



CRY IN ACTION

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“ Hey Everyone! Really excited to join and be a part of the team! This latest issue brings us updates from the last few months from our projects around the world, including the Bamboo Village in the Philippines, our school initiative in South Sudan and many more. We hope this issue encourages, excites and blesses you as we look together and see how CRY is creating an unstoppable impact around the world. We thank you for all of your support in changing young people’s lives around the world. Happy reading!

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A NOTE FROM THE CEO



Chris Tait
CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Tait". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

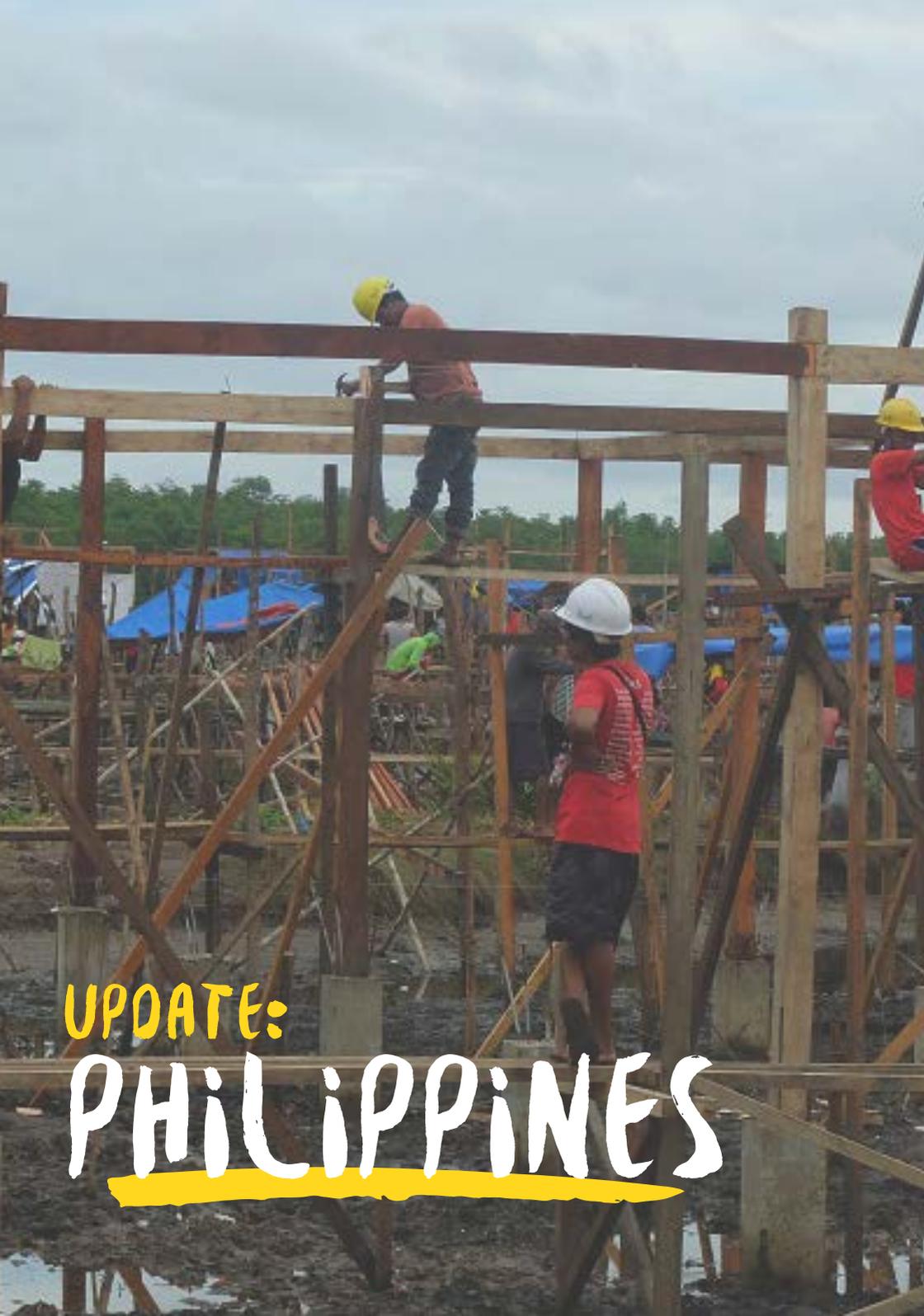
Dear Friend,

I am excited to update you with the latest news from CRY; things are moving on apace with a lot happening both internally and within the projects that we support. This year we have already started to support vital work that is being done with refugees in Greece, slum education in Kenya and support for some of the orphans of the Balkans war as they reach adulthood. You can read about our one-off support of a school in Uganda in this booklet, but you will hear more about these projects in future issues.

