



CRY IN ACTION

Rescuing and Restoring Young Lives Broken By Poverty

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Children playing outside their homes in Iraq // CRY Supports: Orphan Ministry Baghdad



HELLO FROM ALL OF US AT CRY

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello! I'm excited to present to you this summer terms edition of 'CRY In Action'. A new name change since last edition, but don't worry there is still the usual mix of updates from our projects around the world. We are also very excited to start planning for our 25th birthday this year, looking at and celebrating all of the amazing lives that have been rescued and restored through the past 25 years of CRY.



Emma Bone
CRY Designer

IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!!! 25 YEARS

In the Autumn, we will be celebrating CRY's 25th anniversary! It has been 25 years since we started with one home for orphans in Romania and since then we have been privileged to help thousands of children all over the world. On SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER, we will be holding an event in Southampton to celebrate.

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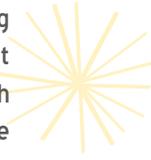


A NOTE FROM OUR CEO



I must be having a great time! Time flies when you are having fun and I cannot believe that I have been with CRY for 4 months already. I have had a chance to get to know the team working in the shops and office and can assure you that they are a hardworking and enthusiastic bunch, passionate about making their contribution to caring for the poorest children in the world.

I have also had the opportunity to visit one of the teams we support who are working with the refugees now living in Athens. They are providing food and medical aid to various communities who are living in derelict buildings in the city and as you can imagine seeing the youngsters in such conditions was more heart rending than viewing it on TV. It was a positive feeling that on your behalf we are making a difference to their lives. After that visit I was at a conference where I was able to meet many leaders of projects and to hear first-hand about what is being done to provide care and relief for the young in many locations. I was inspired again.



In this newsletter you will read about what is happening in Laos, South Sudan and Iraq which I hope you find interesting. It is all about CRYing out for the poor in so many parts of the world and working in Jesus' name and His strength to bring support and aid.

Hopefully you will take the time to read this short update on just some of what CRY is doing and to continue to remember us in your prayers.

With my thanks and best wishes

Chris



BAMBOO SCHOOL

According to UNICEF, attendance in early childhood education in Laos is at just 23%, with learning materials owned (such as books) at only 5%. This demonstrates the need for education for so many children in Laos, especially in rural provinces where schools are either not available, or not affordable for families. Coupled with this, many children have to look after their younger siblings while parents go to work to try and earn money to feed their desperate families, and therefore the children simply do not have the chance to go to school. With no schools, no education and no opportunities, children are left to look after their families and work the land, leaving no opportunities to change their future or move on from their current poverty.



GOOD NEWS

There is good news however! Thanks to you, CRY has been able to buy a school in one of the rural villages where children had no opportunity for an education. This is such exciting news as it is the first Western owned school in the province, and it is teaching the children English as well as important life, computer and work skills. It gives the chance for children to get better employment in the future if they have knowledge of the English language, so this school will be a life changer for many children in the area.

As well as helping fund the building, CRY will be providing the opportunity for children to learn new skills at the school, along with resources such as books and uniform. However, we want to make sure every child gets the chance for an education despite their circumstances, so we will be running a sponsorship scheme for poorer children.

The current aim for the school is to have 60-100 children attending, and the school has already grown from teaching 28 students, to 60 in just one term. We are excited to see how this will grow even further over the coming months.

It is a privilege for CRY to be involved with this giving children a sense of dignity and purpose, and a chance to benefit their families and escape poverty. We cannot wait to see the progress of this school and how it benefits hundreds of children.

HOW CRY CHANGED MY LIFE

Lai's story from Hosanna Children's Home in Myanmar



“ My name is Lai Hni and I come from Chin State. After my father died I came here to Hosanna Children's Home. In my old village my mother could not send me to school but now I can have a good education and I am so happy to be here and have a home. In the future I want to be a Pastor and a good teacher. I thank God for all the people who have prayed for me and helped me. ”



A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who have worked hard fundraising for CRY.

We hope you have had lots of fun!



Got an idea??

If you would like to fundraise for CRY then we would love to help you!

Please e-mail: ukoffice@cry.org.uk and let us know what you are up to!!

