

SIGNPOST INTERNATIONAL

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Over the past few years a real transformation has been taking place in North Baluarte, a poor shanty area of the Philippines' Iloilo City. Known locally as 'Shoreline' - because its people are landless squatters, forced to build homes on stilts over a tidal river on the city's edge - Signpost International has been working with the local community to help bring about some amazing changes....Each year several fatal accidents occur, mostly as children fall and drown, because of the rickety bamboo bridges that link the Shoreline community; now these bridges are being replaced by stable concrete walkways. Homes and families in several areas of Shoreline now have access to clean water and mains electricity, managed and maintained by a community-run committee. At the river's edge the planting of mangroves has begun, protecting homes, preventing further tidal erosion and reclaiming land that has been lost. Mangroves also provide a good breeding ground for fish and other sea life that will help support local fishermen. More than a hundred women have been learning new livelihood skills - soap making, catering, massage and food processing, along with skills in accounting, saving and business management - to generate a more secure income for their families. Business profits spent on education, health, housing and nutrition maximise the transformational impact on families and the community.



It is the donations given through Will Relief Scotland, and invested in this community that ensure families are able to provide for themselves with a renewed sense of dignity and empowerment.

SOME WORDS FROM OUR PATRONS:

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"I am happy to be a patron of Will Relief Scotland. It is a laudable effort on the part of my profession to help vulnerable people overseas by providing resources, financial and material, to relieve their distress and meet their needs."

SIR TOM FARMER CBE

'Will Relief Scotland is a great opportunity for people to support the vital work of these excellent charities and at the same time put their affairs in order by making a will.'



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK LEGAL POST FOR THEIR GENEROSITY WITH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SOLICITORS.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH SOLICITORS ARE PARTICIPATING?

Our contact details are at the foot of this leaflet. Phone, write or e-mail us.

Alternatively speak to your own solicitor (or any other solicitor you know) and ask if he/she is taking part.

HOW MUCH SHOULD THE DONATION BE?

This is entirely a matter for you to decide. The suggested level of donation is in the region of:

Single Will	£ 70.00
Mirror Wills	£ 95.00
Codicil	£ 35.00

HOW WILL THE MONEY BE USED?

Exclusively for development and relief overseas. The money from your donations is shared equally among the five charities that are united in their commitment to reach out to those in desperate need, regardless of race or creed. Their work is as varied as the places they reach and the people they serve.

WHO BENEFITS?

Everyone involved.

You get your Will drawn up professionally without paying legal fees. Solicitors generate goodwill and those living in such poverty overseas not only get immediate relief but some hope for the future for themselves and for their children.

DO IT IN SEPTEMBER 2009 AND GET VITAL BENEFITS FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS DEPENDENT ON YOU



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2009 THAT YOU AND YOUR
LOVED ONES ARE PROVIDED
FOR.....

.....AND HELP FAMILIES AND
CHILDREN AT RISK AROUND
THE WORLD

Here are just some of the reasons why you
should make your **WILL** in September 2009



BRING ABOUT A REAL DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU MAKE A WILL WITH WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND.....

Through Will Relief Scotland your Will is drawn up by one of our participating Solicitors who have generously agreed to provide this service free of charge in September 2009. Instead of paying for the Will you will be invited to make a donation to the Will Relief Scotland Charities.

You will not only gain the peace of mind from knowing that you have provided for your family and loved ones, but your donation will help the member charities transform the lives of hundreds of people, families and children in the world's poorest places.

WHAT IS WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND?

A partnership between Scottish Solicitors and five charities based in Scotland specialising in development work and the relief of poverty overseas.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

During the month of September 2009 the participating solicitors will give up their fees for making wills in return for a donation to the five charities.

Make an appointment now to see one of them.

IT COULD NOT BE SIMPLER.....

PAYMENT OF DONATIONS

By cheque please, **MADE OUT TO "BLYTHSWOOD CARE FOR WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND"** and handed to the Solicitor involved.

You will be asked to sign a gift aid form (if appropriate) which will allow the charities to recover an additional contribution from the government provided you are a UK taxpayer

WILL RELIEF CHANGES LIVES.....

