A humanitarian and his motorbike

There is no blood bank in the remote Chin State, one of the seven states into which the Union of Myanmar (formerly known as Burma). Almost the size of Switzerland, with a population of only slightly over half a million people, the area, in the Western part of Myanmar, stretching along the border to India, is remote and mountainous. There is no public transportation and only irregular electricity in this still underdeveloped region. a motorcycle has become a lifesaver.

The vehicle belongs to the Cung Hu Volunteer Blood Donor Foundation, founded in December 2004 by Cung Hu, a modest man who owns a bookstore and has a mission. Day and night, whenever donor blood is needed, Cung Hu jumps on the motorbike to pick up a voluntary blood donor and rushes them to the General Civil Hospital in the region's main city of Hakha.

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Whenever Cung Hu gets a call from the hospital that donor blood is needed he must immediately find a donor with a matching blood type on the extensive list that he keeps in many books. This is not without difficulties. The young donors, who depend on being picked up by Cung Hu and his motorbike, live between one and eight miles from the hospital and usually do not own a telephone.

One of the Cung Hu Volunteer Blood Donor Foundation members holding the youngest patient to received a blood donation. The donor, Hram Doi Zing, Holding the baby, Bawi Thar Par, after he recovered. 12/10/2005

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