

## LIVES CHANGED



JOHNNY - MALAYSIA 2014

**TIRED.** Johnny is a 12-year old refugee. He and his family escaped from the Chin state in western Myanmar.

**HUNGRY.** They had to hide as they traveled on foot into India; to be captured means imprisonment or death by the Myanmar military who are targeting Christians.

**THIRSTY.** They eventually made their way to Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia and joined a community of Myanmar refugees where they are considered illegal immigrants and forced to live in slums with no legal means of employment or access to education.

Thanks to Rhonda Kortum, Johnny attends one of five Chin Student Organization schools in Kuala-Lumpur to help kids like Johnny get an education while their families wait for the opportunity to locate to the U.S. or Australia. Otherwise, Johnny would be on the streets,

vulnerable and at risk of violence.

Rhonda provides food once a day to the 400 students in her schools, including meals from Stop Hunger Now Malaysia. Students are charged \$30 Malaysian Ringgit (about \$10 U.S.) per month to attend. During regular U.N. health screenings, malnutrition rates for Rhonda's students have dropped from 96% to 70% in three years. So far, all of her students have been placed in age-appropriate grades when they repatriate into a new country.

**HOPE.** Johnny says he wants to be a good student so that his parents will be proud of him. Science is his favorite subject, but he prefers to play football.

There are so many stories like Johnny's. Children trying to find their place in the world. Stop Hunger Now meals give them hope, the opportunity to learn and grow, and

sometimes, lets them just be kids who have the energy to play football after school. Like Johnny.

Stop Hunger Now Charitable Association in Malaysia opened in 2012. Malaysian volunteers have packaged millions of meals for people across Malaysia and partners in Cambodia, China, India, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timore-Leste, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.



**MALNUTRITION RATES  
DECREASED 24%**