

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Tackling Malaria and Cholera, Myanmar

Improving healthcare for rural communities in Sittwe and Hpa-an

In their own words

‘There is the call to do mission with unconditional love. The Church of Myanmar is trying to be the church for others, instead of self-seeking’
 The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar



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 of the work of the church in areas of greatest need.

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Malaria and cholera are two of the most significant health problems in Myanmar. These continue to be prevalent diseases, especially in the districts of Sittwe and Hpa-an. In these remote areas, there are no hospitals or specialist doctors, so the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) has set up dispensaries, which are being staffed by locally trained health workers. Since setting up this programme in 2003, five nursing assistants and ten health workers have completed training in Sittwe Diocese. Treatment alone is not enough; good hygiene practises must also be

followed to avoid the likelihood of contracting malaria. Hence, both Sittwe and Hpa-an Dioceses are running health education programmes to teach preventative measures, including personal healthcare and hygiene, and other information to help avoid catching disease. Money donated through USPG will go towards this healthcare programme, including funding for rapid diagnosis kits for use at rural health centres; treated mosquito nets to prevent disease transmission; and training courses for the health workers and volunteers.

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