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# WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/14 20:41

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We as asians suffer the same unequal treatments  
from whatever governments we have..  
but ordinary people can change the world..  
I believe that this article fits us most  
What is happening in Burma inspired me to  
post this article and will continue  
to research on organizations featuring in  
helping us ease the heavy yoke that  
has been burdened to us by our  
own politicians.

Capitalism, communism, and socialism have all led to societies in which a small elite holds the money and the cards. The elite see themselves as the source of the good in society, and see ordinary people as a passive mass or a dangerous problem. We are all taught to see people this way.  
To change the world we must see it in a new way. Contrary to the elite vision, ordinary working people are the source of whatever good exists in this society; the elite are the source of the problems. Far from being a passive mass, most people in their everyday lives struggle to shape the world with better values than the values of the system.

Capitalism concentrates money and power in the hands of the few. Like communism, it is undemocratic to the core. We live in a fake democracy, in which the government, the large corporations, and the media are controlled by a ruling class. "Democracy" has been reduced to pulling a lever every four years for some politician promising that he or she will really change things.

<http://www.newdemocracyworld.org/wecan.htm>

"when i was a young man i wanted  
to change the world  
I found it was difficult  
to change the world  
so i tried to change my nation

when i found i couldn't  
change the nation  
i began to focus on my town  
i couldn't change the town  
and as an older man  
i tried to change my family

now as an old man  
i realized that i could only  
change myself  
and suddenly i have realize  
that if long ago  
i had changed myself

i could have made  
an impact on my family

my family and i  
could have made an impact  
on our town.

their impact could have  
changed the nation  
and i could indeed have

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changed the world

<http://www.peoplestuff.com.au/images/IfIWantToChangeTheWorld500x335.jpg>

I wanted to introduce our very own  
GAWAD KALINGA IN THE PHILIPPINES

next...

ordinary people can change the world

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/14 22:23

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Yes we can change the world, but we have to take models. In Asia there are a lot of false and genuine democracies. Philippines are voting today, but how many people have been killed because their convictions ?. In Hong Kong a small number of people select the chief of Executive. In singapore le PAP has 96 of the 98 members of the parliament.

To change Asia, and not the word, because Africa and South America are very difficult to deal, you have to copy the thru model of democracy In Europ.

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/15 22:20

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hi jacques

i agree, but in times of troubles  
we can rely on our inner strength  
pray to our God whatever His name and  
whatever we conceive Him to be,  
own sound mind and good dispositions  
as we await the light of dawn

don't you agree?

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/15 22:25

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One of the Philippines' outstanding NGO's.  
Gawad Kalinga

[http://www.gawadkalinga.org/gk\\_news/images/0407-007\\_bg.jpg](http://www.gawadkalinga.org/gk_news/images/0407-007_bg.jpg)

<http://www.gawadkalinga.org/>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/15 23:10

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Hi Linsi,

I agree with you. You have to help yourself with the help of God what the name given to Him. But he don't speak to you or to me directly, so we have to look and decide by ourself what it is good for our countries and the way to get it. In the world there are a few number with a genuine democratie, so I suggest to take these ones as a model.

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by sremmah - 2007/05/16 06:03

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/05/16 07:46

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No imagination at all, Sremmah!  
We have Linsi - and many others as well - who contribute great posts all the time.  
And I am sure there are more to come!

John:)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by pokkha - 2007/05/16 12:55

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Philippines is a third world country. We are behind in terms of economies but personally I take pride in the Filipinos genuine concern for one another.

Gawad Kalinga's success in improving the quality of life of thousands of poor families in the Philippines is a living testimony of our innate compassion for the needy. They exist not to promote mendicancy and indolence but to inculcate self-reliance and self-sufficiency in every Filipino household. This NGO has become a model of other organizations both local and international in terms of sustainable development programs.

GK believes that Filipinos can help themselves in alleviating their life conditions in a very personal and meaningful way. I'm proud that I have been able to contribute my time and resources to their cause in the past. I intend to commit more in the future.

<http://pokkha.multiply.com/photos/hi-res/15/65.JPG?xurl=%2Fphotos%2Fphoto%2F15%2F65.JPG>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by kayum - 2007/05/16 13:31

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To change the world, Jacques is right, we need a model.

I also believe that to be able to see what we need to change, we need to see and calibrate our perspective from "outside the box". Change is hard to accept if immediately imposed so education is part of the key and gradual change is achieved.

