

## **OVERSEAS TARGET FUND IS BACK**

**MU Australia Target Fund for 2011 / 2012** is the Province of Myanmar and Thailand. MU in Thailand has 7,946 members. In the 6 Anglican Dioceses in Myanmar and 1 Diocese in Thailand there are 2 MU workers in each of the Dioceses.

Provincial Worker Cynthia Yin Yin Maw writes: “Mothers Union members are always active to take action whenever they see, or hear about family problems or social problems that effect families in the community. The provincial Mothers Union Office is running various projects related to the current situation, and member’s needs.”

### **MU AUSTRALIA PROJECT IN THE PROVINCE OF MYANMAR DIOCESE OF THAILAND**

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Community Outreach / Community Assistance.

#### **Mae Salit Khee Village**

The Nursery School already has a suitable building and a room big enough to cater for 35 children who age between 2.5 years and 6.5 years old. There will be 1 Principle and 2 teachers, and to help provide this service there will be The Karen Anglican Ministry at the Border. MU Australia will be responsible for the wages of the staff, meals for the children, and all other necessities for the day to day running of the school. This service will be a real boon to the whole community, as most people who live here are illiterate and only a few families have Christian backgrounds.

Norma Dumbrell, an MU member from Australia who has been attending the MU conference for many years in Yangon writes; “It is such a joy and a privilege to go and teach these women. They come from all over the country, and travel several days to get there.

Standing up front teaching (we are interpreted) it is a joy to see these women (over 300), sitting with Bibles open, listening intently, taking the opportunity they so rarely get- to be taught God’s word in depth. Each day is long. They rise at 6.00am, have a service in the church, then have breakfast, duties, then the conference starts at 8.30am. Except for several short breaks, and lunch, they are happy to sit and be taught.”

MU Projects in Myanmar cover a wide variety of work such as Community health Education; setting up small, sustainable income-generating projects, and raising awareness of violence.

Many of the Christian Karen people are living across the border in Thailand, and an MU worker, Naw Eh Mular Htoo supports them, as does the MU President, Tamla Moo of the Diocese of Thailand. This Nursery School will be a virtual MU Ministry to the displaced Karen people. We are encouraged to support the Nursery School, pupils, staff and volunteers with our prayers and financial gifts.

The Writer to the *Hebrews 10 verses 19-25* goes on to outline our duty to others in a most practical way as we see our obligation extends in three ways:

- (1. We must encourage one another; *verse 24. "on towards good deeds."* We are able to do this by good example.
- (2. *Verse 25; "let us not give up meeting together"* As we meet for worship and prayer we are able to encourage each other to remember those in need.
- (3. We must encourage one another. All of us need encouragement in our lives. *Verse 25, the Writer to the Hebrews says that our Christian duty is the more pressing because the time is short. "The day is approaching."* In the time we have, it is our duty to do all good we can to all people, and we are able to do this through MU Australia Funds.