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transformed lives, changed communities

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 2022*

As we enter 2022, International Needs is responding to the needs of many across the world.

The word calls all of us to be Salt and Light to the nations and there is a very good reason for this.

Centuries ago, salt was used then, as now, as a flavour enhancer (amongst other things). In the same way that salt enhances the flavour of the food it seasons, we as followers of Christ are required to stand out, as those who “enhance” the flavour of life in this world. Christians living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in obedience to Christ, will inevitably

influence the world for good. Where there is strife, we are to be peacemakers; where there is sorrow, we are to be the ministers of Christ, binding up wounds; and where there is hatred, we are to exemplify the love of God in Christ. In the analogy of light to the world the good works of Christ's followers are to shine for all to see, so that others know we are a light unto the world.

This is certainly a challenge for us all and a challenge that International Needs is taking up by being the salt and light to those in need.

Thank you for enabling our partners around the world to be the salt and light that Jesus calls us all to be. I hope that the stories that follow inspire you to recognise how you have been instrumental in keeping their light shining.

With every blessing
Shaun – Executive Director INNZ



INsight into relief for refugees



Thank you for being part of God's Salt and Light to the desperate Ukrainian people, especially innocent women and children.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19a says: "He [our God] defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners..."

Masses of Ukrainian refugees continue to flee their homes, scared for their lives and the lives of their children. They seek safe refuge, somewhere...anywhere... As the women, children and elderly cross into Romania and Slovakia our IN partners come to help.

Immediately the Romanian IN Team intervened to help in the tragic situation

created on the border with Ukraine by the influx of refugees. Through their efforts, and the support of their churches, they have been able to:

- *Help those waiting to cross the border with blankets, warm clothes, food, and medical support (Wait time is 24 – 48 hours outdoors in the cold and often rainy conditions).*
- *Take the refugees from the border area and transport them to safe locations.*
- *Prepare shelters for refugees in safe locations, preparing food and assisting with legal documents.*
- *Send emergency help to the Evangelical community in South Ukraine.*





Our IN partners in Romania and Slovakia are extending God's love through immediate care and support. There is also a plan to possibly relocate an orphanage from South Kyiv to Romania.

Pavel Sinko, Executive Director on IN Slovakia writes:

"Right now, most refugees just need transportation from the border, rest, and refreshments. They stay for a night or two and require help with transportation to their destination in Slovakia or other parts of Europe. Most of them have relatives or friends somewhere. So far around 70,000 people have crossed the Slovak border. We and local churches are involved with other volunteers and humanitarian organisations ...but we are expecting many more refugees who will need to stay in Slovakia for longer...So, we, as IN Slovakia are looking for ways to help. In some areas it will be cooperation with local authorities and help with social and spiritual ministry. In some areas we will provide everything, including housing, food, social and spiritual ministry...We are also ready to open the Rackova Conference Centre for refugees..."

Indeed, there are now 50 families residing in the Rackova Centre; they each have their own room, bedding, and a safe place to stay.

Mirel Talpes, Executive Director of IN Romania writes:

"Our colleagues and staff go and cross the border into Ukraine with food, blankets, and warm clothes to offer women and children who wait more than 24 hours in the night cold to be processed. This is unsafe for them; they are freezing...[The next wave of refugees] will be mostly the poor from the South of Ukraine. As an example of our actions, together with our church planter, Florin Boruga, we work to identify and rent houses in three villages in Central Transylvania to accommodate refugees. In these villages, Florin Boruga and the other church planter from area, Cosmin Gabor, have also made ready centres where they have served food for the Roma community since 2019. When we bring refugees into these villages, these centres serve food for all families."