I am a proud supporter of Gawad Kalinga as well.  
Long Live!

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/16 19:36

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hi sremmah

:)don't mention it, i am just glad that we have the opportunity to share to the world how ordinary people can change things.I am overwhelmed by the sacrifices and hardships of our own people in Asia, we need things like this, and as what jacques stated.. a model/models.

hi john

from the very beginning i have told you my goal- in my own small way, to share what would be very beneficial for all of us,try to be impartial as much as possible so that i think that all of us here in AO would learn and strengthen one another, a simple ordinary asian here thank you so much :)

i also commend warazein and gyogoat TS.. with the exemptionally strong expositions of others like truthseeker et al... and to all specially the pinoyos who remain open minded and still cheerful inspite of all the things in the Philippines..

I donot really get a personal experience with GAWAD KALINGA, due to my absence,but close friends working and helping the organization told me about it, the popularity by virtues have spread around like fire, igniting those who are sad and hopeless...

next.. the Tzu Chi Foundation- Buddhist Compassion Relief

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/16 19:54

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Master Cheng Yen has been called "the Mother Teresa of Asia" and the "Red Cross of China"—where everyone knows her name.

As head of a small Buddhist temple in Taiwan, her generous followers number over four million.

Her work and influence through the Tzu Chi Foundation provides disaster relief throughout the world—from sending truckloads of food, blankets, and housing directly to people in need to building hospitals, colleges, research centers, and developing educational, social, and cultural programs.

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<http://www.simhas.org/chengyen.html>

She was born in 1937 in Chingshui Village in Taichung County in Taiwan. Her uncle was childless, so she was given to be raised by her aunt and uncle. As early as 1945, she had to experience people's pain and helplessness at the age of eight when she had to look after her sick brother in a hospital for eight months. At the age of 23, her father died suddenly from brain hemorrhaging caused by a stroke. It was in searching for a burial place for him that Cheng Yen first came into contact with the Buddhist Dharma.

I just watched a feature about Chen Yen, here in TVB Pearl, with some of the buddhist nuns with her, they raise their own foods in the small farm they have and live simple lives inspite of enurmous finances of tzu-chi foundation.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheng\\_Yen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheng_Yen)

With the support of only thirty housewives who set aside NT fifty cents (US\$0.013) of their grocery money each day, Master Cheng Yen embarked on her mission of helping the poor and educating the more prosperous. She and the newly formed Tzu Chi Merits Society established a charity fund to provide relief and assistance for the poor.

[http://www.geocities.com/angggie\\_99/tzuinfo.html](http://www.geocities.com/angggie_99/tzuinfo.html)

<http://en.tzuchi.ca/canada/images/about/presentation/presentation27s.jpg>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/16 20:06

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I hope all of us could contribute in posting about common people who are heroes of our present times, helping people all around the world specially Asia.

their websites and how to contact them..

Feel free to post about GAWAD KALINGA, more from our Asian neighbours not only for informations but for real help and experience the reality that ordinary people can change the world..

next- Nightlight  
bringing light to women and children in Bangkok

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/17 01:45

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/17 04:58

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Posted by linsi - 2007/05/17 22:54

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Jacques

Hi jacques

I understand what you mean, i agree we cannot change the world, but like the exemplary lives of Christ, Buddha, and millions of heroes who have walked this earth, they gave their best to make this world a better place to live in. I think the title of this thread which goes " We can change the world" means more of individual contributions to help only those whom we can reach, and at least ease the burden in our own little way.

so you came in late in AO because you had a dinner with a very good french wine , nice to know that.

linsi

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Posted by linsi - 2007/05/17 23:02

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hi john 2

agreed.:)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/17 23:29

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Hi Jon2

Your are right

I am glad you are also to discuss serious subjects

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/18 02:40

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;) Thanks Jacques. You got one Karma vote from me for your insight.

Hello Miss Linsi! ;) Nice topic and info you've got here.

Kudos to all who strive for change and for the improvement of life.

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/18 23:37

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Hi Jon2

I am happy we could become friends. I don't like conflict situation. My karma wans going up and down and I never know why. If i deagree with what a member said, I never put down his karma. Every one is free of his opinion and I respect his point of view, even it is not mine.

Because your open mind position and your constructive action on A.O. i also upgrate your Karma

Jacques

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/24 19:00

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Mr Pun and his small world..

