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Alex Travis, one of the sponsors who joined CCF's recent study tour to Mexico, met some of the children CCF assists. After greeting sponsors with confetti and a band, the children held the hands of sponsors and paraded them through town. (see photos pages 6-7)



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New CCF President Meets the Children

by Sandra Shelley
Freelance Writer

Anne Lynam Goddard wanted to see the children's faces. She wanted to laugh with them, taste their foods and visit their communities.

Before she even walked through the doors of Christian Children's Fund as the organization's new president, Goddard made sure to visit those who would directly benefit from her work — the children. She did that by visiting CCF programs for children in Ecuador during her first week as CCF's eighth president.

With 33 years of experience working with humanitarian causes, Goddard is well versed in international development. But she wanted to see firsthand some of CCF's major program initiatives, and experience CCF's programs that address root causes of poverty impacting children.

Prior to joining CCF, she did much of her work in international development in five countries—Kenya, Egypt, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Somalia. “I started my career in 1974 as a social worker, focusing on child neglect and abuse cases.” Next, Goddard served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, working with the Rural Women's Development Project. “I was living in a very simple village in a mud house...seeing what life was like for people in the developing world. It opened my eyes as to what we have in the US and to our responsibility to help those who are living in extreme poverty around the world. Being a Peace Corps volunteer in international development kept me committed over the years,” Goddard said. “I saw how difficult it is for people to do basic things...just for people to get water every day...especially for the women

and children who usually are responsible for this task. I realized how much time it takes and how precious every resource—even water — is.”

Goddard will be leading CCF during an unprecedented period of growth. Founded in Richmond, Virginia, in 1938, CCF works in 33 countries assisting 10.5 million children and families. In looking at the challenges facing CCF over the next decade, Goddard commented, “Three billion people live in poverty around the world. And half of them are children. Children are the most vulnerable, and so they are the barometer of how the world deals with this major issue. If you want to see what the world is really doing about global poverty, look at the children. And since children tell us the most about the future, that says a lot about the world's future. That's important to me and is one of the reasons I was attracted to CCF. One of our biggest challenges for the future is how we can effectively address the root causes of poverty.”

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to rebuild infrastructure, such as the construction of 12 new schools and the repair of 20 other educational facilities. At the same time, this provided 3,500 local jobs. Empowering women and girls to come to the forefront of the community-driven development process has been one of the most successful strategies, with women's groups becoming actively involved in all community-related matters.

In Sri Lanka progress was made despite growing civil conflict that temporarily delayed. CCF was still able to complete a new community center, construct wells and establish community banks to provide loans for families in need. In addition, educational programs were put in place to teach first aid, home-based childcare, proper nutrition and hygiene, as well as child protection training.

Almost two years after the destruction of the tsunami, tens of thousands of people in Indonesia are still living in temporary housing. Much of CCF's focus has been to help these families, while also working through the complex process of community rehabilitation. In Indonesia, ten camps and host communities were searched for orphaned and separated children. This

included family tracing and reunification efforts. In addition, 69 community toilets and washrooms were constructed. To get people back to work, cash-for-work activities assisted more than 6,030 people. In addition, more than 2,500 farmers in Aceh Jaya and Bireuen received 1.4 tons of soybeans, 2.6 tons of maize seed, 15.6 tons of groundnuts, 46,384 cash crop seedlings, 66.2 tons of fertilizer, and 1,540 hoes and rakes — all to get agriculture moving toward sustainability.

In its third year, CCF will continue strengthening partnerships with communities and local governments to establish a foundation that will further help children and families. Through this effort, programs will be revitalized in livelihood and peace building as well as infrastructure improvement.

...CCF set up emergency response teams to provide food, clothing, medicine, temporary shelters and emergency supplies.

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CCF is the lead partner agency in a major U.S. program to combat malaria in Senegal. These mothers are treating bednets in a chemical that repels mosquitoes — a program that has saved many lives.



Fighting Malaria with Re-Treated Bednets

by Solene Edouard-Binkley, Regional Partnership Development Specialist

As the lead implementing partner in USAID's campaign to wipe out malaria in Senegal, CCF is coordinating work with other international organizations. This is a major initiative to re-treat bednets with an insecticide that kills malaria-carrying mosquitoes. The campaign is targeting 100,000 people.

