

## Myanmar Catastrophe 28 True Stories

October 2008

Dear friend,

Since May, Feed The Hungry has partnered with the **Full Gospel Assembly** (FGA) church to bring life saving food and water to survivors of Cyclone Nargis. Feeding over 40,000 families during the emergency phase, they are now in the midst of reconstructing homes for families in the Yangon Division and the Ayerwaddy Delta regions.

In the best of circumstances these families would struggle through each day, hoping just to survive. They despaired at the possibility of ever earning enough money to rebuild their home, on top of food and clothing and other essentials needed each day. Losing their home became an insurmountable hardship.

Yet thanks to your generous donations, we have worked to provide sturdy, safe and secure homes for ordinary Myanmar people. As the families move into their home they are astonished, every home is exceeding abundantly above what they could ever dream for themselves. They struggle to find appropriate words to thank FGA and the many donors who made this possible. They feel like they have received a miracle!

During the building process, the FGA team have been documenting the stories of the families as they move into their new homes. 28 testimonies have been posted on our website for you to read. These stories could not have been told without your thoughtfulness, prayer, and generous acts of kindness.



**Mrs. Tin Tin Myint** (pictured with her Area Pastor) and her husband live in Lay Daunt Kan with their two young children. She is deaf and earns her income by selling bread, carried on her head in baskets as she walks around in order to sell it.

Not able to afford their own home, she and her husband have lived with her mother in her home until the cyclone destroyed it. They all took shelter in a primary school building, which itself did not have a proper roof. All too soon the government required schools to reopen, and all refugees were forced out to survive on their own -- regardless of whether they had secured alternative accommodation.

The FGA team saw their need and built a permanent house for them. This is the very first time they have a house of their own and said that they could not express enough how thankful they are to the FGA team and all the donors who helped them have a house of their own.



**Mr. Taung Win** (pictured) and his family of three children live in North Oakklla. Their home withstood the terrors of Cyclone Nargis throughout the night, but collapsed later that morning with him in it. He escaped from the heap with some difficulty.

They could not afford to build a new house with his meagre income and so they built a hut and lived in that. Mr. Taung Win earns an income by selling traditional Burmese snacks at a bus terminal at night. Seeing their need, a house was built for them.

When the house was completed the family held a 'thanks giving service to the Lord'. They wanted to dedicate their new home, and invited their neighbours to attend. Their area pastor shared the Gospel, and five people accepted Jesus as their saviour.

That is my favourite testimony. It is one that typifies the heart of our work: to feed the hungry, and to reach the lost. In fact the FGA church has been overflowing in attendance and many hundreds have been saved in the weeks following the disaster.

We have helped many families, and there are many more that require it. You can help continue our building efforts by ticking the Myanmar reconstruction box below. We can build an entire home for every \$750 received! Please prayerfully consider supporting this reconstruction effort and help families like Mr. Taung Win to be a witness in their neighbourhood.

Voice for the Hungry,

Benjamin Evans  
Operations Manager  
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P.S. *Don't forget more testimonies are available online.  
Send us a note if you can't access the internet, and we'll gladly print a copy out for you!*

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**Yes, I want to help!** Please accept my donation of: \$100 \$50 \$200 Other\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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