Casino casualties

In the heart of town off a quiet square, is a Catholic charity run by a softly-spoken, earnest middle-aged man, Paul Pun.

He is based in a dingy, run-down building, which is the antithesis of neon glamour.

Nearby are some elegant colonial houses with their pastel-shaded roofs.

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Lose your shirt on the spin of a roulette wheel, and the authorities might suggest you pay Mr Pun a visit.

Mr Pun and his people offer counselling and enough money for the ferry ride home  
We're getting busier every year," he says.

He points to the next door room. "There's a woman in there, a factory owner from the mainland. She's just lost \$100,000 - that's nearly £50,000. We want to speak to her, but every time she tries to talk she bursts into tears."

Mixed up with the betting is the money laundering.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from\\_our\\_own\\_correspondent/6685173.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/6685173.stm)

there are always good people everywhere--

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/01 14:44

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One of the answers in Nepal's poverty-

Cooperatives

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=72319>

"We decided to take matters into our own hands and not wait for the government's help," squatter Mankumari Ale told IRIN. She and her neighbours in Mandikatar decided to form a committee and collect money each month from whatever savings they had.

They were able to establish a cooperative and, with the support of Lumanti NGO, managed to collect enough funds to begin income generation activities, and members also started to clean their area, build toilets and install a drinking water tank.

"Over the last five years we have managed to save many lives, and now not many get sick," said Ale, adding that other squatter settlements should try to form their own cooperatives and work together.

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heroes and heroines in our daily lives and struggles do exist.

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/06/01 22:08

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How we can change the world.

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Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 05:01

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hi jacques

I understand and i know what you mean :( there could never be UTOPIA but in our own little way we can ease the burdens of our fellowmen by helping in what we can, that is what i mean. We can only try and do as much.

that is also the reason i post articles about humanitarian help, to encourage those who are really down and suffering emotionally and physically, so that they may know that there is still "goodness" in others. Hope others could inform us about unsung heroes and heroines living in the face of this world.

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The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil  
is for good men to do nothing...  
Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/06/03 05:03

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 05:12

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Ordinary Afghans struggle to survive

Budding businesswoman

Saeema's husband was shot dead in a local dispute five years ago.  
"It was terrible," she says. "My children lost their father  
and I couldn't support them. I was forced to beg in my village."

An aid project has since provided Saeema, 32,  
with a cow that enables her to sell dairy products in the market.  
Today she gets nine litres of milk per day from her cow,

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earning her up to 6,000 Afghanis (\$100) per month.  
She can also provide her children  
with fresh milk and cheese.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/picture\\_gallery/06/south\\_asia\\_ordinary\\_afghans\\_struggle\\_to\\_survive/html/9.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/06/south_asia_ordinary_afghans_struggle_to_survive/html/9.stm)

<http://www.mercyuniversal.com/pics/cowsmall.jpg>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 05:22

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[http://www.seedsofchange.com/garden\\_center/browse\\_category.asp?category\\_id=3](http://www.seedsofchange.com/garden_center/browse_category.asp?category_id=3)

Seeds for Afghanistan

[http://www.seedsofchange.com/enewsletter/issue\\_35/35\\_afghan1.jpg](http://www.seedsofchange.com/enewsletter/issue_35/35_afghan1.jpg)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 05:32

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### Lives transformed

Fabric and carpet weaving are skills that have all but disappeared during Afghanistan's many years of war. In Zinda Jan district of western Herat Province, aid groups have helped 1,000 impoverished women revive the traditional skill of silk production.

The women received Chinese silk worm eggs, equipment and money to buy mulberry leaves to feed the larvae that produce the silk. Twos (centre), 55, lost her husband and son to the war, but now makes \$30 per month.

### 'More books'

Since the Soviet invasion in 1979 a steady decline has all but demolished Afghanistan's educational infrastructure. An estimated 80% of school buildings were damaged or destroyed in the war and Afghanistan has the lowest overall literacy rate in Asia.

Since the fall of the Taleban in 2001, a number of home-based schools have started up, like this one in a village near Jalalabad. "We still lack everything," said one village teacher. "We need more school buildings, books and pens

### Making a difference

Students with handicaps face huge difficulties in Afghanistan. "They are normally shunned by society here and are rarely given the opportunity of an education," explains Karima Sorkhabi, from the International Rescue Committee which manages a programme to integrate blind and deaf children into ordinary schools. Seven-year-old Akhbar Hussein Anwar (left) is one of those to have benefited.

