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TRANSFORMING LIVES  
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## Our Vision

*To transform lives and change communities, with the inspiration and love that comes from Jesus Christ*

## Our Mission

*International Needs is a Christian aid and development organisation, committed to restoring the lives of those in the poorest countries of the world.*

*Based on its Christ centred values and over 45 years of professional expertise, International Needs New Zealand is connecting communities worldwide with love, hope and freedom.*

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# Welcome to INsight Autumn 2021

***“Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good; His love  
endures forever” Psalm 118:1***

As we began 2021, Ruth and I welcomed little baby Sophia to the world. It was such a joy and delight knowing that we have been richly blessed as a family with three children, giving full honour and glory to God.

As a family we look forward to what this year has in store for us, not only with an expanded family but also in the varying ministries in which Ruth and I serve.

Whilst 2020 had its many challenges for all of us, I do look forward to what 2021 is going to bring with hope and purpose. I believe the harvest is ready and our

partners are excited about what this year has in store for them too.

Every day, as I enter the office premises of International Needs New Zealand, I slowly walk up the staircase praying for God's wisdom and guidance throughout the day.

I thank God for the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of so many, not only around the world but here in New Zealand too. Not only do I pray that God's love stretches out to the IN staff and our families but also to the partners we work with, both locally, overseas and to you our supporters!

I want to say thank you again for choosing to partner with us this year and can I please encourage you to keep praying for the work the Lord has set before us, not only here in New Zealand, but for the partners we serve.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you throughout the year and taking every opportunity to enhance and build the relationships with International Needs.

God bless and may you too, have a fruitful 2021.

Shaun



# INsight into World of Joy success

**Thank you to everyone who gave generously to bless those around the world last Christmas. Over \$100,000 was raised which not only brought joy, love, and hope but also relief to many families, after a tough year of Covid-19.**

**Gifts of Christmas food hampers, mosquito nets, water purifiers, women's hygiene packs, chickens, goats, children's bibles, school uniforms and back to school kits were distributed through our International Needs partners around the world. Here are some of the highlights of those distributions.**

## Christmas Food Hampers

Many children and families around the world were overjoyed and thankful on receiving a Christmas food hamper, particularly as Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on these families. Over 1400 children that New Zealand sponsors support were also given a Christmas food hamper.

A sponsored child from Siliguri, India said "When no one cares I am thankful to God they care."

Thank you to all who gave. Your gift has made a difference to many

families including Yara's family who live underground in an old building in Turkey. They were so surprised to see International Needs Turkey knocking on their ground window and handing them a Christmas food hamper.



"We have been isolated and feeling we were in a cave for so long without anyone coming to see us, and no one even bothered to know how we have been doing. Thank you for noticing us; it feels so good knowing that we are not alone anymore".

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11





## Mosquito Nets

Repellent-treated mosquito nets were distributed to women, orphaned children and families in Bangladesh and Burkina Faso. Many live in slum areas where mosquitoes are prevalent. These mosquito nets will provide necessary protection against mosquito borne diseases such as malaria and dengue fever. In Burkina Faso, 50 women who had recently given birth at the International Needs medical centre were given a mosquito net. The women wanted to thank the New Zealand donors for their kindness, in protecting them and their children.

## Women's Hygiene Packs

In many countries around the world young women struggle to buy sanitary pads. Many do not have a choice but to use an old rag



which can lead to health complications. Unfortunately, this also prohibits them from attending school during menstruation due to the lack of sanitary pads.

Through the Christmas appeal, hundreds of young women in Ghana and Nepal received a women's hygiene pack including washable and long-lasting sanitary pads.

One young girl, Dzordozor from Ghana shared her appreciation:

"I often have to sell dry fish for days or cut dry coconut branches so that I can get enough money to buy sanitary pads. This will help me because I do not have to worry how to get sanitary pads for the coming months".

## Bibles

Children's Bibles have been distributed to children and students in various countries



International Needs supports. The children were excited to receive their first bible in their own language so they can grow spiritually and learn about the incredible love of Jesus Christ.

"I am really happy that I am one of the pupils that got a Bible. I have wanted one but did not know how I could get one. This has been a timely gift and I promise to read it. On behalf of my classmates, I really appreciate your generosity and love you have shown us. God bless you so much" — Student from Uganda.

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."* — Proverb 22v6

# INsight into Women's Empowerment

This January saw 11 women graduate from the Lydia Vocational Training Centre in Nepal. Initially 22 women had come to the centre earlier last year but were sent home after seven weeks of training due to Covid-19 government lock down restrictions. Most of the women were able to keep up their training and sewing assignments, whilst they were at home during the lock downs.



When the centre reopened in October 2020 the women who were able to return were excited to come back to the centre to finish their training. And now six of the women who were unable to return last year are completing the training this year.