The needs will continue long after the media fades. Please continue to pray for strength, courage, and resources for our IN partners.

www.innz.org.nz/appeals/ukraine

"Salt" and "Light" radiated from Africa

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus"



149 Goats

Ghana, Nepal, Uganda



901 Chickens

Kenya, Nepal



INsight into World of Joy Impact

Christmas food baskets for years have been a way our global partners get to share their joy, love, and the spirit of Christmas with their participants, and this year was no exception. It has been a joy and a time of excitement for participants to receive these food baskets and they always look forward to it during Christmas time... *"I am always happy to receive a Christmas food basket so that I can share with my family. This year, I was looking forward to it so that my mother can cook that delicious jollof she does whenever I receive food basket. Thank you and God bless you for making our Christmas special."* Emmanuel – Kanuwloe (Ghana)

**65 Seeds of
Hope**

Bangladesh,
Philippines,
Uganda



otearoa to all parts of the world

to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

215 Bibles

Bangladesh, Burkina Faso,
Egypt, Nepal, Sano Diyo,
Turkey, Uganda



Christmas Food Hampers

Egypt & Turkey plus
baskets of food given to all
sponsored children's
families



137 Hygiene Kits

Fiji, Ghana, Allahabad,
Nepal, Uganda



102 Mosquito Nets

Burkina Faso, Kenya,
Bangladesh



186 Water Purifiers

Sano Diyo, Philippines



The families were overjoyed with the assistance and expressed much gratitude to friends in New Zealand for standing with them especially in these hard times. (Uganda)



INsight into True Partnership

Together we can be more effective as **“Salt and Light”**. Our vision is for a true partnership: a church in NZ partnering with a church in a developing nation. As Jesus tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:12 – “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”

We often wonder: *how much of a difference can one person make? Or: is our little church actually able to make disciples in other nations?* Jesus tells us many times and in many ways, that YES, we can, through Him. We also have a good example of how this is working through INNZ:

A group of farmers in the Waikato are proving that someone far away can be a part of a giant spiritual battle in the heart of a country far from God. The New Zealand Christian Farmers Trust has been supporting International Needs Nepal’s ministry worker, Bijay, since 2009. Because of their support, Bijay has been able to spread the Gospel throughout Nepal. Last year he spoke with 440 people, and 28 of those people have come to the Lord. These statistics become more remarkable when you consider Nepal has strict anti-conversion laws which mean that spreading the Gospel is not only difficult, but dangerous. In one of his reports, Bijay highlighted a story that is all too common for ministry workers who come face to face with evil daily:

“Prem B.K. is a 38-year-old man who is part of the lower-class system in society. He was demon possessed for two months but was unaware of what burdened him. He always had negative thoughts and desired to attempt suicide. Unfortunately, one day his family members found him inside a bathroom covered in blood with his throat cut. He was rushed to the hospital just in time. After two days, he woke up and shared a horrifying incident of how he heard an inner voice tell him to commit suicide and so he cut his throat with a blade. He was troubled by the demon all the time until he cut his throat and then the demon left.

The incident created an opportunity for us to share the gospel with this family. Because of God’s grace, the whole family accepted Christ and a further two more families with seven members came to Jesus Christ through them, Halleluiah!

Now, through prayers, Prem is getting better and is mentally and physically recovering. He wants to learn more about his faith in Christ. His family keenly attend weekly fellowships and are helping Prem to completely recover. Furthermore, the incident gave birth to a new fellowship in that area. So, we have been conducting weekly house fellowships every Tuesday with the hope to take the gospel to the whole village in God’s time.”

The NZ Christian Farmers Trust are in this spiritual battle against the enemy and are winning. These farmers have got the same heart as Bijay: to spread the Gospel to the unreached.

Would you like to join the spiritual battle and support a ministry worker bringing the Gospel to people in need? You too can join the **“Salt and Light”** brigade.

www.innz.org.nz/ministry



We envision a true partnership between the church in New Zealand, and churches in developing nations.

