REACH OUT
Manipur, India

2016 Helping Hands for Kids Giving Project
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Helping Hands for Kids
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THANK YOU FOR LENDING A HELPING HAND!

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This year’s Helping Hands for Kids project will offer the children of your congregation an opportunity to REACH OUT to children living in Bena Village, Manipur, a state in northeastern India. Today there are 41 children living in the orphanage and attending the mission school.

Not only does the mission school provide education and share the good news of Jesus with these 41 children, but they have the opportunity to serve many more children in 16 nearby villages. The children in these villages have no opportunity to learn about Jesus because there are no churches or mission organizations. They have no opportunity to study because there are no schools.

The playground will provide a place for the children from the villages around Bena Village to come together. The staff of the orphanage can plan activities that will build relationships, introduce these children to the good news about Jesus and encourage them to attend the mission school.

The offerings your children give will provide playground equipment. When sufficient funds have been received for the playground equipment the remaining offerings will be used to complete construction of the orphanage and school.

This guide includes three mission points.

- **Live.** How do the children of Manipur live?
- **Pray.** How can we pray for the children of Manipur?
- **Give.** How will our giving help the children of Manipur?
Meet with your pastor and mission committee to present this year’s HH4K project, “Reach Out” and obtain permission to promote this project.

- Post “Reach Out-Manipur, India” posters in various areas of the church.
- Introduce the project to the congregation.
- Print the parent letter and send it home with each child after introducing the project to the children.
- Put a “Reach Out” card in each church bulletin.

### Mission Part 1
#### Life in Manipur, India

**Prepare**
- Download and print the map of India, the Bible verse, Matthew 19:14, and photos of the school and children of Manipur. Using these and props such as a bow and arrow, create a mission center and use as visual aids during the lesson.
- Chart tablet or poster and marker
- Download and print “Manipur Fact Cards”
- Supplies for “Pool Noodle Bow and Arrow”

**Review**
Manipur, India is home to nearly 3 million people. In Bena Village, the Church of God of Prophecy has an orphanage and school that provides a home and education to 41 children. The proposed playground will be a place where these children and the children from 16 surrounding villages can come to play. Here the staff of the orphanage and school can provide programs and events that will build loving relationships and provide opportunities to introduce the children from other villages to the good news about Jesus.

**Introduce**
- Using the map of India help the children find Manipur.
- Ask children what they think life is like in Bena Village, Manipur where the children’s playground will be built. Record their answers on a chart tablet or poster.
- Share facts about life in Manipur from the “Manipur Fact Cards”.
- Compare the children’s answers to the actual facts noting differences and similarities. Conclude by saying, “The lives of the children in Manipur are very different from your lives but in one way we are all the same. Jesus invites every child no matter where he lives or what language he speaks to come to Him.”

**Hands on Activity**
Each fact card has a hands-on activity that the children can do to help them remember that fact. After you have reviewed the facts about Manipur, let the children take turns choosing an activity for the group to do.
Pray
Pray together. Pray that children will come from the surrounding villages to play on the playground and that Bishop Joshua Wijonamai (pronounced WE-jonah-me) and his team will have opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus with the children.

Optional Activity –
Game On
• Help each child make a bow and arrow out of pool noodles. (Directions are provided below.)
• Tell them that archery, the ancient sport of India, is still very popular among the people of Manipur.
• Let the children take turns shooting their arrows at a target.
• As each child takes a turn, tell them to say one new thing they learned about Manipur and the lives of the Manipur children.

Pool Noodle Bow and Arrow

What You Need:
• 2 Pool noodles
• String
• Sharp knife
• Wood skewer
• Tape
• Scissors

What to Do:
1. Using a sharp knife, (adult only) cut a noodle 28” long for the bow.
2. Cut a piece of string about 48” long. Tape one end of the string to a skewer and then insert the skewer through one end of the “bow”, about an inch from the end of the noodle. Tie off that end.
3. Repeat with the other end of the bow. Pull the string through to make a good arc that looks like the bow in our photo. String should be taunt. Tie off the end securely.
4. Now, cut the other noodle in half lengthwise, with the knife. From each half, cut a thin arrow about 17” long, making a pointed, arrow-shape at one end.
5. Make a small V at the straight end of the arrow, for the arrow to rest on the string for shooting.
M I S S I O N  P O I N T  2
PRAY FOR THE KIDS IN MANIPUR, INDIA

Prepare
• Provide craft sticks, paper cups, pens or fine-tip Sharpies.
• Post photos with specific prayer needs written below each photo on the walls around the meeting room.
• Provide worshipful music to play during prayer time.

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Prayer Walk
• Give children several craft sticks, a plastic cup and a pen or Sharpie.
• Have them draw a point on one end of the stick and feathers on the other to look like an arrow. They can decorate their cup to hold the “arrows.”
• Post pictures of the children of the orphanage around the room. Label each photo with a specific prayer need. Invite the children to take a “prayer walk.” At each picture the children are to stop and write the prayer need on an “arrow.”
• When each child has written down the prayer points, bring them together in a circle. Go around the circle and have each child pray for one of the needs they have listed on their “arrows.”

Encourage the children to take their “arrows” home and pray alone and with their families for the ministry in Bena village.

Note: Younger children who do not write, can draw a symbol representing the prayer need on each “arrow.”
MISSION POINT 3
GIVE TO HELP PROVIDE A PLAYGROUND FOR THE SCHOOL
IN MANIPUR, INDIA

Prepare
- Two soft indoor balls in two different colors
- Game music
- Download and print “Reach Out” cards
- A lunch sack for each child
- Printed pictures of the playground equipment and children of Bena Village, Manipur

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“What if?” Game
- Remind the children that building a playground will bring children from the villages to Bena village. This will give Bishop Joshua Wijonamai (pronounced WE-jonah-me) and the staff of the school an opportunity to get to know the children and share the good news about Jesus with them.
- Direct children to form a circle. Give a ball to two children in the circle. When the music begins, direct children to pass the balls around the circle in opposite directions.
- Stop the music and ask the child holding one of the balls to describe something great that will happen when we give so that there can be a playground at the school in Bena village.
- Begin the music and the passing game continues. When the music stops, name the other ball color. The person holding that ball should say something disappointing that might happen if we fail to give our offerings so that this project can be completed.
- Continue playing until several or all of the children have had the opportunity to share.

“Reach Out” commitment
- Distribute the “Reach Out” cards.
- Review the information on the “Reach Out” cards with the children.
- Ask the children to help set a project goal for your group and announce a date for offerings to be turned in. Guide them to keep it realistic and attainable. It is better to surpass a goal than to fail to meet it.
- Talk to children about making a commitment to give so that the playground can be completed.
- Distribute the lunch sacks and pictures of the children in Manipur.
- Tell the children that the lunch sack can be used as a reminder to pray for the “Reach Out” project and to collect their offering in.
- Allow the children to decorate the lunch sack with prayer points, and pictures.
- Encourage the children to pray, give and bring their offering back to church by the project due date.

Pray
Pray for each child in your class by name. Ask God to help him and his family to have a caring heart for the children in Manipur, India and give generously.