As part of their vocational training, each of these women were taught valuable skills in sewing, jewellery making, nutrition, cooking, and music. Each trainee received information on essential health issues such as Covid-19, drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, first aid, domestic violence, and parenting skills.

The graduation ceremony was one of great celebration. Each woman returned home with a sewing machine, materials, and the skills to start their own tailoring business. As part of their training each woman agrees to pass on their knowledge and skills taught to five other women in their village, creating a ripple effect of empowering more women.

This year has begun with 22 women who will attend the five-month training programme at the Centre. The second will begin in August 2021.

**To find out more about how you can support these women with their training visit our website [innz.org.nz/project](http://innz.org.nz/project)**



2020 graduates from Lydia Vocational Training Centre

# INsight into Naogoan project

In the 1990's, Smith Adhikary (late International Needs Bangladesh Director) had a vision of seeing a school and vocational training centre being built in a very remote part of Bangladesh. This vision was to see many of Bangladesh's poor and socially deprived children gain access to a quality education through the International Needs Child Assistance Program (INCAP). Since his passing, MacDonald Adhikary (Smith's Son) has continued to see this vision through. In partnership with International Needs Canada and with the generosity of many New Zealanders, the school and training centre was finished in November 2020. Even in the chaos of Covid, the team in Bangladesh were able to see the dream and vision come to fruition.

The school is now able to cater for over 500 students through a variety of class levels as well as accommodating 75 children who have been rescued from bonded labour in Dhaka (Bangladesh's capital city). Whilst we are immensely proud of Mac and his team, we know that the work has only just begun as they impart wisdom, hope and opportunity for a brighter future to the children of the Naogoan region. Many of these students still require support to complete their studies. Why not contact us to see how you can play a part in changing their life too — [innz.org.nz/project](http://innz.org.nz/project)

Mac has extended an invitation to all supporters to come and visit the building and to see the great work his team are doing in this region, once borders open and travel begins again.



*Naogoan School building*



*New classroom*



*New computer room*



# INsight into Savar Children's Village

**Since 1975, International Needs Bangladesh has been helping to educate and support hundreds of young girls through the Savar residential children's village.**

Bangladesh has the fourth highest rate of child marriage in the world. According to resources 29% of young girls in Bangladesh are married before the age of 15 and 65% are married before the age of 18.

Child marriage around the world is associated with many harmful consequences, including health dangers associated with early pregnancy and lower educational achievements for girls who marry early. There are very high incidences of domestic violence and increased likelihood of poverty.

- *Research shows that girls aged 10-14 are five times more likely to die during childbirth than mothers aged 20-24;*
- *Research into the lack of, or poor education and child marriage found that in Bangladesh women with primary, secondary, and higher*



Artists impression of new 6 storey dorm

*education, compared to women with no formal education, were respectively 24 percent, 72 percent, and 94 percent less likely to marry at a young age.*

In Bangladesh there are several factors driving the high rate of child marriage. Gender discrimination feeds social attitudes and customs that harm girls at every stage of their lives and fuel the country's extreme high rate of child marriage. Desperate poverty remains a daily reality for many families in Bangladesh and many parents see child marriage as their best, or only option to safeguard the future of a daughter they feel they can neither feed, educate nor protect. Bangladesh is one of the world's most affected places by natural disasters and climate change. This adds an additional element of hardship to many families, especially those living in the most marginal and disaster-affected parts of the country. Covid-19 has made the situation worse. The poverty clock has turned back more than 30 years.

*"Against this grim backdrop we now have a pandemic that has intensified all the factors behind child marriage—poverty, lack of security of girls and the mind-set that girls are a burden for parents. With more girls dropping out of school, child marriages have increased extensively"*

— MacHenrieta Adhikary



Another focus for the school is to rescue young women in bonded labour. Child labour in Bangladesh is very common. It is estimated that over 4.7 million children aged 5 to 14 are in the work force. 83% are employed in rural areas and 17% are employed in urban areas. Child labour is a real concern as this too deprives children of an education and other factors in child development.



The Savar children's village is a place whereby children from bonded labour, or at risk of early marriage, abuse, or discrimination, can come to live freely with their peers, receive a quality education and be empowered to fulfil their God given future in making a difference to the nation of Bangladesh.

We need your help. Since the pandemic and the increase in child poverty, marriage, forced labour and child abuse, International Needs Bangladesh is looking to improve and increase the intake of young girls into the Savar Village. Not only do we need help to enhance the facilities and build further dormitories, but also to help support the children through the International Needs sponsorship programme.

The goal is to build a new 6 storey dormitory, that will cater to look after 500 young girls, giving them a place to live, a place to be educated and a place where they too can enjoy their childhood.

