

## Keeping Families Together (South-East Asia)

The Keeping Families Together Programme is a comprehensive programme that aims to strengthen at-risk families. Local leaders are mobilised to serve their communities by caring for orphans, widows, and vulnerable families. The programme has seven key methods:

1. Families increase their knowledge and understanding by attending ten holistic development training modules.
2. Families develop a financial plan to increase their income and decrease their debt.
3. Families improve their health through knowledge and understanding, and receive a health assessment to identify any underlying health issues.
4. Families learn why staying in school is critical to a child's successful future, and receive an educational scholarship during the first year enrolled in the programme.
5. Families implement training learnt through the support they receive during a psychosocial weekly home visit from the KFT staff.
6. Families are supported through bi-monthly family fun social events.
7. Former families receive support and encouragement through a five-year follow up system.

Estimated Financial Need: \$1,300 per annum, per family.  
(a two year commitment is preferred)



## Thank you for your interest in our special projects.

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## Daily Devotional Reading (South-East Asia)

In the province where this project is running two languages are spoken- the head language and the heart language. The head language is the official language of the country, whereas the heart language is more commonly used between friends and in the markets.

The purpose of the Daily Devotional Reading project is to create Christ-centred resources in the heart language. It was discovered that through this language locals were better able to connect with the Gospel message. Currently, there are very few resources available.

A devotional book written by NZ Baptist, Lynley Capon, has been translated into the heart language and are being distributed daily to the local people through a popular messaging app. Devotions are also available via mp3 players for those who can not access the app.

In a nation where only 1.3% of people identify as Christian, this project is greatly needed.

Estimated Financial Need:

- \$330 per month for app running costs
- \$200 for 10 mp3 players



## Christian Literature Centre (South Asia)

The Christian Literature Centre, based in Chandpur, grew out of a need to produce Christian literature - tracts, books and hymn books - for the people of Bangladesh. Tracts were integral in evangelism and books necessary for church planting and discipleship.

NZBMS had been publishing a monthly magazine, Nabajug, since 1935 and this new publishing programme was the work of Rev. Bob Alcorn. It became a key ministry of the NZBMS and Nabajug continues to this day. This is the only non-denominational Christian magazine in Bangladesh.

The commentary programme began with Rev. Stuart Avery in the 1970s with the aim of providing 'homegrown' commentaries written for Bangladeshis. This would reflect their worldview and enable the readers to more fully understand the Bible. To provide a commentary on every book of the Bible is a huge undertaking, and finding people to write these is a challenge. But this still remains a key goal for the CLC.

To cover the costs of CLC in this coming year, please consider contributing:

- \$5000 per commentary (*3 commentaries to be published in upcoming year*)
- \$450 per issue of Nabajug (*11 issues to be published in the upcoming year*)



## Subsidising the employment of a woman in a freedom business (South Asia)

We opened the doors of this particular freedom business in 2001. It is located in one of Asia's largest red light areas with ~10,000 sex workers; many of whom were trafficked from villages. The vision of this business is to provide alternative employment, and opportunities for freedom, as a way to empower women to leave the sex trade.

Operating for over 18 years, this freedom business has served as an inspiration to many and has seen success in multiple areas. It has grown rapidly in that time, making it among the largest organisations of its kind.

However, the business now faces significant challenges and is currently in the process of merging with two other organisations.

The business had employed a large number of women to work on new products and manufacturing systems that have failed. The business now does not have enough orders to provide work for all the women employed.

NZBMS have agreed to subsidise the employment of 82 women during the merger transition period. We ask you to please consider financially contributing towards this cost.

Estimated Financial Need:

- \$2,500 per woman, per year (*82 women to be subsidised in the upcoming 2019/2020 year*)

