





Deaf Ministries International partners with Deaf Action in assisting deaf communities in developing countries to gain the education and life skills needed to overcome their disability and live productive lives. With your help we can break the cycle of poverty and discrimination by providing education, skills training and job opportunities like self-sustainable projects; and supportive social networks within these communities.

### Why buy a gift?

It is encouraging to see the senior students who excel after many years of study and character development.

Biak Lian Mang (Lian) is the eldest of four boys. He grew up in a remote area of Myanmar. When he was young he enjoyed being the only deaf member of his family but, as he grew, he found that being deaf was very isolating. He found himself in a very lonely world. His friends rejected him, he had no education, he couldn't communicate and he didn't even know his own name.

Lian was 13 years old when he came to our Muir School for the Deaf in Kalay. From that point his life completely changed. He learnt to sign, he was looked after, he gained an education and he made friends.

Lian is the first student at our school (and only the second deaf person in all of Myanmar) to complete all six years of high school education.

Lian has now returned to Muir School for the Deaf as a teacher's assistant. He educates, encourages and empathises with the next generation of students who all have very similar stories to his.

By purchasing a gift, you will help us to continue this vital work, allowing us to provide an education and hope to deaf children around the world.







If you wish, you will receive a printable gift card via email, similar to the example below. Each card has a picture and an explanation about the gift you have purchased on the inside cover. The right side has been left blank for your personal message.

Note: Card front may be different from the example below

To receive your gift card and/ or receipt, you must fill out the form on the website before purchasing.



Read catalogue to view gifts

Step 2

Fill in the order form on the website

Step 3

Calculate your order and choose a payment option on the website

Step 4

If you have any problems email: info@deafmin.org



This card acknowledges that a pig has been purchased in your name for a Deaf Action Project.

Pigs are bred by deaf workers for the first four months of their lives and are then sold

or butchered for sale of the different cuts.

The money from the sale is reinvested in the pig breeding program and profits are used to support the work amongst the deaf community.





# Gifts under \$50



#### **Toiletries**

Many of the students live at or close to the schools in dormitories. As part of living in the dormitory, the school provides all of their living necessities



### Plants

Tree and plant cultivation assists in the Vocational Training programs and provides food for the deaf children at our schools.

The produce is also sold to help finance the school

#### **Chickens/Roosters**

Chickens eggs and meat provide much needed protein for the schools/dormitories.
Sale of eggs provides an income



## Sports Equipment

Sports equipment is greatly sought after in the schools. It is a fantastic way for the deaf students to not only exercise, but also to socialise in the community





#### Mosquito Net

Mosquito nets are essential in African countries, where malaria is prevalent

## School Stationery

Stationery is an ongoing requirement in assisting deaf students with education

#### Linen or Towels

Linen & towels are provided in the dormitories; many families cannot afford these items themselves

## **Uniform or Shoes**

Uniforms & shoes are provided for our students as many parents cannot afford to purchase these items

#### Goat

Their milk and meat are a great alternative for nourishment.
Sales provide an income stream



\$20



\$30



\$30



\$35



# Gifts under \$200

## Desk or Table

Desks and tables require replacing or upgrading



#### **Beds**

Many of the students live in the school dormitories where beds are provided





Tools are needed not only for maintenance, but also in Skills Training Centres to provide deaf people with the means to earn an income and become a valued member of society

Tools





### Pig

Sows are used for breeding.
Butchering & sales of meat
very is popular in the
Philippines



#### **Library Books**

The schools libraries are always in need of more books. The books greatly assist in the deaf students' education.



#### Small Business Start-up

Self sustainability is encouraged. Once graduated, students are able to apply for a loan to assist them in starting their own business



## **Sewing Machine**

Sewing machines are greatly sought after by the deaf in our small business projects. Having a sewing machine allows them to produce items to sell.



\$150

## Gifts under \$1500

#### Laptop

Laptops are used by all schools and are vital for communication. They are an essential item in education, for finding information, producing school work and skills training.



#### **School Fees**

Education costs include teacher salaries.

Teachers are an integral part of our program and we value all the time and care they put into teaching the students.



#### Motorbike

An affordable and very necessary mode of transport for the many African workers



\$1200



Deaf Action's sponsorship program assists deaf children to attend schools in remote towns in Asia and Africa. AUD\$40 a month helps to cover costs of education, skills and moral training, which allows them to lead productive and fruitful lives. Programs range from kindergarten right through to College level. The schools also work with young adults who have missed out on schooling due to poverty or lack of opportunity. You can help by sponsoring a child in either Myanmar, the Philippines, Kenya or Uganda.

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