

# May Mission Month

## SE Asia

### Reading Gardens

The reading garden programs are run in small villages that are 100% Muslim. These villages are very poor. The school facilities are inadequate and many kids drop out after elementary school because they still can't read. 98% of the kids suffer from childhood stunting because of poor nutrition.

#### Through the Reading Garden program, the team:

- gain access to these villages with a natural identity that makes sense to local people and the government and is welcomed by them
- collect health data related to kids which we share with the education and health departments on the development of the kids and work with them to improve outcomes
- help kids grow more confident in themselves and recognise they have value
- improve literacy levels so the kids will hopefully stay in school longer
- get to know parents of kids and talk to them about holistic development
- engage in spiritual conversations



#### Education Foundation

Part of our May appeal will assist with the running of the Reading Gardens. The Reading Gardens are one of the programs run by the Education Foundation which operates in three locations running, in addition to the reading gardens, programs such as training cross cultural workers in language and culture, teaching English in universities and nurse training, providing relief to those impacted by poverty etc. If giving exceeds the needs for the Reading Gardens, the funds will be used for other Education Foundation projects with similar outcomes.

Gifts to Reading Gardens are NOT tax deductible.

[If you wish to support this project, click here for information on how to give](#)