

Empower International

2012 Special Ministry Projects

Based in Thailand and ministering in the nations of the 10/40 Window

Thailand

Project #1: Sponsor a Pastor Project—\$7,200

This project is to provide supplementary support for pastors in Thailand. Due to the poverty in Thailand, many of the pastors and their families suffer greatly. For \$200 per month, we can help provide for the basic needs of the pastors we support and their families.

Project #2: Ban Mae Toh Orphanage—\$9,600

This is an orphanage project of Empower International. Nestled in the mountains of Northern Thailand just about 2 hours outside of the city of Chiang Mai is a beautiful little village called Ban Mae Toh. EI has constructed a Children's home with 20 children there. Many of the children are orphans and come from remote villages that have no educational opportunity. In Ban Mae Toh, they live on the church campus and can walk to school every day. They are growing in their Christian faith as well as getting a good education. ***We provide all that they need to live a happy life*** in Ban Mae Toh. This is sure to save them from many of the perils that children face that do not have this opportunity. The funds for this project provide food, shelter, medicine, education, school uniforms, supplies and personal hygiene... and lots of hope! (\$40/child/mo.)

Project #3: Complete Bathroom Project for Ban Mae Toh Orphanage—\$1,200

This project is about 85% complete. The toilet facilities that our orphans were using were inadequate and below human standard. For the sake of the children's safety, health and hygiene, we believe it is imperative to complete this project to provide adequate bathroom facilities as soon as possible.

Project #4: Human Trafficking Prevention— \$12,000

This project is to rescue children who are at risk of being sold into slave labor and sex slavery. We do this through the following means:

- a. **Orphanages** – Our orphanages provide a safe environment for children who fit the typical profile of children at the highest risk. In our orphanages, we have children who have lost their parents, children from single parent homes and children whose parents are alcoholics or drug addicts.
- b. **Education** – Those at the highest risk of trafficking are children who have no opportunity for education. So, in all of our orphanages, we provide the opportunity to attend the best possible schools in their specific communities.
- c. **Humanitarian Aid** – We are providing humanitarian aid for the poorest of the poor in Burma. As well, we are providing disaster relief in communities devastated by natural disasters in Burma, Thailand and Pakistan.

- d. **Evangelism** – As we preach the Gospel of Salvation to the nations, the direction of people’s lives are changed. The result is that coercion and prostitution become a less likely option for young women.

Project #5: Leadership Conferences and Leadership Luncheons—\$7,000

This project is for leadership conferences that Empower International conducts for pastors and leaders from Thailand. We provide transportation, lodging and meals for pastors and pastor’s wives that would otherwise not be able to attend. ***Our focus during these conferences is to teach the Word of Faith and to impart practical ministerial wisdom for successful ministry.*** These funds are used to pay for the conference hall, conference expenses, literature for the pastors as well as the expenses for pastors’ transportation, meals and lodging.

Project #6: Register Empower Thailand as a legal NGO with the Thai Government—\$3,000

This project is to legally register “Empower Thailand” as a legal non-government organization with the Thai government. This will allow us to more easily acquire property, issue visas and legally function as an organization within Thailand.

Myanmar

Project #1: Pastors and Leaders Conferences and church planting—\$25,800

This project is for leadership conferences that Empower International conducts for pastors and leaders from all over the nation of Myanmar. We provide transportation, lodging and meals for pastors and pastor’s wives that would otherwise not be able to attend. ***Our focus during these conferences is to teach the Word of Faith and to impart practical ministerial wisdom for successful ministry.*** These funds are used to pay for the conference hall, conference expenses, literature for the pastors as well as the expenses for pastors’ transportation, meals and lodging. These funds will also be used to provide a salary for an EI staffer.

Project #2: Burma Orphanage Project—\$9,720

This is an Empower International orphanage. Located near the city of Yangon, Myanmar, Empower International has constructed a ***Children’s home for orphans who lost their parents in the cyclone of 2008.*** We provide their food, school uniforms and all that they need to live a happy life. ***This is sure to save them from many of the perils that children face who do not have this opportunity.*** The funds for this project provide food, shelter, medicine, education, school uniforms, supplies and personal hygiene... and lots of hope! (\$30/child/mo.)

Project #3: Sponsor a Pastor Project—\$14,400

This project is to provide basic support for Empower International pastors in Myanmar. Due to the extreme poverty in Myanmar, many of the pastors and their families suffer greatly. For \$100 to \$300 per month, we can provide for the basic needs of our EI pastors and their families.

Project #4: Livestock and Agricultural Project—\$13,600

This project is to help the Empower International orphanages and pastors become a bit more self-sufficient. We do this by providing cows, pigs, chickens, goats and lands to produce food for our children and to sell for profit in the market place. This gives opportunity for our Bible school

students, children and church members to learn farming skills and to contribute to their support. In turn, this builds confidence and dignity in those who participate. (8 cows, 20 sows, 20 piglets.)

Project #5: Church/Orphanage Building Project—\$22,500

We must level and prepare the land and build a building for one of our supported churches and orphanages in Yangon. In Burma, it is important for pastors/churches to own and have control of their own property to truly have an impact on a community. This location is one of the poorest of the poor in Yangon and we are already seeing families coming to Christ here.

Project #6: Bible and Ministry Training Center—\$18,000

This project is to provide the monthly operational expenses for 1 year for a cutting-edge training center for emerging Christian leaders in the nation of Burma. The funds for this project will provide food, housing, school supplies and basic necessities for all of our students as well as salaries for our school staff.

Project #7: Bible and Ministry Training Center School Building Construction—\$112,000

This project is to complete the construction of our main Bible school building (7,000 sq. ft.) It will include classrooms, offices and a library for our Bible and ministry training center in Burma. The land has already been purchased, the foundation laid and now we simply need the funds to finish the building.