The program was launched in September 2006 at a CCF-assisted community in Thies. Attending were U.S. Ambassador Janice Jacobs, Thies Region Deputy Governor Baba Ly, USAID/Senegal Director Olivier Carduner, and Ministry of Health officials. The officials donned protective gloves and masks and dipped the bednets into basins filled with insecticide solutions. Afterward, they laid them out to dry. The Senegalese were encouraged to bring their bednets to similar re-treatment rallies that are being held throughout the country.

"Today was the first time I have had the opportunity to treat a bednet, and it was very easy to do," Ambassador Jacobs said. "If I can do it, you can, too." The insecticide solution is easy to create as well. The officials simply dropped a tablet of insecticide into a half-liter of water, and then shook it up.

USAID and its partners are targeting vulnerable groups for the program. "Children under 5 years of age and pregnant women pay the biggest price in this disease," Deputy Governor Ly said. "It is my hope that there will soon be insecticide-treated nets in every household." The regional government plans to distribute an additional



This child sleeps peacefully and safely under a mosquito net – a program CCF supports to combat malaria in many of the countries where we work.

10,000 nets throughout Thies.

Treated bednets are an important tool in fighting malaria. Because they kill mosquitoes, the bednets not only protect the people sleeping under them, but everyone else in the household. The percentage of Senegalese children sleeping under treated bednets increased from 5% in 2000 to 24% in 2004.

The bednet re-treatment program is part of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), announced by George W. Bush in June 2005. The PMI is a collaborative governmental effort led by USAID. Senegal is one of 15 African countries targeted for the five-year, \$1.2 billion initiative. The goal is to cut malaria-related deaths by 50% in the targeted countries. The initiative plans to achieve the goal by working with national malaria control programs and international partners to reach 85% of the most vulnerable groups with proven and effective prevention and treatment control methods.

In addition to the bednets, other activities in Senegal include indoor residual spraying, preventive care for pregnant women, and prompt treatment of malaria with new antimalarial drugs.

Sponsors on a CCF Study Tour to



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Susan Gilbert with her sponsored child, Juan Pablo (green shirt), and his brothers. On the right is Virginia Vargas, the national director of CCF-Mexico.



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World Wrestling Champion, Mick Foley, visited three programs in Mexico and sponsored a new child from each.

Alex Travis (right) receives a handmade clay necklace from a young girl she met on the tour to Mexico. The confetti was showered on sponsors to welcome them.

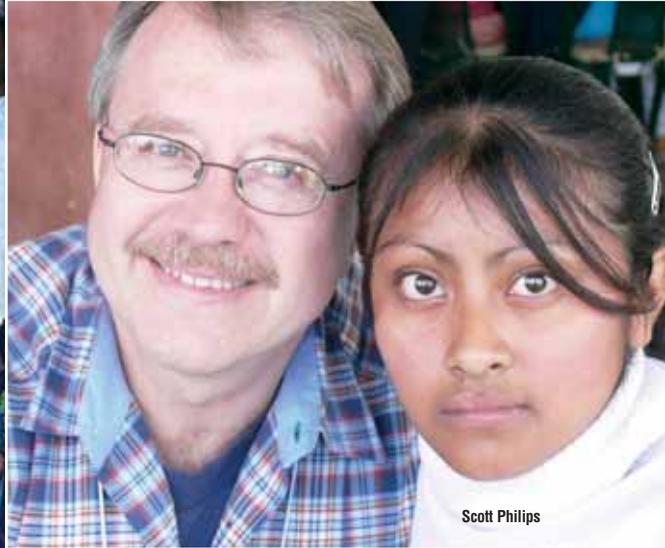


Mexico Meet Their Sponsored Children

Jennifer Harter



As the sponsors make their way through Ocumichu, children showered them with confetti.



Scott Philips

Dan Tearpock meets his sponsored child, 15-year-old Noemi, for the first time.



Scott Philips



Susan Gilbert spends time with 8-year-old Juan Pablo during Sponsor Day.