Your donation will be shared equally among the five Scottish charities involved: Blythswood Care - Evanton, Ross-shire, EMMS International - Edinburgh, Mission Aviation Fellowship - Glasgow, Mary's Meals - Dalmally, Argyll and Signpost International - Dundee.

Among them they work in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE SC021848

Orphaned and abandoned children in India have benefitted from the £6,000 already raised by Will Relief Scotland for Blythswood Care. Dayspring House opened its doors in January 2009, providing purpose-built accommodation for up to 50 children on the outskirts of Hyderabad. Little Arun's story is typical of the children who have been re-housed. He and his sister Ambica were eating from rubbish bins and sleeping under a tree before being given shelter by Blythswood's partners last year. When Pastor Samuel Babu was made aware of their situation, he had them admitted to hospital. He said that they were dying for lack of food and shelter. "The boy's condition was worse. Now their health has improved very much. They have found new mother, father, sisters and brothers in our orphanage." This year, Blythswood aims to raise £36,000 to provide a new home for orphanage children in another part of India. Six year old Grace lost her parents when their bicycle was crushed in a hit-and-run accident. Teenager Sunitha Rani was abandoned by her alcoholic father following the violent death of her mother. Along with 36 other orphaned and abandoned children, these two girls are cared for by Blythswood's partners in Andhra Pradesh. Although the children sleep in the relative safety of a compound, the night watchman is often killing snakes and scorpions. Foundations for the new building have already been laid. Your donation will quickly make a difference to the lives of these girls and others like them, allowing work to progress without delay.



EMMS INTERNATIONAL SC032327

EMMS International works in partnership with communities in the poorest parts of the world to transform their lives, improving life chances through effective and sustainable health & education, and by sharing our Christian faith in words and actions. We currently support projects in Malawi, India, Nepal and Nazareth, as well as running a Student Elective Bursary Scheme that supports students to undertake their electives in Mission Hospitals across the world. With the funds raised from the 2007 appeal, we were able to support the AIDS Programme at Ekwendeni Hospital, Malawi. The programme provides testing, treatment and counselling services for people living with HIV/AIDS in a remote part of Northern Malawi. The programme also supports many of the thousands of children who have been orphaned as a result of AIDS. This includes the provision of basic food, shelter, clothing and education, as well as helping local people to support, love and look after the orphans within their communities.



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP SC039107

The support that MAF has received from Will Relief Scotland has gone to support the flying we have been doing in Southern Sudan. It has enabled emergency medical evacuations to take place and also subsidised the cost of flights for many of our mission partners who rely on MAF to reach some of the most inhospitable places in that vast country. The result has been that lives have been saved and hope brought to many people who know hunger, pain and conflict as part of their daily lives. It is only with the support and partnership of organisations like Will Relief Scotland that we can continue to offer our services to our partners at affordable costs to enable them to meet the physical, spiritual and humanitarian needs of some of the neediest people in Africa. It is only by working together that we can make this difference and it is amazing how something as simple as making a will here in Scotland can have such an impact thousands of miles away. The thing is that what you do today does and will impact on others in need. Thank you for your support of the Will Relief Scotland campaign that makes the work we do possible.



MARY'S MEALS / SIR SC022140

The funds raised through Will Relief Scotland 2007 allowed us to continue serving up a nutritious daily meal to thousands of hungry children around the world. The fact this meal is offered in school means the children are also helped to gain an education. This education gives them a chance of escaping poverty in later life. If you wake up hungry with no guarantee of food that day, school is not your main priority. Even if you do make it to the classroom, it is hunger that will be on your mind rather than your lessons. For many of the children the food they receive through Mary's Meals will be their only meal in the day. Children like Mirlande from Haiti; "Sometimes I come to school and I have an empty stomach. I get a meal at school and sometimes I go back home and have nothing."

By providing a daily meal in school, Mary's Meals overcomes these problems and leaves children free to learn. We currently feed over 350 000 children around the world every day. We would like to give every needy child a daily meal in school. The average cost of providing a child with Mary's Meals for a year is £8.40.



As a result of the last Will Relief Scotland event, over 700 additional children are now being fed and educated every day.