

# Transforming the Lives of the Burma Cyclone Orphans



The following is a true story of transformation, made possible by the donations that we have recently been sending to the monks of Phaung Daw Oo Monastery Orphanage School (PDO) to help the orphans from the recent cyclone to the Irrawaddy Delta area of Burma.

In the following story and photographs, you will see how the donations we have sent, have truly transformed the lives of these brave and special children.

On 25th June 08, twenty orphan children from various parts of the Delta area, were escorted by staff from PDO, including two doctors, on a journey to their new home in Mandalay.



20 cyclone children travelled to Maw Kyun Harbour by car.

They then travelled by ship, and then by bus via Yangon to Mandalay, arriving on the morning of the 28th June. The whole trip was well organised and every detail was taken care of. The monks at PDO are well experienced at gathering in these lost souls and are aware of every provision necessary for their care.



At the Maw Kyun Harbour on 25 June, 2008



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Delivering the snacks to cyclone children on the ship.



On the ship - Maw Kyun to Yangon.



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On the ship - Maw Kyun to Yangon



Sleeping on the ship Maw Kyun to Yangon.



On the bus - Yangon harbour to PDO  
Yangon Monastery

With the help of our donations, U  
Nayaka, (who is the Principal of PDO and a  
Buddhist monk) purchased two  
adjacent houses, that now form part of  
the Orphanage Monastery complex, to  
accommodate the children.  
These houses are equipped with all that  
is needed for the children to live  
comfortably.



Two houses purchased to accommodate the orphans from the Nargis cyclone to the Irrawaddy Delta in Southern Myanmar May 2008



On the bus (Yangon to Mandalay).



Arriving at PDO Mandalay Monastery



The donations also provided some warm-hearted ladies to cook for the children and provide the attention and care needed to help them to relax and settle into their new home.



The children sit down to dinner in their new home.



Eating breakfast at the PDO Yangon Monastery on 26th June, 2008

There are another 50 orphans coming soon, and PDO say they cannot guess how many more there will be. PDO recently sent 150 photos recording the above journey of transformation. In this presentation there are only 25 images.

When you look at the photo of the children with U Nayaka, you can see that within two days of arriving they are already responding to the atmosphere of Metta (loving kindness and compassion) apparent throughout PDO, but strongly emanating from the hearts of U Nayaka and U Zawtika, his brother and Vice Principal, and also from the staff, and even the other children of 'the PDO family'.



Look at those grins!!!  
Already responding to the Metta - "loving kindness"  
of U Nayaka, the Principal of PDO.



The principal and 20 cyclone children in the PDO Yangon Monastery.

This is the atmosphere that can soothe the souls of these orphans who have recently lost their whole families, were feeling lost and hungry, and surrounded by death and devastation.

Now they are dry, safe and loved. Their lives can progress. They will also receive a full education. Our donations have, and will continue to make a difference.



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Dormitory for 20 cyclone children at  
PDO Mandalay Monastery

It is very encouraging to see how much can be done with the donations we provide. However, there are more orphans on the way and more still to be gathered in.

It is important for us to seek further support for the orphans, because the need to care for them, feed them, and provide funds for their education is ongoing. This task is especially great as PDO already has over 7000 children. (Yes really!)

They receive no funding from their government and rely almost completely on donations to provide for the children.



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100% of our donations are guaranteed to arrive to PDO with no fees or administrative costs deducted.

And, the money arrives within 48 hours of sending, directly into the hands of U Nayaka in cash in their own currency for the full amount.

It can be clearly seen that the money is very well used by PDO – there is total integrity in its sole use for the care of the children.

We can make a difference to the lives of these children. It costs US60c to feed one child for a day.

So even donating the cost of an outing at the coffee shop will feed a child for several days.

If it is in your heart to help these wonderful monks to do their work please realise that even a few coins does make a difference and will be immediately and effectively used by PDO.

If you feel that you are able, or would like to make a larger, additional, or regular donation of some sort, that is entirely possible and the blessing from such acts of compassion will not only be received by the children.



In front of the PDO Mandalay Monastery  
with the principle and the vice principal.

To donate please deposit your donation into  
this account:

VG Bay-Jespersen : Burma Orphanage A/C

NAB.... BSB 084 583 A/C 82 631 6204

PLEASE make sure you put the exact account name and  
details, otherwise the bank will  
not accept it.

Thank you!!

If you can help out in any other way please email:

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or go to:

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