Great Lengths to Overcome Tuberculosis



This father, Singh, knows the severity of tuberculosis. CCF is working to prevent its spread as many children are affected, either being ill themselves or having a parent too sick to care for them.

By Kirsten Hongisto, CCF AsiaRegional Communications Manager

Tuberculosis affects 2 billion people according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is a major threat to children and families in the developing world, especially in India which, according to the CDC, has the highest prevalence of tuberculosis worldwide. Christian Children's Fund focuses much of its health efforts there on programs to combat the illness, since most of those affected lack adequate access to proper treatment.

Singh knows all about TB. He worked hard as a daily wage laborer in Mumbai but became too sick to work and returned to his village. Singh knew he had TB and was trying local remedies because he had no money for clinical care. "I was not in a position to get treatment, and there was no one to support me and encourage me to go for medical care."

Singh is one of many parents helped by CCF and a local partner agency, Janpriya Seva Sansthan. Past tuberculosis infections made Singh too weak for any labor-intensive jobs. After receiving treatment, he was still unable to return to work in Mumbai, so CCF gave him a loan through its

micro-enterprise development program. He now runs a small shop and is able to bring home about 1,000 rupees per month.

In Pratapgarh, a small rural area in Uttar Pradesh, India, many people like Singh are affected by TB. Crowded living conditions—often with five to six people in a one-room home—promote its spread, affecting children as well. With most parents in Pratapgarh working as stone crushers, the dust from their work gets into their lungs and they become more susceptible to infections.

CCF-India and the local partner agency launched activities to reduce the infections. The program began by identifying those who were infected and bringing them to the office for a clinical exam by doctors. For each patient, the office keeps case files detailing the medicines provided, appointments and more. CCF also monitors patients to ensure that they take their medicines properly.

As the infection rate began to decline, CCF staff members were still concerned with preventing transmission from parents to children. Crowded living conditions are among the factors in its spread, necessitating the construction of new homes to decrease infection rates. To date, 41 houses have been built in 21 villages around the area. As a result, the TB transmission rate has dropped dramatically.

Singh lives in one of these new homes. He says, "We are very secure now. Before, we lived in a thatched house. It was too hot in the summer, and during the monsoon season, rain would come inside." Singh's new house, which has a separate kitchen and bathroom, is properly constructed to keep out bad weather and support a healthy environment – essential to providing a life-long improvement to an age-old disease.

Bringing Safe Water to Cermo

*by Kirsten Hongisto, CCF Asia
Regional Communications Manager*

Until a few years ago, families in Indonesia's Cermo Village used a nearby river for their drinking, cooking and bathing needs. Its water was unsanitary and led to serious health problems for children and their families. To complicate matters, the river often ran low during the dry season, from July to November. No longer wanting to be reliant upon the ebb and flow of the river, the community began looking for another water source.

In late 2004, Christian Children's Fund and its partner, Marsudi Siwi, worked with the local government to build a well at one of the schools located in the hills above the village. More than 65 feet deep and 29 feet wide, the well serves 178 families and also supplies water to the school.

At first, the well was able to meet the needs of the community, but it soon proved to be insufficient. CCF and the community leaders discussed

the situation, and determined that the well needed a stronger pump, which the local government provided. Today, the well provides enough water for the entire community. Families pay a nominal usage fee that helps cover the maintenance costs of the well and pump. Although most families are quite poor, the fee is affordable for them. They are proud that they can provide for their families. They have learned to maintain the well that is essential to farming — the livelihood for most families in Cermo.

Safe water is just one of the many local programs led by CCF to ensure the well-being of children and families. There are also regular health checkups, early childhood development, a tutoring program and a library. Since CCF-Indonesia began working with the community in 2004, activities for children and youth have grown. The families hope to one day build a permanent center for activities.



Wells like this one in India, greatly improve families' lives. Not only do they provide enough water and a source of potable water, but mothers and children no longer have to walk long distances.

A Child's Field of Trees: Uganda



Margaret, center front, whose dream of reforesting her community is becoming a reality with support from CCF.

