



Kids International  
Development Society

## **2009 ANNUAL REPORT**



## Our Mission

*To create better futures for children and families living in third world and developing countries.*

## Our Goals

- To focus projects directly on helping children and families.
- To create a community of caring, committed and informed donors that are directly involved in bettering the lives of children and families.
- To raise awareness about poverty and the needs of children and families living in developing and third world countries.
- To raise funds and ensure that 100% of the funds go directly towards helping children and families.
- To stay flexible and open to the needs of children, families and communities and develop projects on the assessment of needs.

## Introduction and History

After the tragic loss of their beloved daughter, Danielle, Rick Lennert and Adrienne Dartnall decided to spend 3 months each year traveling to S. E. Asia to assist children and families living in poverty. For the past nine years they have volunteered in India, Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam and on the Burma/Thailand border, helping to create better lives for children and families. The pain and suffering they saw inspired them to make a difference in children's lives. By raising funds from friends and family they were able to purchase supplies, medicine and educational materials for children and families, as well as support local grass root organizations working tirelessly to provide health, education and housing for children living without families.

In 2004 Kids International Development Society (K.I.D.S.) was formed. Since then K.I.D.S. has raised over \$175,000.00. Through the generosity of others we have been able to expand our scope to improve the lives of children and families by providing: housing, schools, clean drinking water, education, medicine, schools, small business grants and support to local hospitals, orphanages, clinics and children's shelters

It is our belief that we must work in partnership with each community, family and organization to assess their needs from their own view point and reality. We can then provide the necessary resources, materials and support that can improve their quality of life. The work we are able to do is only possible because of the dedicated individuals we work with in these communities and the incredible generosity of our donors.

## Message From the President

This past year has been a year of growth and of stability for K.I.D.S. We were pleased to have been granted our charitable status through Revenue Canada, which enables us to support our donors by providing tax-deductible receipts. Even though this past year was a difficult time economically we were overwhelmed with the support of our donors.

Through the generosity of our donors we were again able to provide education, medicine, housing and family support to children and families living in both Cambodia and on the Burma border. We continue to assist small grass roots organizations with their honorable and compassionate work to ease the pain and suffering of children and families. We have been very fortunate to meet so many dedicated, caring individuals in the countries where we work. We work closely with these people to provide the support that is greatly needed. Our two ongoing projects, Somnang House Girl's Home and Srey Po Village Free School continue to provide education and a warm and caring home to a large number of children. After two years both programs are doing extremely well and the children are getting an opportunity to improve their futures through the care and dedication of good teachers and staff.

A highlight of this year's trip was to be able to buy a large piece of land in conjunction with the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot on the Burma Thailand border. The land was purchased for the AGAPE School and Orphanage. The AGAPE School has been moved onto the property and there are now over 50 permanent children living there and 100 other children attending the free school.

We are also very excited that this year we have worked closely with a number of elementary school children in our own community to raise awareness about poverty and social action. The children worked very hard to raise funds to assist children in Cambodia and from Burma and in turn we were able to show them the difference their generosity and kindness made in other children's lives. The school projects were made possible thanks to a variety of volunteers who gave of their time to organize the many fundraising events, presentations and discussions.

Working through K.I.D.S we feel very fortunate to extend the support of hundreds of donors who have given so generously over this past year and are changing the futures and the lives of so many. We strongly believe that we are all working together through K.I.D.S. to enhance lives and inspire hope and would like to thank everyone for making this possible.

In closing I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge our dedicated board of directors who continue to support K.I.D.S. Their commitment to the vision, purpose and values of the society continues to guide the mission of the work we are all committed to.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Dartnall  
President

## Projects and Programs

### Girls Home, Cambodia

We are now well into the second year of operation of the girls home in Siem Reap. We are very happy to report that the girls are thriving and very happy with the opportunities and stability Somnang House provides them. They are able to focus on studies, dance and English lessons rather than fending for themselves on the street or labouring to make a living.



### Agape School and Orphanage, Mae Sot, Thailand

Returning to Agape School and Mae Sot on the Burma border this year we were able to accomplish what we had hoped to do and secure the future of Agape School/Orphanage. Pooling our resources with the Mae Tao Clinic we were able to purchase a piece of land so the children could have a permanent school and home. We also supplied the school with clothing, shoes and school supplies. This came in the nick of time as soon after we left the Burmese military forced many more refugees over the border into Thailand and into the care of places like Agape. The numbers at Agape continue to grow and they will help take in as many children as possible.



## **Angkor Hospital for Children, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

For many years we have been assisting this great Children's Hospital in the center of Siem Reap. Over the years we have brought medical supplies from Canada and helped them with building laundry facilities and other structures that were needed. This year due to need in other areas and the fact that the hospital has secured more stable funding we helped the maintenance department with a few needed tools.