£1500

From Christ Church London to go towards our refugee work in Turkey

£50

was raised at the Parish of Saint Mary thanks to their charity lunch



£3783

raised from CRY Jersey through a sponsored walk and a Barn Dance



£750

raised at the CRY Quiz on 6th May

£822

from the children at Grove Primary School through a sponsored cycle, scoot, run and cake sale

£354

raised by D@rt Centre who ran a community choir concert

25th Birthday!

Keep your eyes peeled for our special campaign full of fun ideas to raise money and celebrate 25 years of CRY

On 20th February we prayed for the gypsy families to see the importance of sending their children to school.

The staff were able to meet together with parents from the whole district to plan and share ideas for classes, and goals for the children. A real change in their culture.

On 6th March we prayed for all those fundraising.

We have recieved generous amounts from new and current fundraisers.



GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

On 15th May we prayed for the new school build in Pakistan.

They have now completed a new classroom, toilets, and have 25 new children enrolled.

On 24th April we prayed for the success of the sewing project in Laos.

It was a great success and the project has now introduced a new teaching skill of Beauty Salon Training, so the women have another way to earn money for themselves.

On 8th May we prayed for the children at the new school in Laos.

The teachers tell us they have had a great first term.
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CRY MONDAYS

We would love for you to join us on each Monday over these next few months praying into these areas joining with God's heart for the poor and seeing what He will do.

JUNE

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Give thanks for all the answered prayers

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For our new shop in Shirley and great success

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See how you can get involved with World Refugee Day 20th June

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Pray that many orphans would find a home in Iraq

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JULY

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Pray for more children to be helped in the same way Lai has

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Challenge: pray for an idea of how you can help someone locally this week

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More children to access education and attend Bamboo School.

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Read Proverbs 16:3 and pray with us that God would continue to grow us as a charity

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For all our fundraisers

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For peace in Iraq and protection for the children we support there

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Read Psalm 147:3 and pray for God to comfort those who are injured in Iraq

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Pray for all our project leaders, staff and volunteers around the world

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Read Psalm 109:31 and pray that people would come to know Jesus and put their trust in him

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For the famine to end in South Sudan

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Pray for an attitude change towards violence and terrorism in Iraq

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Read Jeremiah 29:11 and pray for the futures of the young girls in South Sudan. Pg.11

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Thank God for all He has done over the 25 years and for a great celebration for our 25th birthday



SOUTH SUDAN / KULEU LIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NATION SITUATION

The country has been in a state of civil war for years, forcing over 2.2 million people from their homes, with many fleeing to neighbouring countries

Thousands of lives have been put at risk because of the fighting, with a severe famine now threatening 40% of the population

The UN has described it as a man-made catastrophe caused by civil war and economic collapse, and it is predicted to only get worse unless humanitarian aid is given

PROJECT SITUATION

Almost all of the schools in the country have been closed due to economic collapse, but our school is one of the few that have stayed open and enables children to still gain an education.

The State of Kapoeta where the school is based is the only state(out of 28) that has stayed peaceful with no fighting or violence in the country; meaning children are safe, the families do not have to run to refugee camps like surrounding tribes have, and the school stays in operation and helps children and adults alike.

Through the famine, thanks to CRY the school is able to provide 2 meals a day to those at the school.

*Statistics from United Nations

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

South Sudan has been in the news recently as it has suffered greatly as part of the East African drought. As you know CRY's heart is to rescue and restore young lives broken by poverty and we have been supporting a school in this country for several years. CRY initially supported this project by winning a grant from the Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission to build a school. As is not uncommon in certain countries, girls in South Sudan do not have access to education. We wanted be part of changing this and thanks to the grant it was possible. After building this school we have continued to support it monthly and so have seen it from its construction through to its current operation. It is now serving over 400 children: individual lives changed for the better, giving opportunities, filled with care and love.

Over the time we have supported the school, hundreds of meals have been cooked to provide the nutrition needed by students threatened with malnutrition due to the famine in the country. Hours of teaching have been given too, and it is amazing to be a part of something that enables girls to access education. Please read the short story below which illustrates the danger girls face in places like South Sudan: impacting their young lives and aspirations for the future.

Not forgetting the boys of course! We also love supporting them too; many of the boys we support are from poor backgrounds and wouldn't be able to afford education without the help of CRY.