*Original Reporting by Paul Mayende,
CCF-Uganda Program Director*

Ten-year-old Margaret smiles proudly from behind a eucalyptus tree near her home in Uganda. This tree — and the new forest of seedlings behind it — was, after all, her idea.

“That child can do amazing things,” said Patrick Seguya, the team leader of CCF’s Masodde program. “She is one of the children who will change this community. Margaret is assisted by CCF-Uganda and lives in the Kiboga district, located in central Uganda.

Margaret plans to reestablish the old forests once characteristic of the community — a lush place that existed before she was born. She and other village children have never seen the “forest beauty” the elders used to enjoy and call home.

“We need trees,” Margaret said, tending to seedlings she planted in the CCF-Masodde program community.

“We need forests. They give us rain, firewood, fruits and they stop soil erosion.”

Margaret’s dream is to return the Kiboga district to the beauty of its natural forests and grassland swamps. But trees must be planted and saved, as this area relies on charcoal production. More charcoal- and firewood-loaded trucks than passenger vehicles pass on the road through Kiboga. With this constant reminder of the forest’s destruction humming in the background, the Masodde program community staff and children have embarked on

a campaign. In Margaret’s words, it is a campaign “to cover Masodde green again.”

This effort is well underway. Children in the Masodde program community, together with adults, have planted 10,000 eucalyptus trees and 5,000 pine trees on land that was once barren. Margaret and her friends offered a tour of the newly sprouted plots, asking visitors not to pick or break any leaves from the trees, not to run around in the tree garden. “You see these trees, sir?” Margaret asked, pointing to the green rows. “We are to safeguard them by sharing the importance of trees with our friends and family. During school days, our parents come to water, weed and kill termites.

“The adult forest caretakers tell us to take good care of the trees,” Margaret said. “The time will come when we children and the whole community will want rain, good soil or even wood and timber to build. This will be the forest to give us all that.”

Imagination On Wheels



These books are part of a tremendously successful mobile library program CCF started a few short years ago.

By Kirsten Hongisto, Asia Regional Communications Manager

When Christian Children's Fund's mobile library comes to town, it's a special time for children, bringing education and fun activities to children in remote parts of rural Thailand.

The mobile library program, which started about five years ago with 600 titles, has grown to a selection of over 65,000 books. The library makes regular stops at 378 villages throughout the country, and families can check out books from a revolving selection.

The libraries promote literacy and a love of reading. Although Thailand boasts a literacy rate of over 90 percent, children in rural communities often have to struggle to get an education. In parts of northern Thailand, for instance, children frequently walk more than three miles to school over mountainous terrain, and rural schools often lack basic instructional materials. Also, the libraries don't bring just books — they bring special activities as well to stimulate imagination. One popular draw is a mini puppet theater, performed by a musical group. Folk music is played while the wooden puppets come to life. The show's leader is

17-year-old Damrongkool, who has participated in CCF programs since he was 11. He now studies traditional Thai music.

In another library activity, fifth and sixth graders create a newsletter with a column about CCF activities or articles on health issues. At another library event, younger children write storybooks illustrated with their own drawings.

At first the libraries attracted only the children.

But soon the adults began to join them for reading, storytelling and writing. Books cover a wide range of interests, including general knowledge, "how-to" information, childrearing and children's health.

The books for the younger children "reveal to us how children can tell the world of their many beautiful ideas if they just have the opportunity to think, imagine, and express themselves," said Kanchada Piriyaungsan, national director of CCF-Thailand.

Young Storyteller Wins National Award

Before the CCF mobile library came to his remote village in Thailand, 8-year-old James rarely had the chance to read books. But the mobile library has helped him become one of the library's most avid readers. He enjoys classics, folklore and picture books, and he also likes to make up his own tales as well. The imaginative boy is a popular storyteller among his friends.

To encourage his interest in reading and storytelling, CCF provided a scholarship so that James could travel to the National Book Fair in Bangkok in 2005. He entered the storytelling competition and won a cash award. Appropriately, James used the funds to buy books. This gave him enough confidence to represent his school in English speaking contests.

Making Inroads Against Poverty

Several years ago, Christian Children's Fund conducted an extensive study on child poverty, which involved input from children, youth, their families and communities. From this, we have designed and expanded programs that can more effectively address the root causes of poverty.

