



## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008

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Neighbours' Aid Community Stores is a not-for-profit charitable organization established to provide support for some of the world's most disadvantaged children.



Neighbours' Aid has a valued and long standing relationship with Nambour Christian College, an interdenominational school with 1157 students from pre prep to year 12, on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Students from the College volunteer at our Nambour store as part of their Community Service Program.

College students work hard to raise funds each year for Mercy International in Thailand. Neighbours' Aid's vision to make a difference in the lives of young people world wide has led us to offer a scholarship each year to enable a student to participate in the College's trip to visit Mercy's 2 children's villages and hostel for HIV+ children in Thailand. Students undertake building, painting and cleaning projects, whilst also

engaging with the children in Mercy's care through drama, craft and music programs.

NACS also presents The Neighbours' Aid Perpetual Shield each year to a student who has contributed significantly to both the College and the wider community.

These initiatives are an outworking of our vision to partner with others to help the world's needy children.





## IN MEMORY OF GREGORY JOSEPH NEWMAN

It is with great sadness that the NACS family announces the passing of foundation board member Greg Newman, following a short, courageous battle with cancer. Greg was a fine gentleman whose optimism and faith was an inspiration to us all. He was a devoted husband to Fran, our NACS Secretary Treasurer, and their children and grand children.

The homes we are building for AIDS orphans in Samuti in Malawi will be named in honour of Greg, a great worker on behalf of the NACs children around the world.



## AFRICAN UPDATE

September/ October every year is the time when a NACS team heads to Malawi and Kenya to work with our partners there for a few weeks.

This year the MALAWI team was small – John and Jesma O'Hara met with local leaders Joe and Florence Mukiwa and their dedicated team. It was with great excitement that we sat with the leaders planning the development for the next few years.

High on our list of priorities is the purchase of more land which will be used to develop a chicken and mushroom farm and to grow vegetables. We will also purchase a maize mill to grind the corn



not only for the children, but also for the villagers living nearby.

We also need to build more classrooms and a kitchen dining room in Samuti and equip a medical clinic which will serve the local people as well as the children. We also need more classrooms and some teacher accommodation in Chickwawa. A priority next year is the training of our teachers in both schools.

Several hundred pastors and leaders from Malawi and Mozambique also attended two days of seminars led by Jesma.





From Malawi we headed to KENYA to meet up with Mickey and Cammie Pettiford and their G J Gardner NSW building team, a film crew making a documentary on the work, and Jo Hudson, our Community Health worker from PNG.

While the builders tackled the orphanage and school working with local builders, Cammie was meeting with the people who have been recipients of our micro finance business loans.

Jo was out in the villages with Nancy the local health care worker teaching 70 leaders about HIV AIDS, Family Planning and basic healthcare.

At the same time Jesma was teaching pastors and leaders from Kenya and Uganda in the town.

The Kitale House of Hope will be home to some 64 orphans and the school will

commence next year with classes one, two and three.

**YOU CAN HELP US PROVIDE A FUTURE AND A HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN OF MALAWI AND KENYA BY SPONSORING A CHILD FOR ONLY \$25 PER MONTH.**



# WE NEED YOUR HELP

When you are writing your Christmas Gift list, spare a thought for our NACS children.  
You can provide a life changing gift for a child in one of our homes.

A sewing machine - \$300

A school desk - \$30

A Bunk Bed - \$30

Food for a month for one child - \$25

Medical supplies to treat malaria - \$20

Some books and supplies for the schools - \$15

A pair of shoes for a child - \$10

A Mosquito net - \$10

Chickens - \$5

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CARD  MASTERCARD  VISA

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EXPIRY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## DIRECT DEPOSIT

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*DONATIONS TO THE KITALE FAMILY HOUSE OF HOPE KENYA  
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