I would like to welcome Craig, Olanike and Jeff as trustees - they bring expertise in marketing, risk management and retail. We also have a new designer, Patrick, and James has just replaced Elaine as our new Shirley shop manager (see more on page 15).

CRY is at the Catalyst Festival 2018! I expect that a number of you will be coming to this event on the late May bank holiday and if you are there please drop by and make yourself known to me in the CRY Zone where there will be talks, kids activities, prayer times, and so much more for you to join in with. See how God is moving around the world through CRY.

Please remember us in your prayers and if you feel you can financially support us please use the enclosed form to do so. Thank you so much for your ongoing partnership with us.



UPDATE:

PHILIPPINES

In our last 'CRY in Action', we were sad to share the news of the devastating fire that hit our village in the Philippines (Father's Refuge, Palawan) so we are so excited to share how your prayers, donations and support have been such a blessing to this community.

Everyone has moved in! We received amazing news recently to tell us that all of our families have moved into the new village. CRY sent an emergency response fund to provide food and clothing kits, and help towards the building of the new village. They are now situated on a mangrove swamp, which allows them to continue their livelihood and they now have the ability to start afresh with safe walkways and spacious houses.

Before the fire, CRY was supporting a centre which provided education, meals, and income/parenting skills. This included an ALS (Alternative Learning System) school which provided education for children who could not afford to go to school. We have been able to assist with the building of a new bigger and better centre which also includes space for 18 new families, who had no homes of their own to live, and shower blocks at both ends. This is going to be a much more hygienic area for the village and provide necessities we so easily take for granted.

Thank you for your support towards this project which has seen the village through devastation to hope in just six short months. We are delighted to see the children living happily and healthily now, and are looking forward to continuing our previous support.



GOOD NEWS

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There is a steady increase in the weight, height and strength in the mid/upper arms of the children at the Bamboo Village Feeding Centre in the Philippines.

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New Way School (Russia) was nominated by the local authorities to receive a reward for volunteer work with disabled people. The school won! Thank you for your support to help shape the school; we share this reward together.

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South Sudan is a country rife with war in most areas, but praise God He is keeping Kapoeta state (where our project is) in peace. It is one of the only areas without fighting. In addition there have been bandits operating around Kapoeta who are robbing people on the roads. Some children were being obstructed from coming to school because of this but we thank God that this has now subsided. We ask for your prayers that roads will continue to remain open.

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At our ASHA HIV/AIDS Clinic in India, Nasreet and her husband who are both HIV positive have a little boy who is going to be 2 years old soon. He still tests negative for HIV. We really thank Jesus for this.

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In Bulgaria there was a need for more teachers for the children after the classes were split. As an answer to our prayers, they now have three teachers. A Christian from a neighbouring city has also joined our team and she travels daily to Sliven where our school is located.

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Linda is a ten year old girl who lives in Albania. She has had lots of health problems and had to quit school for a while because of these. She lives in a house with no water and electricity. As a result, Linda found learning very difficult. She improved quickly and now she can write really well independently.

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One of our old students in Laos has a daughter (approx 7 years old called Bhio) who was run over by a drunken driver in January. Her body was badly crushed and the doctors were unsure if she would make it through. Praise God that thanks to your great support, CRY's money was able to be used for hospital treatment and Bhio pulled through.

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We were praying for our team in Romania to be able to find and buy another centre to expand their work. What an answer to prayer as the negotiations have now begun for this!

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When we started supporting Bethel Children's Home (Tanzania) they had no beds, food, or means for an education. What a development and blessing it is that six children have just begun different vocations - three boys are doing mechanics and three girls are doing tailoring.

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In Togo, after receiving Bible teaching and spending time at the orphanage and the church, seven young teens aged 15 - 18 were baptized in November among the 75 baptized in the church. God is changing lives both physically and spiritually!

PRAISE GOD FOR ALL OF THESE ANSWERS TO PRAYER!

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PERSONAL STORY:

MOZAMBIQUE

“Tiago came to our nursery as a tiny baby after the death of his mother. He struggled for months to gain any weight and after much prayer, love and TLC we started to see him thrive. His father visits regularly and Tiago has grown into an exuberant, happy toddler.”

FUNDRAISING



A huge thank you to the Black Cat Big Band who performed a concert in aid of CRY. Many people turned up to enjoy some fantastic music, dancing and fun! £700 was raised to support children around the world!

CRY Jersey had a flag day with collecting tins in town (St Helier) in April and raised £364.50. Thank you to everyone who organised and took part in this.