While we understand that no one universal strategy exists to address all causes of poverty, CCF incorporates several key principles into all of our programs. We work to provide sustainable assistance to address the three dimensions of poverty: Deprivation, Exclusion and Vulnerability.

100 Percent Success: Night School in

Down the narrow, crowded streets of West Jakarta, then through cramped alleyways, stands a small, unassuming building. During the day, it serves as a health center, a small library, a kindergarten and a preschool run by the community. At night and on weekends, it's a classroom for young people looking to advance their education so they can find better jobs, earn better pay or maybe even go to college.

The youths' parents are mostly marginally employed. Some sell household goods or food from kiosks, or they operate motorcycle taxis. The community is one of the poorest in the area and because parents work long hours to make ends meet, children do not get enough attention from their parents.

Youths between the ages of 12 and 15 often quit school early to find jobs and help their families. Some girls stay home to care for younger siblings while their mothers are at work. In this industrial area, youths as young as 15 begin working in the factories five or six days a week — making clothes, plastics, toys, antennas and other items.

Many of these young people come to the school to study and earn certificates equivalent to a secondary school diploma. The school is held for three hours each evening and on Saturdays and Sundays. Without this opportuni-



Establishing a night school for youth who must work during the day has led to the successful graduation of hundreds of students.

ty, furthering their education would not be possible.

Students and their families contribute a small fee to cover transportation and examination costs. CCF-Indonesia pays the costs for trained teachers. The number of students varies, but a group of 14 students all recently passed their exam and received certificates. The accomplishment is a big one. Some students have been coming to the night school for as long as four years.

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Sponsorship funds are used in support of this, improving children's lives by addressing the needs of entire communities. Both the night school program on this page, and the property grabbing article on the next page, demonstrate how we put our findings into action.

Because youth must work during the day to help their families, they are excluded from attending school. The night school in Indonesia addresses their critical need for an education. In addition, children whose parents have died from AIDS are left vulnerable to others who were taking any property the parents left behind, in total disregard for the survival of these parents' children.

Suburban Jakarta

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Twenty-year-old Moriarti had to stop her schooling when she had finished the third grade as her family couldn't afford it anymore. She's been working six days a week in a garment factory, and for a nine-hour day she earns less than \$3. The additional education gives her hope.

After leaving school in the ninth grade, 27-year-old Eddie worked in a paint factory with many others, but he's not working now. "I hope the cer-

tificate will help me find a job. I would like to work in an office."

Out of 11 students in the room, 10 have recently been employed in area factories. Those with contracts may earn more than those without, and to get a contract they often need their education certificate. Many companies have rules that workers who improve their education will earn more money. Also with a certificate, they may have other job options as well — and their overall outlook greatly improves.

Child Protection: Getting At the Root Causes of Property Grabbing

Helping families cope with HIV/AIDS has meant addressing many legal issues of families — including that of property grabbing. Once parents or guardians of children die from AIDS, relatives try to take over any material possessions left behind — including homes — leaving children homeless.

CCF has partnered with NACH-WOLA (National Community of Women Living with AIDS) and TASO (The AIDS Support Organization) who have initiated an effort to combat this once acceptable cultural practice

(relatives took care of the children). Educating families on the importance of writing a will, and helping them write the wills, has enabled property to be passed down to children legally.

In addition, parents are creating memory books, where they document their family tree, positive and negative memories and a memory box where caregivers keep valuable items that they feel they should pass on to their children — all critical to helping new generations pick up the pieces that HIV/AIDS leaves behind.

CCF-Uganda begins HIV/AIDS Home-Based Care

CCF-Uganda has launched a home-based care program for those living with HIV/AIDS in the Luwero district. Victims of the illness lack resources to help their children. The emotional toll on children of having parents with HIV/AIDS is extremely frightening.

Through its Kinabwe program in Uganda's Luwero district, Christian Children's Fund has recently trained 75 home-based care volunteers and equipped them with medical kits to better minister to those who are HIV/AIDS-infected. In addition, 23 community members were also trained in psychosocial counseling for both children and adults living in families affected by HIV/AIDS. CCF is one of the few organizations in the area with funding for psychosocial support programs.