Project #8: Empower Myanmar Office Building—\$30,000

This project is to design and build a permanent Empower International building that will house the Empower Myanmar office, a welcome center and living quarters for EI's international staff and guest instructors. This will be built on land that we have already purchased near the EI orphanage and Bible school.

Project #9: Empower Myanmar Director Housing—\$30,000

This project is to design and build a home for the Directors of Empower Myanmar. This will be built near the EI office building on land that is already paid for.

Project #10: Human Trafficking Prevention and Intervention Project—\$6,000

This project is to set up a task force of Burmese national leaders to investigate, research and map human trafficking activity in and around southern Burma. This team will then develop strategic means by which we will prevent the victimization of innocent children before being forced or coerced into slavery and they will rescue those already victimized.

Pakistan

Project #1: Sponsor a Pastor Project—\$10,200

This project involves our financial commitment to our Pakistani church plant in the city of Lahore, Pakistan as well as seven other churches/pastors in different cities in Pakistan. Empower International is responsible for training and mentoring the pastors of this church and

is committed to its further growth and success. These funds are used to provide basic support for the pastors until such time the church is financially able to do so.

Project #2: Leadership Conferences and Evangelistic Crusades—\$28,000

This project is to provide for conferences that Empower International conducts for pastors and leaders from all over the northern regions of Pakistan. We provide transportation, lodging and meals for pastors and pastor's wives that would otherwise not be able to attend. Our focus during these conferences is to teach the Word of Faith and to impart practical ministerial wisdom for successful ministry. We will also conduct open-air evangelistic campaigns to target the Pakistani Moslems. These funds are used to pay for the conference hall, conference expenses, crusade expenses, literature for the pastors as well as the expenses for pastors' transportation, meals and lodging.

Project #3: Women's Conference—\$4,500

This project is to provide for Empower International's 2nd women's conference in Pakistan. Women in a Moslem culture are looked at and treated as second-class citizens. Our desire is to provide a conference for women in Pakistan to reveal their true value in Christ and empower them to release their full God-given potential to truly make a difference in their families, communities and nation. These funds are used for facility rental, meals, transportation, and gifts for the women.

Project #4: Motorcycles for Pastors Project—\$5,700

This project is to provide motorcycles for pastors in Pakistan who have no access to private transportation. This will allow the pastors to more efficiently visit their members, minister to their communities and attend important leadership conferences to further their ministries. Our goal this year is to purchase five motorcycles for \$1140 for five deserving Pakistani pastors.

Project #5: Land and Building for 2 New Churches—\$36,000

This project is to purchase land and build a building for two of our existing church plant projects in Pakistan. Currently, many of our churches have to rent facilities and experience ill treatment from Moslem landlords. Our goal is for all of our churches and Bible schools in Pakistan to have their own property and buildings debt-free.

Project #6: Building Construction for New Empower International Bible School—\$22,500

This project to build a building for a new Bible School and church plant in Pakistan.

Project #7: Every Child Deserves an Education—\$6,000

This project provides a school for poor Pakistani Christian children to attend. Without an education, children in Pakistan have little to no chance of having a normal life or a pleasant future. In fact, many poor and uneducated children fall prey to human trafficking, exploitation and slavery. ***Imagine being a young girl or boy of about 8-9 years old and being forced to work as slaves in the brick kilns for the rest of your life.*** This is what is happening to many children throughout the countryside of Pakistan. These children are also at risk of being sexually and physically abused.

Every year **Empower International** is making it possible for more Pakistani children to receive a proper education. We empower kids to break the cycle of poverty, expand their possibilities and have hope for their future. These funds will be used to provide teachers, facilities, curriculum, supplies, food and uniforms for the children.

Cambodia

Project #1: Sponsor a Pastor Project—\$2,400

This project is to provide supplementary support for pastors in Cambodia. Due to the poverty in Cambodia, many of the pastors and their families suffer greatly. For \$200 per month, we can help provide for the basic needs of the pastors we support and their families for 1 year.

Project #2: Leadership Conferences and Evangelistic Crusades—\$5,000

This project is for leadership conferences that Empower International conducts for pastors and leaders from Cambodia. We provide transportation, lodging and meals for pastors and pastor's wives that would otherwise not be able to attend. ***Our focus during these conferences is to teach the Word of Faith and to impart practical ministerial wisdom for successful ministry.*** These funds are used to pay for the conference hall, conference expenses, literature for the pastors as well as the expenses for pastors' transportation, meals and lodging.

Project #3: Human Trafficking Rescue and Prevention—\$2,400

This project is to support strong reputable organizations that are actively and effectively involved in rescuing young girls that have become victims of sex slavery. Most of the girls in the programs we support are between the ages of 14-18. They receive professional counseling, clinical rehabilitation and Christ-centered ministry. They are equipped with excellent life-skills as well as vocational and professional training. The success rate of these programs is phenomenal.

International

Project #1: Book Translation Project—\$18,000

This project is to translate at least 1 book into 4 different languages and provide it free of charge to ministry and church leaders in three different countries.

Project #2: Hire Administrative Staff—\$36,000

We are in desperate need of help in our US office. To experience greater effectiveness and growth will require additional staff.

Project #3: Move Empower International US Office to Chicago—\$5,000

In 2012 we intend to move the Empower International US office to the city of Chicago, Illinois.

Monthly Partnership Goal

15 – \$1,000/month church partners (\$180,000.00 per year). Our monthly missions support is vital to our ongoing ministry effectiveness overseas. This is the “backbone” of our ministry’s ability to function.