## **School in Stung Treng, Cambodia**

This past January while in Stung Treng we did a few finishing touches to the Srey Po Village Free School closing in the open sides and front of the school. This has been a great help for the teachers in the fact that the classroom equipment could be left out and ready for the next days classes and the walls could be decorated with the artwork of the children. We also upgraded the hand powered well pump to an electric deep well pump with a water tower so there can be continuous running water in the toilets and bathing room. The improvement that we are most pleased about is the fact that we have turned the daily snack into a hot meal made with fresh local vegetables and meat. This greatly improves the level of nutrition that the children receive day to day. The local VSO volunteer in the nutrition program from the local hospital has taken up monitoring the children at the school and charting their growth rates and weight. They have identified children who were struggling from malnutrition and they are provided with extra food at the school. The school is now also able to run at full enrollment of 60 children with the addition of one extra teacher to compliment the two existing teachers. K.I.D.S. also provides clothing for children who do not have enough clothing; this is done through a clothing bank, which the teachers monitor. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Stung Treng Women's Development Centre for working with us to monitor the school and assist the teachers in our absence.



## Thailand/Burma Border

We visited the two IDP (internally displaced persons) camps on the Burma side of the border and brought over much needed supplies in the form of school supplies clothing and blankets and rice. The people in these camps work, which is nothing short of heroic, to educate feed their children and keep their culture alive in the face of a terrible regime that will stop at nothing to crush innocent people. Visiting and restocking the clinics in the villages with medicine once again will assist to alleviate many chronic and emergency health issues of the villagers.



## Youth Education Sponsorship Program, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

We firmly believe that education is the key to reducing poverty. This year K.I.D.S. continued to sponsor 10 children and young adults for various levels of education, from primary school to second year University. The children continue to learn and are getting quite good at speaking English.



### **The Lake Clinic (T.L.C.), Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia**

The Lake Clinic continues to serve the underserved by bringing health and dental care to remote villages on the lake. We were able to assist the clinic with some improvements the hull of the boat and upgrades to the fuel pumps and filter systems that have already proven to improve the performance and reliability of the boat.



### **Stung Treng Women's Development Centre, Cambodia**

KIDS has taken over a large part of the funding of the on site school at SWDC so the mothers can bring their children to work and have the children cared for and educated



### **Family Support**

This past year we supported a number of individual families throughout Cambodia with basic necessities such as: rice, livestock, clothing, business grants and equipment.

K.I.D.S. also built one houses from the ground up and did a major rebuild on two others that were in terrible condition. These housing projects improved the lives of over thirty of the total inhabitants of these three homes.



### **Annual Picnic, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

Each year we load up several vehicles with underprivileged children and take them on a yearly family-style picnic to the reservoir. Although most of the funding we receive goes towards basic necessities, this outing is just about pure fun, which so many of these children do not have an opportunity to experience. For one afternoon a year they are able to swim, eat great food and play. This year we were also able to take children from the girl's Home and the Street Children's shelter for an outing to the Cambodian Cultural Centre.



## **Fundraising Events**

### **Silent and Live Auction**

Over 150 people attended our silent and live auction. The event brought together community members who generously donated many great items and kindly donated their time. The evening was a great success and not only raised funds it also raised awareness about children living in poverty.

### **School Fundraising Events**

This past year five elementary schools participated in fundraising activities to support children living in S.E.Asia. Adrienne Dartnall, Rick Lennert and Robyn Cook spoke to a variety of classes and assemblies of children about poverty and social action. It was great to see the children learn about how others live in the world and how they can make a difference in the lives of other children who are less fortunate. We would like to thank the teachers, support staff, friends of K.I.D.S who helped coordinate the events and for their participation, generosity and commitment to raising awareness about poverty and raising funds for education and housing for impoverished children in S. E. Asia. Thanks to the students of: Pauline Haarer, Gabriola, Randerson Ridge, Pleasant Valley and Quallicum elementary schools. A special thanks to Dorothy Sartore, Joan Sutton Kim Leduc and Robyn Cook for coordinating these school projects.

## Our Board of Directors

Adrienne Dartnall, President  
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## Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 04/01/2008 to 03/31/2009	Actual 04/01/2007 to 03/31/2008
<b>REVENUE</b>		
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Donations	75,010.72	61,217.11
Interest income	6.86	6.23
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>75,017.58</u>	<u>61,223.34</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>75,017.58</u>	<u>61,223.34</u>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Building supplies	6,028.97	17,884.04
Building & labour costs	778.06	243.75
Clothing	388.19	1,625.99
Household supplies	594.55	2,964.73
Food for children & families	892.54	581.50
Family support	10,699.23	4,797.00
Girls Home	11,520.00	0.00
Medicine & medical supplies	2,905.79	5,531.86
Education & recreation	17,538.83	19,027.45
Water systems	662.28	2,400.00
One time expenses	17,875.63	0.00
Office supplies	122.70	1,394.14
Transportation costs	1,141.63	1,777.44
Travellers cheque & bank charg...	211.76	931.04
Exchange costs	668.72	-629.91
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>72,028.88</u>	<u>58,529.03</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>72,028.88</u>	<u>58,529.03</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>2,988.70</u>	<u>2,694.31</u>

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**Comparative Balance Sheet**

	As at 03/31/2009	As at 03/31/2009
<b>ASSET</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank- Coastal Credit Union	5,693.77	5,693.77
Coastal CU - US chequing acct	31.61	31.61
Travellers cheques	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>5,725.38</u>	<u>5,725.38</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>	<u>5,725.38</u>	<u>5,725.38</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Earnings	2,988.70	2,988.70
Retained earnings	2,736.68	2,736.68
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>5,725.38</u>	<u>5,725.38</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>5,725.38</u>	<u>5,725.38</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>5,725.38</u>	<u>5,725.38</u>