



# BGR TO GO

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## PROVIDING FOR CHILDREN



BGR partners are working with a nursery/kindergarten in one country which reaches 150 children (ages 3-6) to provide them with

effective educational and emotional development. Nutritious meals are also provided which is crucial in the current living conditions. The kindergarten service helps struggling families who must leave their children in order to work. It is difficult to convey the mixture of hope and frustration that is in this war-torn country right now. There is much uncertainty about the future. Pray for peace. Pray for partners as they serve others in the midst of turmoil.

## COURAGE HOMES

In one country there are 2.5 million prostituted people. A recent study in one city revealed that 90% of the adult prostituted women said they began sex work before age 18 – which suggests that they were either born into brothels or trafficked into the trade. The girls which are trafficked into prostitution are often some of the most vulnerable. In 2009, BGR partners were asked by the government to open a transition home for girls rescued from brothel slavery. In the capital city there are only three such homes and all are overcrowded. The transition home is for girls 8 – 18 years old. The home's environment, program, resources and staff profile are designed to help each girl start on the path of healing and growth for the future. Pray for ongoing favor with government authorities. Pray for God to bring healing and hope to the girls who live in the transition home. Pray for those currently held against their will in brothels – that God would provide for their swift rescue.

## WATER FILTERS IN SCHOOLS

There are nearly 300 rural primary schools in two counties in this Asian country. Only a few of these schools provide treated drinking water to their students. Most get their water from contaminated springs, wells and rivers. Recently 18 primary school children were hospitalized because of severe diarrhea. Tests conducted on the water at the school revealed high levels of E. coli. There is a simple solution – a ceramic water filter for each classroom and several for the cafeteria. Ceramic water filters are an effective way to remove microorganisms and greatly reduce contamination. BGR partners have a goal of placing 1200 ceramic water filters in 50 schools over the next year. This will help 15,000 school children have access to clean drinking water. Teachers and students will be trained on how to clean the filters and maintain them. Pray that these water filters will bring the much-needed clean water to the students and that there will be cooperation between the team and the school administrators.

## SEEKING REFUGE

People continue to seek refuge in the northern part of a neighboring country as they flee the violence in their own country. BGR partners have been able to help provide clothes and blankets, especially needed as the winter season approaches. Pray for those who have sought refuge in the homes of strangers. Ask God to help them find true refuge, peace and hope.





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## SLEEPING IN PEACE

Praise God with us for the good results from a recent distribution of mosquito nets in Mali. The villagers are grateful for the gift of the nets through BGR partners. One villager said, "Our children have many illnesses and get malaria from mosquitoes. The nets will greatly help us to protect our children. They can sleep in peace and we won't worry about them getting sick with malaria." And another shared, "During rainy season our children sleep under the nets and they don't get bitten. Therefore, they are healthier and can run and play. This is a good project." Pray that these nets will greatly reduce the incidence of malaria in the three villages where they were distributed. Ask God to continue to open the hearts of the people in this area to hear more about his love and good plan for their lives.



## FLOODING HELP

This Asian country's worst floods in half a century have left at least 500 people dead and damaged millions of homes and livelihoods around the country. Caused by months of unusually heavy monsoon rains, flooding in the capital city is threatening the economy and political heartland. BGR partners are reaching out with cleaning equipment, food and medicines. Pray for those who are affected by the flood waters. Ask God to give them hope and endurance.



## SANYATI MAKEOVER

The "Makeover" of Sanyati Baptist Hospital is going full steam ahead! Recently a Baptist partner in Zimbabwe was visiting at Sanyati with a volunteer and they took a tour of the hospital. He said it was amazing because the wing of the hospital that has been re-roofed (as part of the makeover) with heat-resistant material felt ten degrees cooler than the rest of the hospital. (The buildings in Zimbabwe do not have cooling or heat. Whatever the temperature is outside, it's pretty much the same inside!) Now if you have ever been to Sanyati in October or November you can really appreciate that! Please pray that by next October (2012) the remainder of the roof will be re-done and all the patients can feel the benefits. From 29 December to 6 January, 2012, the first Sanyati makeover volunteer team for 2012 is coming with 25 volunteers from FBC Murray, Kentucky. About half of the team will be ministering to students and children while the other half will be working to renovate a part of the hospital. Pray for God to use these volunteers as they minister in so many ways in the Sanyati area. (If you or your church would like to be a part of this ministry, go to [www.sanyatimakeover.com](http://www.sanyatimakeover.com))



## FARMING EDUCATION

BGR partners desire to have a model farm in one Asian country where people of any background can come and learn skills through teaching and a hands-on approach. Many other courses are taught to enable people to serve and work in their communities. Partners are hoping to train extensionists to be able to travel throughout the area doing community development and agricultural development projects. Pray that these extensionists will have open doors in the villages where they train. Pray that a recent goat milk project will be a success and that many will benefit from fresh goat milk.