Pictures and script by Peter Biro, from the International Rescue Committee

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/picture\\_gallery/06/south\\_asia\\_ordinary\\_afghans\\_struggle\\_to\\_survive/html/10.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/06/south_asia_ordinary_afghans_struggle_to_survive/html/10.stm)

[http://cache.viewimages.com/xt/72628630.jpg?v=1&g=editorial\\_asiapac&s=1](http://cache.viewimages.com/xt/72628630.jpg?v=1&g=editorial_asiapac&s=1)<http://www.soroptimist-gbi.org/images/rugtraining.jpg>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/25 20:20

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Teenage 'saviour' of Dhaka's slums

Eighteen-year-old Doly Akter's work in the slum to help improve health and education has been widely praised, even earning her the chance to speak at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

With the help of some friends, she set up a project to change the lives of local women that became massively successful

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south\\_asia/6222974.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/6222974.stm)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/03 18:39

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Hope we can contribute by posting encouragements through people who strive to make life better for all of us :)

here is about Nightlight in Bangkok

NightLight: a ministry in urban Bangkok, which reaches out to women and children working in the bar areas of Nana/Sukhumvit. Located in a neighborhood with a growing sex trade, Nightlight's vision is to share the Light of the world in both word and deed to those who live in darkness.

<http://www.nightlightbangkok.com/purposeandgoals.htm>

<http://www.nightlightbangkok.com/nightlighttop.gif>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/04 07:42

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[http://www.capegateway.gov.za/image/2004/9/health\\_wellness\\_slide2\\_0001.jpg](http://www.capegateway.gov.za/image/2004/9/health_wellness_slide2_0001.jpg)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

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Posted by linsi - 2007/07/04 14:04

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### The struggling driver and the bag of cash

Manila - He needed money for his sick wife and overdue rent, but a Filipino motorcycle taxi driver was honest enough to return \$17 000 (aboutR120 000) left behind by a passenger.

Illuminado Boc returned the money to police in Tagbilaran city on central Bohol island last week, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported on Monday.

The woman who lost the bag of cash had just reported it to police when Boc showed up at the precinct, the newspaper said.

"It was not mine," Boc was quoted as saying.

Boc, 45, said he was struggling financially because his wife was taken to a hospital the same day he found the money, and they had unpaid rent.

The owner rewarded him with 1 500 pesos (about R225), about seven times what a motorcycle taxi driver makes a day. - Sapa-AP

[http://www.int.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=126&art\\_id=nw20070702050905608C511464](http://www.int.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=126&art_id=nw20070702050905608C511464)

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### Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/06 19:43

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Phyu Phyu Thin has headed the NLD's AIDS programme since 2002, tapping into the party's youth league and recruiting students and Buddhist monks as volunteers to help about 1,000 people with HIV from around the country.

When patients come to Yangon, she helps them find places to stay and tries to match them up with the few treatment services available, mainly at clinics run by international aid agencies.

She also organises home-based care for patients who need it, and has found private donors to pay for life-prolonging drugs for about 30 people.

Although she's not a doctor herself, she talks about the people she helps as "her patients." Eleven of them were so distraught by her arrest that they held a prayer vigil last month to call for her release, only to be detained themselves for four days.

Her patients range in age from two to almost 50. They are at different stages of illness, and many live in rural areas where even basic health services are limited.

"By the time many of them come to us, they already have AIDS-related illnesses," Phyu Phyu Thin said.

Getting treatment to people in remote parts of the country is one of her most difficult challenges, a struggle shared by international agencies that are forced to work within strict limits imposed by the military government.

Read more about Phyu Phyu visit:

[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticleNew.asp?xfile=data/theworld/2007/July/theworld\\_July123.xml&section=theworld&col=](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticleNew.asp?xfile=data/theworld/2007/July/theworld_July123.xml&section=theworld&col=)

[http://www.voanews.com/burmese/images/Phyu-Phyu-Thin\\_1.gif](http://www.voanews.com/burmese/images/Phyu-Phyu-Thin_1.gif)

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Posted by Jacques - 2007/07/07 07:25

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/12 00:30

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another good news.

There was an outstanding achievement award of 15,000 pounds (\$30,000) for an Indian company, Selco, which provides affordable solar power systems to the poor.

so the poor can also avail of these...