CRY Jersey have been very busy, and also raffled a hamper of Easter eggs donated by local retailer Sandpipers and raised £76. Thank you for all your hard work!

CRY Jersey had a barn dance at the Mayfair Hotel in February. There were nearly 100 people, all dancing to the sounds of the Caesarean Celidh band, and they raised just over £900!

Mark and Pat Scott raised £1,639 in 2017 from running a tuck shop at HSBC. Thank you to the Scotts!

Thank you also to Ray, who as always does an incredible job at running events and fundraisers for CRY. We are so grateful for your endless dedication.



WANT TO BE ADDED TO OUR LIST? SIGN UP FOR A FUNDRAISING PACK, RAISE MONEY FOR CRY WHILE YOU HAVE FUN AND BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

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South Sudan is the world's newest country, gaining its independence in 2011 but suffering from conflict within its borders ever since. On top of this, half of the population live in poverty and many children - especially girls - are unable to access education.

In November 2014 we won a grant from the Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission to build a school in Kapoeta, in the south east of the country. The school has been built in this time and now provides basic and high school education under drastically difficult circumstances which include the effects of war, lack of internet, high cost of living and many teachers leaving. Our school, along with one other, are the only schools functioning out of the 18 that were there in 2013, so the support we give is vital.

Sadly mortality has increased due to the war and children need our help in this dangerous area. We don't want to abandon them, we want to help them have a bright future despite this troubled time in the nation.

CRY's support is enabling 27 children to be at the school (through scholarships), our money is also used for staff salaries, school text books, stationery and other resources, as well as providing meals. Children are being given the opportunity to get qualifications to find jobs, and to excel. This would not have been the case before. Thank you for your support which has enabled these changes: helping girls to enter education, building a new accessible school for children in local villages, providing food for the hungry and giving future opportunities to young people.



SOUTH SUDAN



"CRY'S SUPPORT IS ENABLING 27 CHILDREN TO BE AT THE SCHOOL."

BULGARIA

Some communities do not see the importance of education, and many children end up begging or working on the streets. We are supporting work that is hoping to change this; to help parents realise the importance of sending their children to school and provide them with opportunities to get a job in the future. This also helps children understand they don't have to live a life of begging on the streets; that they have the right to a better future, and that they have an opportunity with CRY's help to work towards this in their village.

A few months ago we had a difficulty arising from the age range of the children in classes. All of the children learning together meant the work was too difficult for some and too easy for others. To change this there was a need



for space and resources. Praise God He provided chairs and tables to enable the children to be split into classes. This is working really well and since February the centre has also introduced a new group of 5-7 year olds who are preparing to start school. Unfortunately January was a very difficult month as many of the children were ill with flu. For 10 days the centre had to close the school and go to the homes to visit the sick children. Thanks to your support, they were able to provide food, buy medicines, and also pray for them. It is an answer to prayer that the children were soon well and able to resume schooling.

In the summer they hope to make a children's festival in the neighbourhood. They want to prepare songs, sketches, poems and many games. The goal is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring new children to Him. Please pray for this.



LAOS:

A CHAT WITH ANDREW HEPBURN

Hi Andrew! Can you tell us some recent news from Laos?

Laos is a poor rural country and education for children is one of the greatest needs. We have set up Bamboo School in an area where very few children have the chance to receive an education, barely being able to afford food, much less an education. In February 2017 we opened our doors for the first time to 28 students.

How exciting! How do children attend the school?

We have set up a scholarship scheme which helps children who have lost their parents or come from impoverished backgrounds and who otherwise would have no financial means to pay for their own tuition. Five of the students were provided with scholarships.

Can you tell us about one of them?

