

Dear Friends and Supporters

"Your support means the world to us"!

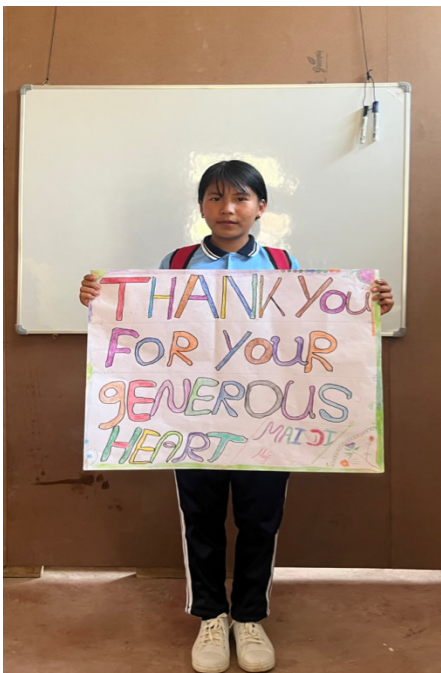
Less than 6 months ago, I sent an appeal for money to fund a new school in my village in rural Chin State, Myanmar. This was a project driven out of desperation for my people, my community, who have been missing out on education for too long.

I was completely overwhelmed by the support and generosity you have shown. Through your amazing contributions, we have been able to help many individuals to find hope and essential resources, empowering them to overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

Our generous donation has made a profound difference, enabling us to create a safe and modern learning environment. It has already changed the stories of many children facing challenges and difficulties, transforming their lives into ones filled with hope and many dreams. We are eternally grateful for your support.

Since our initial funding appeal, it has been a busy time working to open the school. We have been able to repurpose our new community centre (a previous project that I was able to fund and build) as the school building. The community came together to furnish the school; uniforms, books, stationary and other equipment were purchased in India and driven across the border. Lydia, our new Head of School Administrator, worked hard to develop the teaching materials to support the curriculum. We built toilets and dug a well, and set up solar panels for power supplies. A printer, projector, computer, and other electronics can be used there.

The joy, hope, and enthusiasm of the children and community were indescribable on the distribution day (April 2025) of learning materials and school uniforms. All the children and parents came together, sharing equal joy. Our school classes were scheduled to begin on May 1st, but because the children couldn't wait, we started on April 23rd, 2025! We have had to divide the classes into two sessions because we currently have only two teachers: one for KG-Grade 3 in the morning and another for Grades 4 to 7 and above in the evening. The children from the morning session don't want to leave after their session ends; they ask if they can learn more or stay longer. So, we let them play volleyball and other games. The evening session



students often arrive earlier than their scheduled time, so it has been a very busy few days of schooling. We hope to have more volunteer teachers from July 2025.

Since we do not yet have enough tables, desks, and chairs, the community is working so hard day and night to cut timber and make them as soon as possible. The community is also supporting the completion of all constructions at the community centre for use as a school, and they have taken full responsibility for cleaning the compound and ensuring that everything we need from them will be done on time.

I have never experienced seeing this kind of joy and hope among my people in my life. I can already see that this school has become a place of joy and hope for so many children who have faced despair and challenging lives in our community for so long. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and support. Our children will grow and serve as a testament to your kindness and dedication for years to come.

However, after our school opened, we have children and their parents coming to our learning centre every day, pleading with us to accept and enrol them. We have had to say no because we do not currently have the capacity for all of them. Initially, we raised funds for 50 students and prepared materials for an additional 10. However, the number of students seeking enrolment has reached around 85, including displaced children and their families relocated to the village specifically for this school. Consequently, we have had to turn away more than 20 children. It is heart-breaking to see children return home due to our insufficient resources to support them.

We would love to be able to reach more children, but we cannot do it without you. Our JustGiving page is still open to receive donations. Please share this with your friends, colleagues, communities to help us reach our fundraising targets.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/waymakertrust-christmas?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL

If you would like to set up a regular monthly donation, which would help us with the running costs of the school, this is now possible via a dedicated UK bank account:

Name: H Withers

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-16-15

Account Number: 81764802

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our supporters and donors for your generous support.

Distribution of Learning materials and school uniforms





First day of the school- how excited we all are!

