

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

Supporting Children, Myanmar

Providing educational support for children in the Dioceses of Sittwe and Yangon

‘Access to education is restricted in rural areas where families cannot afford their children’s education.’
 Subash Chellaiah, Link Officer for Asia and Oceania



Myanmar factfile

Population: 48.8 million (UN, 2007)
Languages: Burmese, indigenous
Religion: Buddhist 89%, Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%
Export: Natural gas, wood products, pulses, beans, fish, rice, clothing, jade and gems
Life expectancy: 59 years (men), 65 years (women) (UN)

USPG in Myanmar

USPG has been working in partnership with the Church in Myanmar since 1853. In 2008, USPG sent £82,000 to support the work of the church in areas of greatest need.



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In the districts of Sittwe and Yangon in Myanmar (also known as Burma), poverty is driving many children out of education because their families cannot afford the cost of schooling. As a consequence, although the official rate of literacy in the country is 84 per cent, as few as 27 per cent of students finish their primary education. Furthermore, secondary schools are few and far between, so only a small proportion of this 27 per cent are able to continue their education. The Diocese of Sittwe is supporting a number of students through higher

education. During 2008, the diocese was supporting a medical student, 14 university students and three postgraduate scholars. The diocese also supported six teachers on placement in remote villages. Elsewhere, the Diocese of Yangon has opened two boarding schools for students from remote rural villages, enabling them to continue their education at secondary school. Money donated to this Project will provide financial assistance for students in higher education, children in primary schools and teachers.

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