**Please reach out to help us on this endeavour to build a new dormitory and to sponsor a young girl for a brighter future. [Innz.org.nz/project](http://Innz.org.nz/project)**



# You be the fuel, we'll be the vehicle.

Since 1974 International Needs has been building a network for Christian outreach utilising dedicated local leaders driving engines like this one. However, this all-terrain vehicle cannot get started without support from people like you. You are the driving force of our ministry!

To find out more,  
visit [innz.org.nz/ministry](http://innz.org.nz/ministry)  
or scan the code to watch  
a short video.





**Together we ensure the gospel of  
Jesus Christ will reach the lost.**



# INsight into National workers

The heart of International Needs ministry is to support local indigenous leaders to preach and spread the gospel in their own communities. International Needs New Zealand supports over 110 national workers in sixteen countries around the world. One of those national workers is Pastor Junel in the Philippines. In 2020, we were able to equip Pastor Junel with a motorbike and other ministry resources to reach those people in the mountainous region of outer Manilla, with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Here is a heartfelt thank you letter from Pastor Junel:

*Dear IN Friends and Donors,*

*I always give thanks to our Lord every time I remember you in my prayers. It is a privilege and a big blessing for my*



*ministry to have this new motorcycle. I am so thankful for your support in my ministry through International Needs.*

*Last October we bought the motorcycle. It was a celebration for us that the Lord granted our prayers through you.*

*My ministries have become more efficient with the use of the motorbike. The tribal mission of International Needs Philippines has now become easier.*

*We are thankful that the Gospel can reach the unreached people who are under tribal religions. It was very special to share*





*food together, run activities and share the gospel with the Dumagat tribe.*

*Our home visitations to the recipients of International Needs aid are now easier through this motorcycle. Now we can visit even the farthest sponsored child family of International Needs to share the gospel and help them realise how great God's love is.*

*There are people in the mountains that do not have the opportunity to hear God's Word because they live so far from town. That is why I am so thankful for your support in my ministries through International Needs Philippines. Through our ministry, many people have come to know Christ. Through the mission of International Needs and support from our church to the tribe of the mountains; men, women, and children accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.*

*I am glad to give thanks to our Lord and to express my earnest gratitude to you for giving me a means of transport for the ministry. Because you support me*

*through International Needs, I can visit more people and churches. Thank you so much!*

*Thank you also for partnering with International Needs and supporting the workers for God's glory. May God bless you always and extend your capacity to support more ministries.*

*In Christ, Pastor Junel O. Arevalo  
Community Worker and Church Pastor*

**Want to know more about how you can help the gospel reach the lost?  
Visit [Innz.org.nz/ministry](http://Innz.org.nz/ministry)**



# Youth fundraiser for Puthia Village

Last November Flip Out youth group from Otumoetai Baptist Church, Tauranga, hosted a movie fundraiser night on behalf of the Puthia village in Northern Bangladesh. Together with family, friends and church members, the youth were able to raise \$1,308 to provide four new sanitation blocks for families in the village.

The youth's passion, enthusiasm, and dedication to help those less fortunate was inspiring for all to see. The youth ran the entire event and attendees enjoyed being served refreshments as they watched the movie.

Could your church youth group host a fundraiser event? We would love the opportunity to work alongside your youth to help transform lives and communities around the world.

**For more information, please contact Rachel — [programs@innz.org.nz](mailto:programs@innz.org.nz)**



# INsight into Child sponsorship impact

Sponsorship gives the opportunity for a student to attend school and to receive regular monthly support for the family unit. It paves a way for a brighter future for children to become all they dream to be. Here is a snippet of a letter from a sponsored child, Alea May, sharing the impact being sponsored has had on her ability to do tertiary study.



*Dear Auntie & Uncle*

*A wonderful and blessed day to both of you! I would like to express my very warm gratitude for your approval to support me. I felt so blessed that God answered my prayers by giving you as my sponsors and I am looking forward to finally know more about you too. And now, I also want to share things about me too.*

*I was raised by my guardians – my auntie and uncle since my parents separated. Our living is very simple. My uncle is a tricycle driver, and my aunt is a housewife. We live now inside a government sponsored subdivision. We have a very limited source of income and my guardians can hardly support my schooling. Thanks to your support*

*I am now studying in 2nd year of college with the course of Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship. I chose this course because I am dreaming of working inside an office and run a certain business someday wherein, I can apply my skills and hobbies in the field of creative arts.*

*Again, thank you so much and God bless you so much!! Love, Alea Mae*

When a person's most basic needs are met, they have the best opportunity for success. One of the most meaningful ways you can help children is by providing them with the tools and support to learn and to grow. By providing them with access to education opportunities are unlocked and children become empowered to take charge of their lives. We believe every child deserves an education.