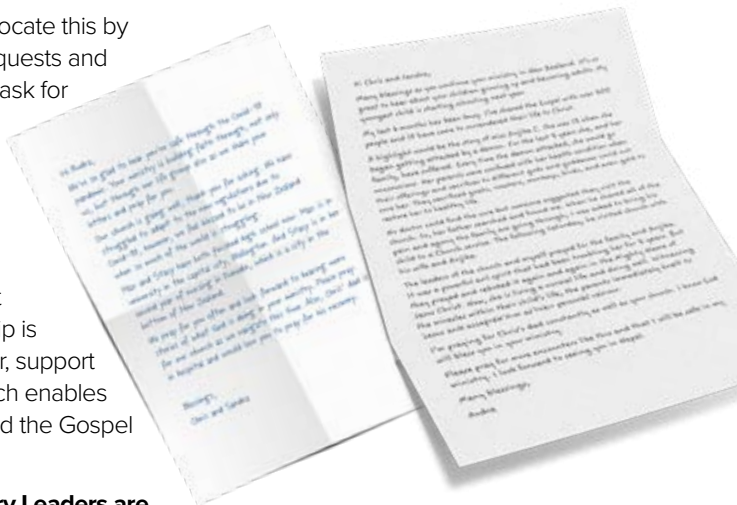
Every partnership should be built on mutual prayer and support.

The ministry leader will send you two reports a year plus any prayer requests they have.

We encourage you to reciprocate this by sending them any prayer requests and updates you have. We also ask for you to consider financially supporting the ministry leader as their livelihood is dependent on the Lord's provision.

Letters like these are a great example of how a partnership is strengthened through prayer, support and financial assistance which enables the ministry leaders to spread the Gospel in their own country.

International Needs Ministry Leaders are preaching the Gospel to Hidden Tribes, Healing the masses and facing persecution.



Will you join them in this calling?



INsight into Uganda Wash Project

IN is fortunate to have many generous supporters who use the resources God has blessed them with to be salt and light to those in need. The Uganda Wash program is such an example.

IN Water Project 2018 – 2020 gives us much to celebrate including 12,020 people in 12 villages in the Buikwe district now having access to clean water from 46 new water sources.

“Girls who were at risk because they had to walk long distances to fetch water, now feel secure since safe, clean water is within their reach, a short distance away. This takes them less time to collect water with more time to get to school. Community members, who spent a lot of funds on medical bills due to waterborne diseases, can now smile because those diseases are no more, and they are able to have some savings. Thank you INNZ, thank you WASH.”

— Rev. Justus Miwanda INUG

Such success is a springboard to the next 3-year program where NZ will sponsor one of 15 village WASH projects, a village called Bbanga 2. Two hundred and four families live in Bbanga 2 and will benefit from clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.



The main aims of the WASH project at the Bbanga 2 Village are:

- *Rehabilitation of 3 dysfunctional boreholes*
- *Construction of a new latrine block at the Pentecostal Ministries Church*
- *Construction and supply of pit latrines for households in the community*
- *Tippy Taps (hand washing) installed for household use*
- *Utensil drying racks and waste bin construction (pits)*
- *Training of adolescent girls in making re-usable pads, and menstrual hygiene management for retention in school*
- *Education to the village community on good hygiene and sanitation practices (community dialogues)*

Capacity building has been factored into the sustained success of the project through a committee called the Water User Committee. The water committee will also be supported to establish a water source maintenance fund (raised by user households) to enable them to meet repair



costs. This will ensure that the village is able to maintain their water sources.

Jesus tells us: “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” John 7: 37b-38

You can help provide healthy water so that people in Uganda can enjoy the “living water” that Jesus promises today –

www.innz.org.nz/project/ugandawash





Greetings from New Zealand



INsight into Christmas letters

Thank you for being the Salt and Light to our increasingly marginalised families living in our Lead partner countries. As Jesus said: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
(Matthew 25:40)

This Christmas a new tool was added to the Sponsorship package with the production of a "Greetings from New Zealand" letter template made available to all sponsors. Thank you to all those who took advantage of the template to write lovely letters to your sponsored children. Some of you placed a cross on the map to show where you live; some dressed up the kiwi and added other "kiwis" to represent family members; some copied photos onto the page; some drew other kiwi symbols and gave cultural lessons... Thank you for your creativity! And more than anything else, the children loved hearing from you and are appreciating developing a more meaningful relationship. Here are some responses:

Greetings and Happy New Year.