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/06 16:33

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Norzia Mahboobsami, the head of the women's council, receives threatening telephone calls daily.

"I simply tell them they have a wrong number," she explained matter of factly. Last year, Ms Olomi's driver dropped her off at the women's centre and then set off on another errand. He was shot through the car window as policemen stood by.

Ms Olomi, who still carries his picture in her purse, was not deterred and the centre reopened in the governor's compound.

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/pics/breaking/1002biz-artemis.jpg>  
Empoweging Afghan Women..

It is an oasis in a desert of oppression. Beautiful, big-eyed young girls learn their ABCs, while their mothers are taught everything from English to computer training.

Squashed cheek by jowl in a couple of mud huts, widows work away at old-fashioned, hand-wound sewing machines, creating beautifully embroidered clothes to sell at market. For an investment of £4,400 over three months, the British/Danish-funded project has trained the women. And graduates keep their machines, allowing them a revenue stream and a way to feed their children.

we can change the world...

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/asia/article2651049.ece>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/20 03:53

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linsi wrote:

hi jacques

i agree, but in times of troubles  
we can rely on our inner strength  
pray to our God whatever His name and  
whatever we conceive Him to be,  
own sound mind and good dispositions  
as we await the light of dawn

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don't you agree?

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kindly, soft-spoken volunteer who runs the feeding center at the church, knows that the soup kitchen may breed dependency and mendicancy among those it seeks to help. But he has seen real changes, especially among the children, who he says are now livelier, cleaner, and more respectful. Many, he says, are off rugby, as they no longer need to sniff the glue to take their minds off hunger. They are also more energetic, no longer sleeping on the plaza all the time.

opened, the soup kitchen at the Quiapo church on June 17 last year, the Divine Mercy Apostolate had enough money to last only three days. "We didn't know where the money for the fourth day would come from," he says. "But one of our members from Alabang pitched in. Then there were more donations. We sent solicitation letters to balikabayan from Las Vegas and they raised more than \$1,000. Many come here to help. Some students from La Salle or Ateneo come and say, here's P2,000 or P3,000, I'm giving it to you instead of holding a birthday party. One Chinese guy saw the feeding and he came back with a truckload of rice. One guy comes here every week to give P100. Others give eggs or pan de sal."

Tonight, in fact, each cup of porridge will have half an egg, courtesy of an anonymous donor. At noon, there was bottled water for everyone. Freddie sees it all as a sign not just of human compassion but of God's grace.

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/20 03:59

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Quiapo has always been a lost-and-found place. Not too long ago, says Freddie, a four-year old girl was abandoned at the plaza, apparently left to fend for herself with only a bag containing her clothes and toys. One of the sidewalk peddlers found her and took her in his care. Freddie himself came here in search of something he had lost, perhaps his own vision of Divine Mercy. Somewhere, among all these lost and abandoned souls, he has found, if not that, at least something bigger than himself.

It is 6:45. Darkness has set in. The hundreds of hungry have been fed, and they start walking away from the church, disappearing into the shadows with their stories and their secrets. The lugaw cart, its the pots now empty, is rolled back inside the gates. Tomorrow, another day — and another round of feeding — begins.

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surely all of us, giving our efforts could make a difference.

<http://pcij.org/i-report/1/soup-kitchen.html>

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/08/20 04:00

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/28 22:54

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[http://i202.photobucket.com/albums/aa202/Asia\\_Observer/CHILDINDIA.jpg](http://i202.photobucket.com/albums/aa202/Asia_Observer/CHILDINDIA.jpg)

"To date, CINI has helped more than 10,000 child labourers go back to school, or get registered at school for the first time in their lives – so we know that by motivating parents and children, providing good quality teaching and supplying two nutritious meals a day at education centres, it is possible to give children the start they need to reach their potential as productive young men and women."

To find out more about CINI's work with child labourers and how you can help support the charity's campaign for Child Labour Awareness Week, see [www.ciniuk.org](http://www.ciniuk.org)

[http://www.theasiannews.co.uk/community/heritage/s/1014/1014314\\_back\\_to\\_school.html](http://www.theasiannews.co.uk/community/heritage/s/1014/1014314_back_to_school.html)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/02 15:57

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When i heard about the news of how grave opium addiction is in Afghanistan, my heart sank..I was thinking of how devastated lives are for the families there..

but when i read about this article- hope sprang out, and it fortified my belief that we can make the wold a lot better...

an excerpt from this artcle says:

"After the fall of the Taleban, Rahima returned to Afghanistan and heard talk of the Sanga Amaj Drug Treatment Centre for women in western Kabul, funded by the US state department through the Afghan Ministry of Counter Narcotics"

The first of its kind in the area, the Sanga Amaj centre is named after a female journalist who was mysteriously shot dead in Kabul a few months ago.