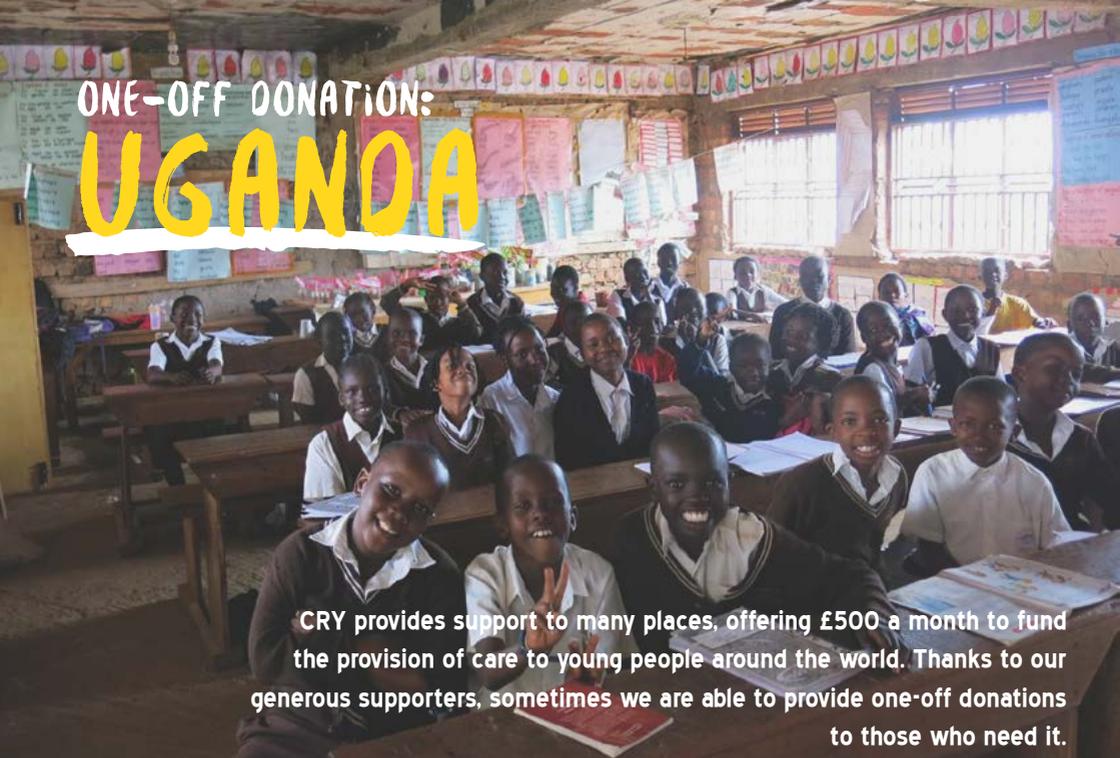
One is a teenager called 'King'. His family are from a tribe who use a method of farming used by the poorest in Laos who don't own rice fields, so they have to plant rice on the steep mountainsides. King will be the first child of this family to ever finish high school. We asked King why he studied English? He answered, "Because I want to get a good job and be a doctor, because I want to help my parents and family financially and when they get sick I can take care of them." It is wonderful to be able to help King to start to achieve his goals.

That's fantastic! Lastly, can you tell us what else our amazing supporters help towards?

We have also completed the building work and created classrooms and bathroom facilities for the children to use. We provided 120 textbooks and 22 double desks, along with other furniture such as whiteboards. Lessons have already started and there are now many children attending.

WE ARE SO PLEASED TO BE A PART OF THIS EXCITING NEW SCHOOL, AND TO HEAR HOW THE CHILDREN WILL PROGRESS!

ONE-OFF DONATION: UGANDA

A large group of smiling school children in a classroom, wearing white shirts and dark vests. They are sitting at wooden desks, and the room is decorated with colorful posters and notices on the walls.

CRY provides support to many places, offering £500 a month to fund the provision of care to young people around the world. Thanks to our generous supporters, sometimes we are able to provide one-off donations to those who need it.

In February, we were able to provide Kairos School in Uganda £8000 to renovate 8 classrooms. The children were learning in dark, dusty and unhygienic environments, making it very difficult to engage. The money we sent meant they would be able to screed the floors, plaster walls, construct ceilings and decorate.

How have we made a difference?

- Four classrooms already finished, and children happily learning now.
- Student well-being has been enhanced and the school is now known for providing a consistent high standard of facilities across the whole school.
- Children are more healthy and happy due to a better learning environment.



SHOPS

We have made a good start to the year, building on an excellent 2017. A large focus for us this year is to enhance the experience of our customers and supporters by upgrading the presentation of our shops.

- We have recently redecorated and refitted our shop in Taunton.
- We are currently redecorating and redesigning our shop in Eastleigh and hope to have work completed by June.

Much of this work is carried out by our own staff, volunteers and some wonderful supporters of CRY and we can't thank them enough for their kindness in helping. On the staffing front we are sad to see Elaine Birch, Manager of Shirley move on after nearly 10 years' service to CRY. We thank her so much for all she has done for us and wish her every success as she starts a new chapter in her life. We have appointed a new Manager, James Greaves, we wish him well in his new role. One of the keys to our continued success has been Gift Aid sales and donations - they make such a difference (the Government give us an additional 25% on the sale of every Gift Aid item). We thank you all for your continued donations and if you haven't yet signed up for Gift Aid, please let us know on your next visit to one of our shops.



God bless you all.

Clive Wyatt
Retail Operations Manager

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