Since 1994, more than 700 children and families have been assisted through sponsorship funding in Luwero. Now, the partnership between CCF-Uganda and Irish Aid has helped secure more than more than \$287,000 over the next 1½ years to aid orphans and vulnerable children.

"With this grant, CCF will be able to reach more youth and offer them

psychosocial support," said Aisha Kayaga, the Luwero district vice chairperson. The September launch of the program included an art exhibit by community children and parents, speeches and community celebrations through music and dance.

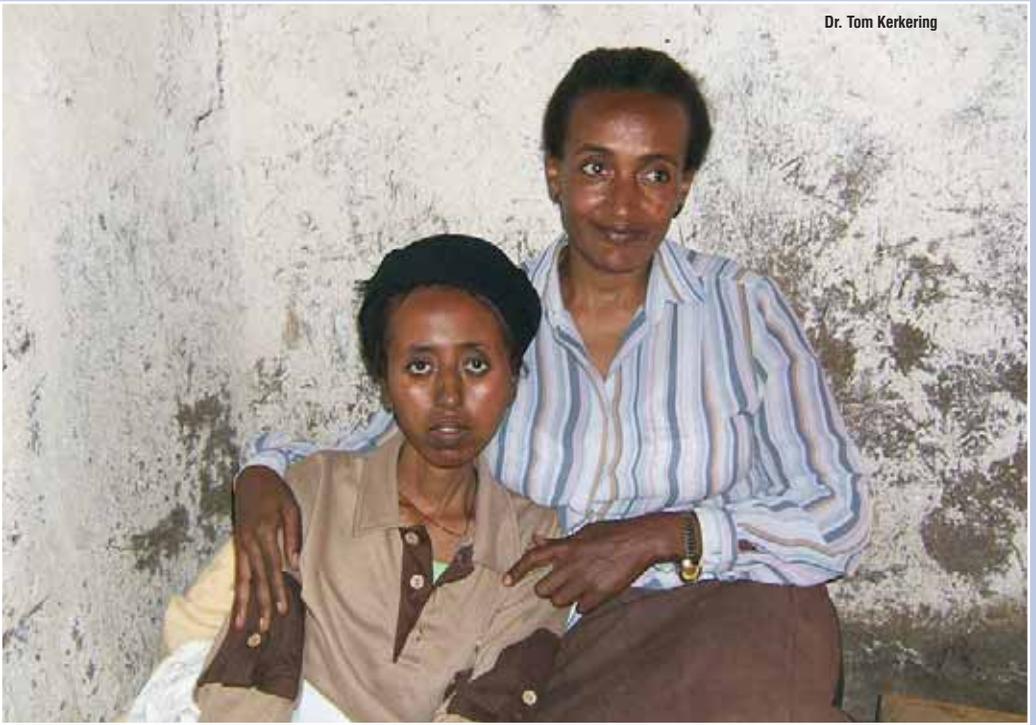
CCF encourages the participation of the entire community as an essential strategy to combat the spread of HIV. Starting with youth, CCF works to educate communities about the harsh truths of AIDS and the facts about how it is spread — all part of an overall plan to save future generations.

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This 19-year-old woman (top left), abandoned by her husband and family, was suffering from AIDS and pulmonary tuberculosis. The woman with her is a CCF home-based care worker. CCF, working with CCF Canada, has been training these workers to visit AIDS patients to see to their needs (food, cooking, cleaning, bathing, laundry, etc.) and make sure they are taking their medications.



CCF started her on TB medications, and she has been taking antiretroviral medicines for nine months. Today, she is a different person. She now wants to open a tailoring shop. Adherence to medications, along with the care and compassion shown by the health workers has made the difference. In parts of East Africa they have a name for this remarkable turnaround — “the Lazarus Syndrome,” that is, someone down with AIDS starts their ART (antiretroviral therapy) and within 3 to 4 weeks is up and walking. She wanted us to share her story.



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CCF is continuing its work with the tsunami recovery program, having completed the 2nd phase, which included constructing schools like this one. (See story pages 2 and 3.)

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