After only a month's treatment at Sanga Amaj, Rahima was back to normal. She now works at the centre as a janitor, earning \$100 a month.

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read more:-  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south\\_asia/6965837.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/6965837.stm)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/04 15:49

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The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil  
is for good men to do nothing...  
Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/04 15:51

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Whoopi Goldberg has raised money on behalf of the homeless and Afghan women.

<http://www.helpafghanwomen.com/>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by Jacques - 2007/09/04 19:26

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You are right

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/10/05 20:29

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"There is a lack of medical services in the countryside and most rural folk are poor and can't afford the medical fees," said Dennis Lam, a leading Hong Kong ophthalmologist, who has set up a non-profit charity called "Project Vision" which aims to treat cataract sufferers in rural China.

Cataracts -- the clouding of the lens of the eye which blocks out light eventually causing blindness -- is a major health problem in China.

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[http://www.boston.com/news/world/asia/articles/2007/09/25/cataracts\\_a\\_health\\_scourge\\_for\\_chinas\\_poor/](http://www.boston.com/news/world/asia/articles/2007/09/25/cataracts_a_health_scourge_for_chinas_poor/)

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Patients recovering from cataract operations are seen dressed in traditional Mongolian costumes before attending a ceremony marking the inauguration of Project Vision, a Hong Kong charity, at a hospital in Xilinhot, Inner Mongolia September 22, 2007. Cataracts are a major cause of blindness around the world. In China, nine million people are blind, half of them due to cataracts. Project Vision aims to create 100 centres around the country to perform cataract operations in places that need them most. (REUTERS/Bobby Yip)

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2007/10/21 14:08

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<http://www.contentxxl.com/Portaldata/15/Resources/referenzen/barrierefrei.jpg>

School teaches blind to surf the Internet

MANILA, Philippines--HABER TARALA, 18, NEEDS TO DO research on a class project he has to submit the following day.

Blind since birth, Tarala uses a special software which allows him to use the computer the same way a sighted person would.

The student picked up his computer skills when he enrolled at the Adaptive Technology for Rehabilitation, Integration and Empowerment of the Visually Impaired (Atriev), a computer school for the blind on Kamias Road, Quezon City.

read more on how it is done--

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/02/18 07:21

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by warazein - 2008/02/19 01:45

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Posted by linsi - 2008/02/19 04:58

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i would like to greet lanie here who seems to have the time to login inspite of her busy schedules, she also was very much involved with our small project, thanks lanie!

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Posted by Lanie - 2008/02/19 06:14

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by warazein - 2008/02/19 12:01

Dear Linsi,

Here's something about Professor Fred Hollows which I've pulled off from their website. I suggest that you look at their website for a complete picture.

Quote:

Fred Hollows (1929-1993) was a passionate ophthalmologist who became known for his work helping restore the eyesight of countless thousands of people in developing countries around the world.

Fred held a special place in the hearts of many. According to Gabi Hollows, Fred's widow, he meant many things to different people. He was a husband, a father, a friend, a skilled ophthalmologist and, for a few politicians and bureaucrats, an irritating thorn in their side.

But above all else he was a humanitarian, which made him a terrific doctor. He truly believed it was the role of the doctor to serve, to help those in need.

Today, The Foundation is proud to carry on Fred's legacy, delivering sight-saving care to those most in need.

Unquote:

I was listening to someone from Nepal whom Professor Hollows have trained describing how a young mother cried when after the operation she was able to see her three year old son for the first time after he was born.

The foundation has a number of programs which I'm sure you'll be interested. What I like about it was for a mere amount of \$25 can give someone so much joy.

I hope you can find ways to make the world a better place to live. I've got a good advice from one of my teachers who taught us that whatever we do we should always try and make it better than when we found it. He lived by his teachings as well. However late he may be, he would never leave the class without wiping the blackboard clean for the other teacher.

Regards

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/31 21:03

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developing self-supporting skills for some of the locals in Myanmar

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For instance we buy them a piglet and they rear it to maturity to sell at a profit and buy another or two piglets and so on.

