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Yours Sincerely

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Schools Challenge

Will you buy some trees – forest trees 25 five cents each and fruit tree seedlings for \$3.50 each?

Q. Where will they be planted?

A. In the Northern Philippines.

Q. Who will benefit?

A. People of the Bago tribe – a mixture of highlanders and lowlanders in the Philippines. They are a small agricultural community of 315 people who live on or below the poverty line.

Q. How will they benefit from the trees?

A. The forest trees will stabilise slopes and help with water harvesting, and provide sustainable timber resources. The orchard trees will provide fruit to supplement diets of the people,

Q. How many trees do you need to plant?

A. 5,000 forest trees; 1,100 fruit trees.

Q. How are the Bago people contributing to this project?

A. They will provide all the labour to prepare the ground, plant the trees and maintain them. They will also receive training in modern agricultural practices as part of this project.

Your donations will help these people, women, men and children to help themselves.

Thank you for your generosity

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Myanmar (Burma)

Would your school or form group like to buy a three-wheeled motor taxi?

IT COSTS 2 MILLION KYATS! (i.e. \$3,800 Australian dollars!)

What use is this? READ ON

Many families in Myanmar have few opportunities in life.

ABM and the Church in Myanmar have come up with a clever idea to make money.

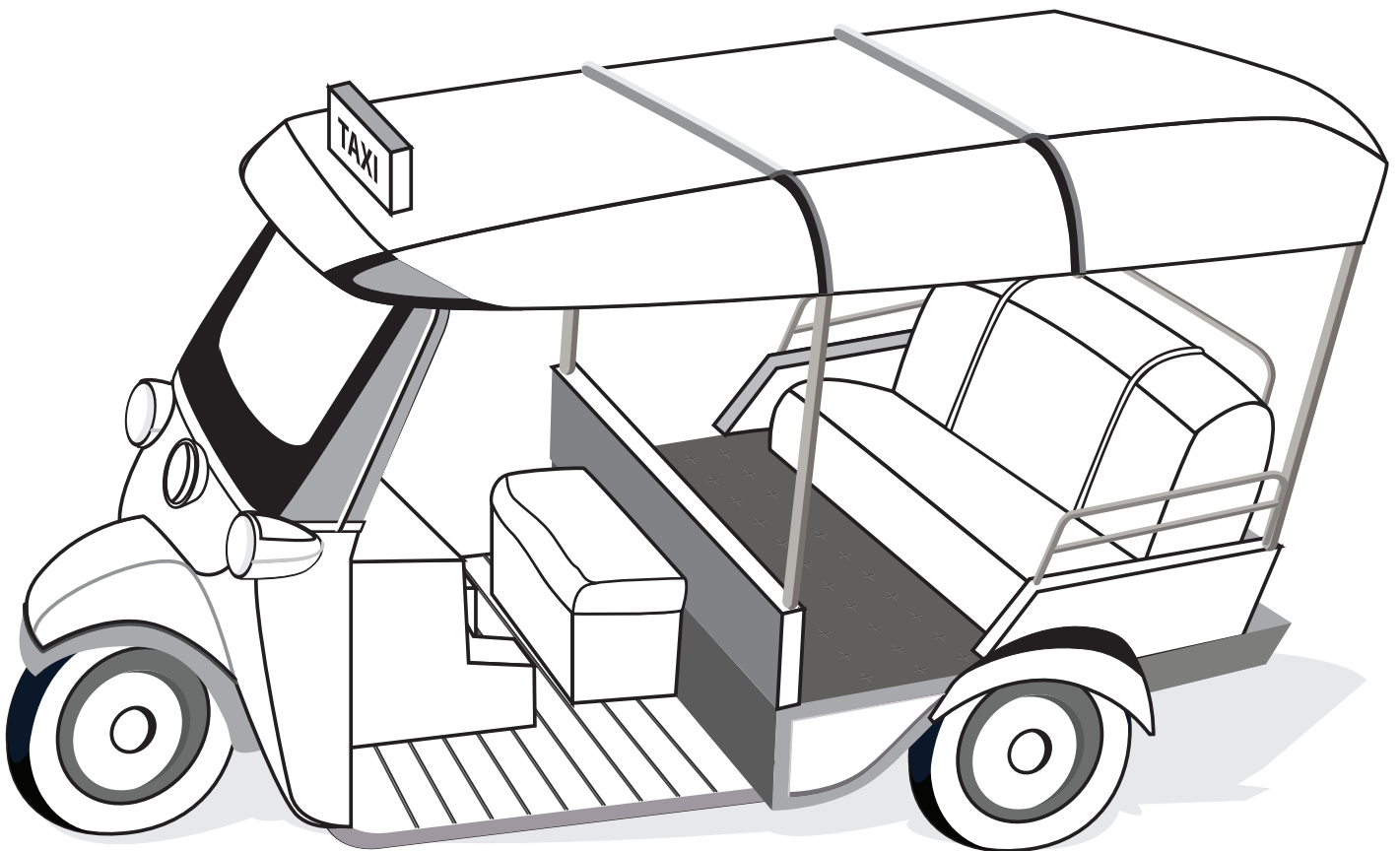
The taxi will be hired out and the rent for it will provide a small allowance for a Sunday school teacher, some teaching aids and an annual Sunday school camp. For some children this will provide the only education they receive.

The monthly income from the taxi will be 70,000 kyats (\$700 Australian dollars)

So once the taxi is purchased this will be an ongoing gift which will be run and maintained by local people.

You will be helping people to help themselves.

Would your school or form group like to buy
a three-wheeled motor taxi?



Will your school or form group send a clergy child to school?

Each child in Papua New Guinea has to pay a fee to go to school, despite the fact that many have little or no cash income.

If you can't pay the fees, you can't go to school.

Children of clergy are particularly disadvantaged as the bulk of the rural clergy are not paid.

Your group can make it possible for a clergy son or daughter to be educated.

The Primary school fees for one year are \$85.

The Secondary school fees for one year are \$385.

Thank you for your generosity in helping a child in Papua New Guinea.

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