

Bribie Island Butterfly House

Visitors and Volunteers

all help support
the ‘extreme poor’
in our world

- **Engaging with the extreme poor can be challenging - but it can be life-changing!**
- **Who are the ‘poorest of the poor’ ?**
- **What does it mean to support the ‘poorest of the poor’?**
- **What are the most effective ways for us to help?**

Media flashes can desensitize us



Greed and Corruption crush the poor

Achievable Goals

Clean water & Sanitation



Self-sustainability through Microfinance





Simple Water Filters



Gravity-fed water for a village



Pumping fresh underground water



**What are the most effective ways for us to help?
Delphine monitors projects in the field.**



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**Who are the ‘poorest of the poor’ ?
The standard of education is one indicator.**



**Portable Classroom –
‘School on a mat’ for children-at-risk.**

Empowerment

through

Microfinance

Benefits of Microfinance

- Giving a hand up, not a hand-out
 - \$100 donated is loaned and re-paid, and then re-loaned over and over
 - Develops personal self-worth and dignity
 - Teaches work ethic – an honest day's work for an honest day's pay
 - A permanent solution to the family's poverty
 - Educates the children
 - Better health – clean water is affordable and sanitation and hygiene are learned
 - Access to savings and insurance schemes
 - Taught business skills and money management
 - Literacy classes
 - Understand their civil rights
 - Communal socio-economic advancement as groups access microfinance loans
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- The person who has received the loan does their best to pay it back as fast as possible because they know there's another family waiting in line who can receive the benefit next.



**Microfinance –
to give a hand up, and not a hand out.**



What does it mean to support the ‘poorest of the poor’? Give empowerment & dignity.



**“We’re going to school!
Thank you soooooo much !!”**

*Your gifts and talents given to the
Bribie Island Butterfly House
will give the poorest of the poor
the opportunity to
DREAM and GROW ☺*

Food for Thought :

According to the latest reports, our homeland, Australia, is one of the most affluent nations on earth. The 2014 Credit Suisse *Global Wealth Report* shows that Australian adults have the second highest wealth level of any country on the planet (second only to Switzerland), and that our median wealth level per adult is the highest on earth, more than double Switzerland's. This means that we're not only extremely wealthy (even though we may not realize it), but our wealth is also more evenly distributed than most other nations.

**“Give a man a fish and
you’ll feed him for a day.”**

**“Give a woman a microloan
and you’ll feed her, her
family and her extended
family for a lifetime!”**

Do the Maths!

It has been estimated that \$100,000 invested into five children over twenty years in an orphanage to pay for food, housing, medical and educational costs and clothing will support just five children from babyhood through to age twenty when they have left the orphanage.

Yet it is estimated that the same \$100,000 invested in microfinance loans for the extreme poor over the same twenty years will help support 86,000 children and their parents by empowering them to start small businesses (of their choice), put more than one meal on the table each day, have clean water with its resultant better family health, educate the children, and have enough left over to be able to help their other less fortunate neighbours.



Follow us
as we
report on
the projects
you are
helping
support.
Thank you
once again!

*Ray and
Delphine*