“ Martha, 10 years old was left in the hands of a male relative after her parents died. He tried to marry her off to a 50 year old. The school and her Uncle fought to bring Martha back and they succeeded. Martha is now back in school and retaking lessons to catch up. She is happy, safe and doing well again. ”



IRAQ

Iraq is a nation in turmoil.

Over the last hundred years there has been no respite in the fight for power and control. As we look at the current situation in the capital city of Baghdad, blood is being shed everyday with random killings, assassinations, and daily bombing agendas run by terrorists. Children are being killed in schools, mothers are being killed in the hospitals, fathers are being killed as they go to the market, and children are becoming orphans every single day. Life in Baghdad is desperate, as amenities are stopped, job prospects over, social services non existent and thousands of families fleeing to the nation for refuge.

Britain seizes Baghdad during World War One

Saddam Hussain succeeds Al Bakar as president

Iraq invades Kuwait

Iraq ends co-operation with UN

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Iraq becomes Independent

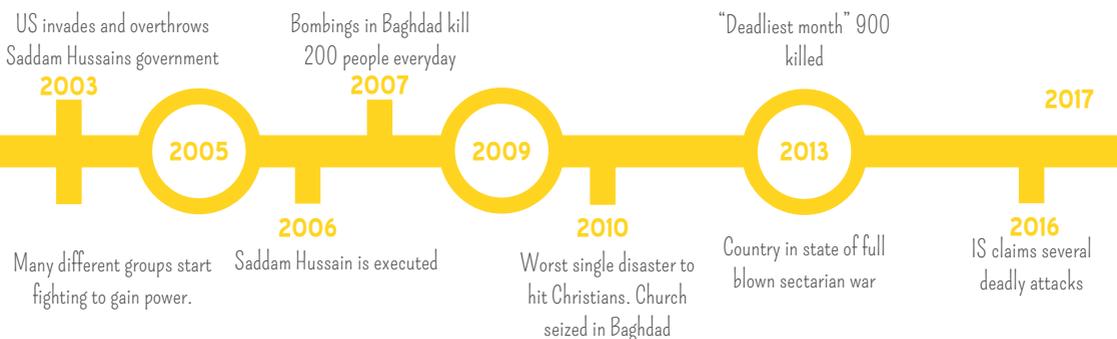
Iran at war with Iraq

US forces launch missile attack on Iraqi Intelligence



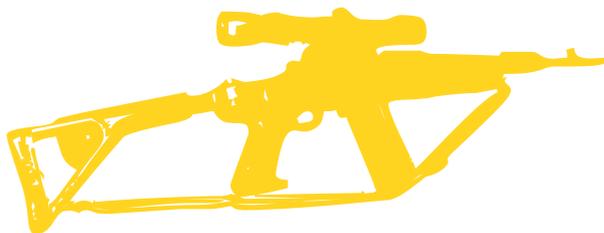
Each week Hope for Orphans in Baghdad sends a bus and collects 200 orphans to bring them back to our centre. Many of the children are alone, hopeless and have aggressive natures due to witnessing such violence. We spend time caring and loving each child, helping them see that they are loved and valued. It is such an important time together, that is essential to see these young lives restored from the damaging consequences of their war torn environments. Not only do we provide

food, medical help and teach reading and writing, but we also love to give space and time for the children to play games, have fun and to laugh. In January we also started to work into the refugee camps where they are desperate for help. We have been showing God's love and care for many families through distributing medical supplies, and food as many are malnourished. The need is still so big, so thank you for all of your faithful contributions.



Many different groups start fighting to gain power.

Country in state of full blown sectarian war



We see many of the children getting involved with violence and terrorism, often playing with guns and not attending school. With many of their father's being killed by terrorists, they are full of aggression and want to seek revenge. Our teaching has seen an improvement in their attitudes towards the world around them, having learnt that not everyone is their enemy. The children are now calmer and have peace, and are attending school. Your support to CRY really is enabling young lives to be transformed giving them a much more hopeful future.

