food and Fuel Prices are ever increasing (e.g. oil for cooking prior to the coup was \$2.00 per 2 litres and is now \$5.00). Despite the difficulties and dangers posed our MI Partner continues to preach the gospel and has regular outreach, often in people's homes. (as per photos below) .Please pray for our MI partner for his continued protection from the dangers faced in Myanmar and for God's provision to those facing hunger due to the ever-increasing food, fuel and daily commodity prices.



## MI PARTNER SPOTLIGHT'S

**Burundi** – News from our MI Partner in Burundi states that there appears to be more stability in the country and sanctions from UN, U.S.A. and EU have eased and hopefully much needed aid will be provided. Like so many countries worldwide Burundi is affected by ever increasing fuel and food prices. This poses great difficulties for those already struggling to survive from day to day. Please pray for God's provision and that aid coming into the country will help ease the adverse poverty affecting this country. Also pray for good governance that aid will reach those that are the most in need.

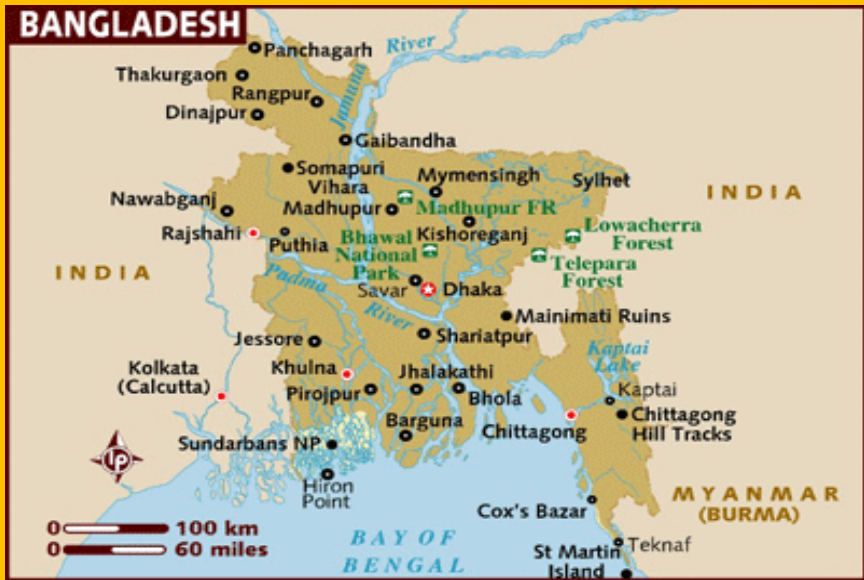
The work of Rema Burundi continues and we ask you to pray for the many challenges faced by Theo and his team, particularly with the increase in the number of refugees returning to Burundi and the support given to them by the team.

"We want to give thanks for the many young lives that have been nurtured and supported through Rema Burundi who are now moving on into adulthood and are marrying, having children, going to university, employment etc." Theo has asked for prayer support and wisdom in coming up with an Exit Strategy for those that are moving on in their lives, in order to free up places for others that are in need. Please continue to pray for Burundi and for all the projects that MI are involved in.





**Bangladesh** – MI are encouraged by the amazing work carried out by our MI Partner in this country. Despite the main obstacles faced due to Bangladesh being a mainly Moslem country our MI Partner continues to reach many with the Gospel and carry out numerous baptisms and successful church plants. Please pray for our MI Partner’s protection.



**Pakistan** – We wish to highlight the work of our MI Partner in Pakistan working with the enslaved brick factory workers. He has highlighted the need of funds for feeding these workers and it would be an encouragement if this could be provided as a special gift at Easter.

There is also a need for the provision of cooling fans in the school classrooms due to the excessive heat (temperatures can reach 50 degrees centigrade).



**Kenya** – We give thanks for the provision of funding for building work of Classrooms at Kandaria School and towards water projects. This is has been a real encouragement to Pastor Tom Opiyo and his team and to the many who benefit from these projects. Please pray that all of the planning and building work will progress well.



Please continue to pray for the valuable work that is being carried out in the various projects in which Pastor Tom is involved.