Would you consider giving to students like Alea May to provide them with an opportunity to learn and excel? **You can sponsor a child from just \$45 a month and become part of their life success story. Visit [innz.org.nz/children](http://innz.org.nz/children)**



# INsight into Aid in times of Crisis

Whilst our partners do not engage in disaster relief, by partnering with local leaders, we do seek opportunities to ensure aid can be provided to those in need. Whenever a crisis strikes International Needs is there to help provide much needed support and care to those most affected. Whether through natural disasters, medical emergencies, famines, or even simple immediate needs, we want to ensure these families are given hope and shown the love of our International Needs family. Here are some ways we were able to help provide aid in time of crisis last year.



## Covid-19 Hygiene Measures

In mid-October, last year, the government of Uganda eased some of the country's lockdown conditions and allowed schools to reopen for candidate classes. Students who were to sit exams could come back to school for exam preparation and learning.

To keep all children, schoolteachers, and staff safe from Covid-19 the government put in place regulations each school had to meet to reopen. Schools who met these regulations and hygiene standards were given a certificate of compliance and were able to reopen.

With help from International Needs New Zealand and other International Needs global partners the International Needs Schools in Uganda met the government requirements and were able to reopen.

## Philippines Typhoon

Late last year, the Philippines were battered by two devastating typhoons. Super Typhoon Rolly and Typhoon Vamco left tens of thousands of people's homes,



businesses and livelihoods destroyed or damaged. The typhoons affected the International Needs staff, national workers, Church pastors, sponsored children, and their families.

With the generous support of New Zealand donors over 683 families were given food relief to support themselves for several weeks. Damaged homes were rebuilt and roofs restored.

Together we were able to bring hope and relief to many families in a time of crisis.

## Uganda Floods

In December heavy rain hit the community of Matala, Southern Uganda. Over 50 families were affected in this region; many had their crops destroyed, homes damaged and were left without much. Matala Boarding Primary School and Praise Nursery and Primary School were also damaged by the heavy rainfall.



We were able to send funds over to enable International Needs Uganda to distribute food hampers to the children and their families, along with mattresses, blankets, water containers and other essentials. They also assisted with repairing homes and providing the schools with iron sheets and roofing nails so their buildings could be repaired.

**Could you contribute \$20 a month towards our Families in Crisis fund enabling support to be provided when crisis strikes? Find out more [innz.org.nz/appeals/crisis](https://innz.org.nz/appeals/crisis)**





# INsight into Corporate sponsorship

## Meet Oscar Walker

Oscar owns Three Ducks Solutions, specialising in plumbing, gas fitting and drain laying, serving the wider Bay of Plenty region.

As a local business in New Zealand, working in the health and sanitation industry, Oscar was drawn to the freshwater initiatives that our partners in Nepal are implementing. Oscar understands the need to have access to fresh, clean, usable water and that many around the world may not have the same luxuries we have here in New Zealand.



International Needs New Zealand, in partnership with Three Ducks Solutions, helped our partners in Nepal by providing funds to support a new water well, which has been built in the Pachkhal Municipality ward number 6 of Kavere district of Nepal. This well not only provides clean water to more than 370 local villages, but it also gives a life source to this region to help locals grow food and prevent many communicable diseases prevalent with unsanitary water.



Our friends in Nepal thank Oscar and Three Ducks Solutions for their support and generosity.

Giving back to the international community helps you to play a part in philanthropic causes and provide positive social value to those in need. Many small, medium, and large businesses are increasingly looking to make a difference and build a positive brand around their company. Giving back not only improves company branding, employee & customer engagement, it also shows that your business is interested in wider social issues.

If your business would like to provide a corporate sponsorship for some of our partner's initiatives, we would love to hear from you! **Find out more [innz.org.nz](http://innz.org.nz)**



# INsight into Founder's Fund

The legacy of International Needs is to transform lives and change communities in the developing world. This can easily be achieved but without knowing the gospel or hearing the word of God this transformation is short lived.

International Needs not only aims to provide aid and development to the world but stands on its foundation to spread the Gospel to the many unreached people groups where our partners operate.

The Founder's Fund has been created to do just that. To provide support and financial assistance to local church planters, evangelists, and community workers to bring the gospel to these unreached people.

By leaving a legacy gift to the Founder's Fund, you will keep on giving in perpetuity to the vision and mission of International Needs in reaching the lost. As the fund continues to grow we can use investment income to make regular distributions to church planters/evangelists and community support workers.

Some of us are not able to give as often during our lives as we might like. A gift in your will for the INN.Z Founder's Fund will help to transform lives and change communities with the spread of the Gospel and God's word.

Whoever you are, whatever your situation, you can help make a difference to our world and those that do not know the life changing relationship that can be found in Christ Jesus. **To find out more — [innz.org.nz/founders-fund](https://innz.org.nz/founders-fund)**





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to communities  
around the world



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