

what you can do to keep



5 ALIVE



For only 50 dollars, 5 people can get food, shelter, and a way to survive.

Will you help us help 5?

Keep reading this brochure to find out how.

Burma is ruled by a brutal military regime. It is often called the world's worst. Since 1997 Burma Army soldiers have burned down or destroyed more than 3,500 villages. Countless villagers have been abused and murdered. More than one million survivors are displaced and vulnerable in their jungle hide sites today.

We asked what they need to survive while hiding. Their answer was simple:

Machete. Cooking pot. Rice. Lighter. Plastic Tarp.

YOU can *help* them by helping us provide life essential items. Will you join us and help the *displaced people* of Burma?

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

Matthew 7:12

*A family living in hiding in Toungoo district, Burma. Their village was attacked by the Burma Army.
(Photo: Partners)*

RICE & SALT

The staple food.
No rice & salt = starvation

TARP

Shelter during the
rainy season.
A mat to sleep on.

POT

To cook meals.
For boiling water.
For drinking.

MACHETE

To chop down bamboo
and construct a shelter.
To cut umbilical cords.

LIGHTER

To light a fire.
To keep warm.



5 items • **saving**

To help people
like these.
Every day.
The future
of Burma.



Family fleeing a Burma Army attack. Photo : FBR

5 lives • 50 dollars



Details and photo: Free Burma Rangers

blinded

A landmine blinded **Hsa K'Tray Saw** while he was playing near his home. He was taken to a Partners-supported mobile medical clinic. Critical care was administered. What will his future be like?

5 ACTION STEPS

What **you** do matters

LEARN

Start with yourself. Get informed about what the Burma government is doing to destroy its people. Learn the stories of the heroes who resist the regime. You can find a list of resources on our website at www.partnersworld.org.

SHARE

The Burma Army likes dirty secrets. If we don't expose them, who will? Tell your community, church, friends, co-workers and family about what is happening in Burma. Tell the stories of the amazing people who are not giving up. Use this brochure and download our videos (www.partnersworld.org) as resources.

GIVE

Foot the bill to bring life-saving help. It takes cash and resources to save lives. We demonstrate love through concrete action thanks to people like you. Use the enclosed envelope to invest in their lives today.

SIGN UP

When was the last time you heard about Burma on the evening news? Do you want current updates and information about how you can help? Go to www.partnersworld.org and sign up to receive our free quarterly magazine and frontline updates.

PRAY

Prayer shifts attitudes and events. Prayer recognizes our need for God's intervention. Please visit www.partnersworld.org and click "Pray". Also, participate in the annual Global Day of Prayer for Burma. For more info, go to www.prayforburma.org.



**If the poor *die of hunger*,
it is not because
GOD does not
care for them.
Rather, it is because
neither you nor I
are generous enough.**

Mother Teresa



Saw Ko Nu's 13-year old son and nephew were **tortured and murdered** by the Burma Army in 2007.

In a separate attack, his wife and 3 other children were also killed by the regime in 2002.

At his son's graveside, he cried out,

'OH MY SON, MY SON, I TRIED MY BEST FOR YOU. I PLANNED MANY GOOD THINGS FOR YOU OH GOD, OH GOD, IF YOU DON'T HELP ME I CAN'T CONTINUE ON!'

Photo and details: FBR

5 ALARMING FACTS

1

Millions of people have been **pressed into forced labor**, a modern form of slavery.

2

The regime **brutally suppresses democracy** and maintains the longest running civil war in modern history. Aung San Su Kyi was democratically elected in 1990. After her landslide election, the junta imprisoned her. She has been in and out of confinement ever since. Peaceful student and monk protests are halted with tanks and bullets.

3

At 70,000 kids, Burma has the **highest rate of child soldiery** on the planet (twice that of Darfur).

4

The military junta finances the 12th largest military on the planet. And yet, they have no external enemies. The government exploits the country's natural resources—such as oil, gas and rare gemstones—through the slave labor of Burma's people.

The ruling generals are very rich.

5

Burma has the **2nd worst health care system** in the world. Less than one-half of one percent is spent on health care. However, 50-70% of GDP is expended on the military.

*Too young to fight a war. India-Burma border, 2008.
(Photo: Partners)*





HE WANTS BACK WHAT IS LOST

When a warning came that Burma Army forces were approaching, Swe Htoo Hey quickly gathered his two children, his pregnant wife, and his bed-ridden mother, and rushed to hide in a bamboo thicket.

From this sheltered hide-site less than a mile away they watched the smoke from their burning home, along with nine of their neighbors' homes, billow into the sky.

This was the second time the Burma Army had burned their home down, the third time all their possessions had been stolen.

Swe Htoo Hey's brother-in-law was killed in the attack, leaving behind a toddler, a one week old infant, and a destitute widow still recovering from child-birth.

Swe Htoo Hey said: "I want back what is lost, but it's not possible."

The victims of the war in Burma are largely humble rice farmers who live earthy, wholesome lives while they raise their families and work the land their ancestors worked before them.

In partnership with the Free Burma Rangers, Partners helps them by delivering aid and bringing hope during their time of crisis. Swe Htoo Hey and his family, along with more than 1,000 other villagers, were assisted and ministered to by our teams when they were displaced and in hiding in 2007.



A child in Karen State, Burma. (Photo: Partners)

OUR VISION: Free, full lives for the children of Burma.
Reconciled communities living in peace.

OUR MISSION: Through holistic action,
Partners demonstrates God's love to children and communities made
vulnerable by war in Burma.

The people of Burma need more than pity.

They need partners.

Join our cause to directly aid them.

Today.

OUR METHODS:

Relief

We provide material aid to hundreds of families and communities displaced by the Burma Army. This consists of food, medicine, shelter, and survival supplies.

We train relief teams to care for orphans and unaccompanied minors in conflict zones.

Development

We provide jobs and job training in public health, agricultural development, and local crafts.

We help fund and operate the largest war zone education program in Burma.

We provide nutrition supplements, health care,

clothing, and educational opportunity for hundreds of children.

We build youth dorms, medical clinics, and water systems for displaced communities.

Advocacy

We inform people, organizations and policy makers about the war in Burma. We advocate on behalf of the victims of war, particularly the children. We work for change.

You

Your action and financial support counts. Use the enclosed envelope and begin investing in lives now.

Help us keep 5 people alive



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