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Chairman's report

December 2022

2021 /2022 was an exceptionally difficult year for us as Myanmar and the UK were badly hit by Covid.

But more significantly Myanmar had a military coup on February 1st 2021 which has rendered any visits impossible. Even now(December 2022), the situation continues to deteriorate and visits although technically possible would be dangerous for us and our Myanmar friends.

Our usual programme of children's camps and adult training camps and team visits have therefore totally ceased. This is a great source of sadness as we had a team ready to go as the coup struck. It also means that finances are much better than expected as normal expenditure is greatly curtailed. Our plans to provide beds and bedding for all the children and adults at the house are on hold as shops are closed and workmen are not available.

However that does not mean the work stopped. The focus had to realign with the situation and required greater monthly support.

*** Our financial monthly support almost doubled as food prices and fuel in Yangon soared. Our colleague there, Do Suan Kham with his wife Anna, runs a children's home for 35 children. But he also regularly feeds many local people. Hunger is everywhere on the rise as work ceased and there is no social support from the government.

*** He also visits remote villages with regular gifts of rice sacks and oil. Fuel costs are now extortionate and our support increased to cover this.

***. During this time we also purchased chickens to provide eggs and occasional meat.

***. Despite the ongoing terror in villages due to the military coup, we were able to dig two wells which now provide clean water for a large spread-out village. This had to be done between military raids.

***. We rebuilt a storm-damaged house.

***. We paid for an operation and hospital care for Suan's baby nephew. It was a successful operation but may require further intervention. Many of our children have been ill with fevers this year - probably untested Covid - and frequently required medicine.

***The home took in 3 more children from a war zone ethnic area. We also received a young girl from a home that was closing. This was the girl with the club foot whom we provided treatment for earlier.

***. Last, but possibly the most important contribution from the team here, is the ongoing contact and daily encouragement we give via WhatsApp. That they are not forgotten is to them a deep treasure as they combat fear and despair.

We organized a 24/7 prayer watch from 44 supporters. This can and will be called up as required.

Our hope is that the situation will return to democracy and safety so that we can resume team visits and camps.

Florence Bevan
Chair

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Financial report 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022

	£
Opening balance	7496.59
Income	18815.96
Expenditure	9084.51
Closing balance	17228.04