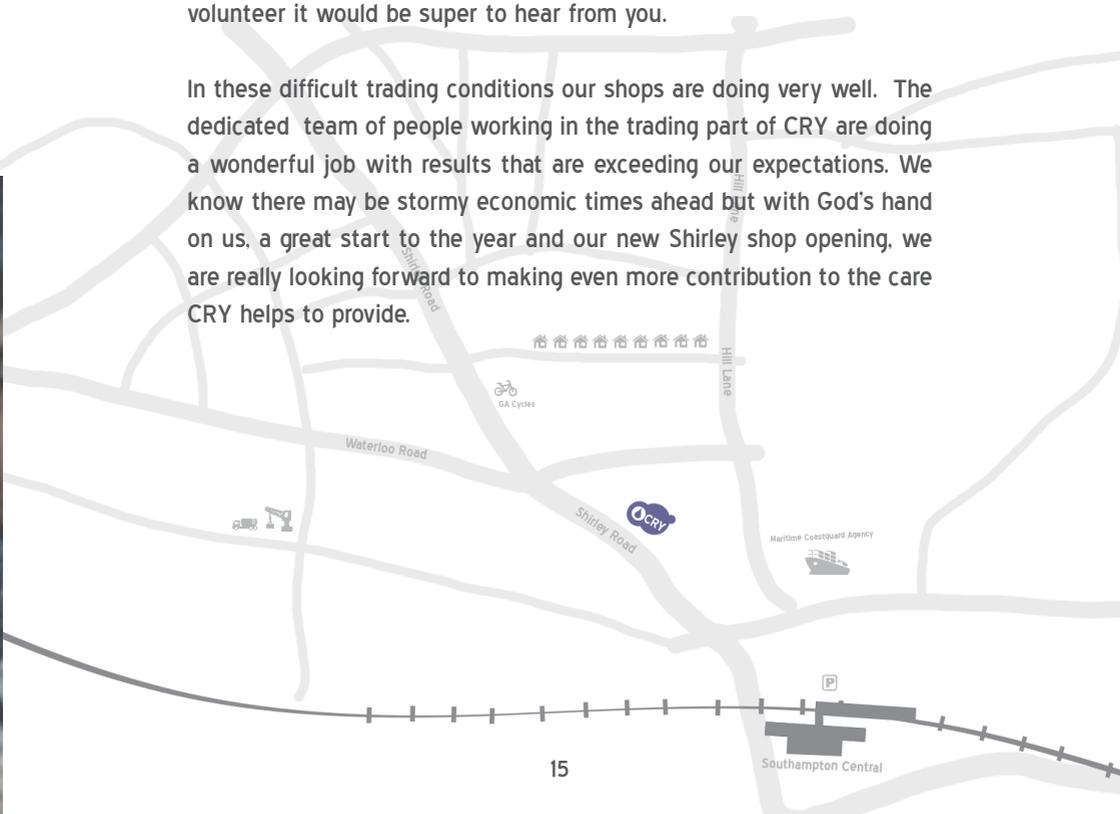


A NEW CRY SHOP FOR SHIRLEY

We are delighted to announce that CRY will shortly be opening a new shop in Shirley, Southampton. Apart from Southampton city centre, Shirley High Street is the busiest high street in the area and we will open on 17th June. This will bring the total of CRY shops to eight in the UK in addition to the two in Jersey and it will provide extra funds which will noticeably increase the amount of money available to help children who are in similar circumstances to those you have been reading about.

It has been incredibly encouraging that “Churches Together in Shirley” have welcomed our arrival and that Christians in the town are interested in volunteering. This means that, in addition to raising money, we can be a Christian presence in the High Street and a valued part of the local community. We would very much appreciate your prayers for the success of this new shop and if you would like to become involved as a volunteer it would be super to hear from you.

In these difficult trading conditions our shops are doing very well. The dedicated team of people working in the trading part of CRY are doing a wonderful job with results that are exceeding our expectations. We know there may be stormy economic times ahead but with God’s hand on us, a great start to the year and our new Shirley shop opening, we are really looking forward to making even more contribution to the care CRY helps to provide.



THANK YOU FOR CRYING WITH US



IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!!! 25 YEARS

We are 25 years old and that is worth celebrating and looking back on all the difference that CRY has made to rescue and restore so many young lives from poverty.

Keep your eyes peeled on our website, social media, and community news for more information about the exciting ways in which we can celebrate together.