Another example is we buy the bible school a candle making machine and they go out with the candles to sell to the residents, befriending them and creating opportunities for sharing the good news too.

We just don't stop and read how evil progresses in the world there is also one force doing things to change worse situations- this is one instance for Burma-

<http://www.blogpastor.net/2007/01/>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/31 21:19

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### MISSIONS TO MYANMAR

as the junta continue to do their business within their business in Myanmar, and the world seems to stand still=

some people do their best to change the situation in their own little way-

The volunteers, who pay their own way on the missions, treated about 300 people in the free Aloha Medical Mission clinic from Oct. 20 to 27, Lum said.

Some volunteers who were on the Aloha Medical Mission's first visit to Myanmar last year also noticed there were fewer monks on the hospital grounds.

The volunteers said they were told that many monks went back to their home villages until they felt it was safe to return to the monastery.

<http://starbulletin.com/2007/11/11/news/story01.html>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/05/16 09:57

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YANGON, Myanmar - From shopkeepers handing out free rice porridge to medical students caring for the sick, ordinary people in Myanmar are stepping in to help cyclone victims as the military regime severely restricts international aid.

Taxi drivers, factory owners, college students, teachers and other Yangon residents — many of whom lost their own homes — are among those organizing grueling trips into the Irrawaddy delta, the hardest-hit region.

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"They are true humanitarian heroes," said Bridget Gardner, International Red Cross representative in Myanmar, after touring an area where volunteers were giving first aid to the injured.

I have noticed that Burmese people are resilient people  
they can survive even in the midst of unthinkable cruelty  
and poverty gripping the nation due to its military government

but inspite of it all they made a choice to help  
their fellowmen to make the place even a little better  
for others-

they are changing the situation in the most humble way  
they can. they have thousands of unsung heroes  
serving as hope and light for the next generations.

admiration  
linsi

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24655522>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/05/30 09:04

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<http://peopleimprovement.org/images/1.jpg>

Phymeann Noun is helping give Cambodian children a chance at a better life.

I must do something to help these children get an education," she recalls thinking. "Even though they don't have money and live on the sidewalk, they deserve to go to school."

Six years after that incident, Noun is helping many of Phnom Penh's poorest children do just that.

Within weeks, she quit her job and started an organization to give underprivileged children an education. Noun spent \$30,000 of her own money to get her first school off the ground.

In 2004, her organization -- the People Improvement Organization (PIO) -- opened a school at Phnom Penh's largest municipal trash dump, where children are a large source of labor.

Today, Noun provides 240 kids from the trash dump a free education, food, health services and an opportunity to be a child in a safe environment.

Heartbreaking situation but this woman made a difference and changed things, turned it around and gave humanity hope-!

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/06/09 07:29

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Heroes in Burma

ordinary people can make extra-ordinary events  
and make the difference.

Click the image-

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/06/10 12:21

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CNN:  
Binggirl Clemente has worked in environmental advocacy in the Philippines for the past eight years. Today, she leads a project to recycle old billboards into bags backed by local NGO, the Earth Day Network.

CNN: What's the message you're trying to say with this project?

Clemente: What we're actually doing is information and we teach and campaign for a clean environment. We are teaching people to manage their waste so it will not create garbage. When you start mixing your waste, it will become garbage, it will be rubbish, but when you segregate it, it will be a resource.

People will have to start thinking that we need to recycle our waste, we don't just have to dump it. That's the main lesson we want to share with the whole world that when you're done with one thing, please don't throw it away, save it, it could be useful to some other people, it could be useful to your future needs. The more you save it, the more you're saving resources, you're saving it for the future needs.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/06/08/eco.billboards/index.html#cnnSTCText>

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## Re:WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Posted by linsi - 2008/07/26 16:48

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### Child Safety Efforts Span Across Globe

Missing and exploited children is not just a concern  
in the United States. Child Safety Efforts Span Across Globe

Four students from the Chonbuk National University  
made a trip to the U.S. To learn about child safety.  
The woman are here because they say  
child abduction and sex crimes against children  
are on the rise in Korea.  
They'll spend two days studying

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a child safety program called Child Lures Prevention.

The students plan is  
to take what they learn here  
and ultimately reach out  
to Korean lawmakers asking them to focus on prevention

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25503374/#storyContinued>

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