Kenina was extremely excited to receive her letter from the sponsors. She has responded back with a letter so kindly forward it and plus do include our greetings to them too.

*In His Service
Prasanna & Arpana
(Sano Diyo, India)*

I was very happy to receive your letter after such a long time.

Thank you so much for being there for me and thinking of me. Your love is always special for me.

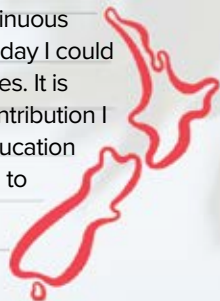
I also wish you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed year to you and your loved ones.

Warmest Greetings from Nepal, sincerely, thank you.

Thank you for sending Rachana's message. Yes, we will give it out to her, Mr. Pranesh Sir will lead it. Thank you.

IN Nepal did some research on how the sponsorship support is assisting families and here are some stories of the impact. Ambita's mother said that: "This support has been very helpful to my family. During the time of COVID when everything was in lockdown, and I lost my job, Ambita's support never ceased and it was huge support for us to continue her education even in that time of crisis. Thank you very much for assisting us even in those difficult times."

Ashma said "Due to the continuous support from my sponsors today I could continue my bachelor's studies. It is because of your love and contribution I could continue my higher education which has added huge value to my life. For this opportunity I want to thank my sponsors, and IN family".



Thank you for sponsoring, this means the children can get an education.



Thank you for sponsoring, this means the children have food to eat.



Thank you for sponsoring, this means the children have hope for the future.

Please continue writing to your sponsored child. There is a link through our website to make writing a letter easy: www.innz.org.nz/correspondence

Joining hands to end global slavery

A partnership of belief and strength....

International Needs has partnered with the Chab Dai initiative for the past five years, raising funds to help employ lawyers to prosecute suspected human traffickers.

International Needs is united with Chab Dai, working to turn the tide against human slavery.

International Needs contributes over \$30,000 a year to this valuable cause, one aimed at ending an injustice many



New Zealanders may not even realise is happening, and even fewer could comprehend for the misery and pain it inflicts upon communities.

The Chab Dai legal support project, started in 2005 in Cambodia, and supports two lawyers to help with prosecuting those responsible for human trafficking.

Since then it has grown to include 50 staff committed to ending one of the most horrifying, degrading acts people can inflict upon others – human trafficking.

International Needs is a faith-based aid organisation that has formed strong relationships around the world with local



people committed to helping their communities leave poverty and injustice behind- uniting with Chab Dai is our answer to improving the lives of thousands imperilled by human trafficking.

Modern slavery is dragging millions around the globe into an abyss of misery and degradation. Few in New Zealand would appreciate the despair this crisis inflicts upon young, and largely female people throughout Asia and Africa. The statistics are often so large, it becomes hard to realise each number is an individual life, deserving of dignity.

Human Trafficking- the mathematics of misery:

- *The 2nd largest illegal trade in the world after drugs, valued at US\$33 billion a year.*
- *40 million men and women and children impacted by it globally.*
- *Women bear the brunt, accounting for 71% of victims.*
- *15 million are in forced marriages, 24 million in forced labour.*
- *30% are children.*

We all have a role to play, with modern slavery and forced labour touching almost all aspects of goods we buy including food, electronics, and clothes.

Chab Dai successes- finding light in the darkness.

Chab Dai finds hope and justice for victims of modern slavery within their communities and within their legal systems.

Here's how Chab Dai has helped to break the slavery chain in communities throughout Asia

Legal Support —

A father's child had been raped and he received multiple calls from the offender offering to pay compensation if it was kept out of court, and they soon became threats. But support from Chab Dai lawyers offered to the father saw the case go to court and the perpetrator sentenced.

Victim support —

Last year alone, Chab Dai repatriated 104 survivors of human trafficking back to their communities in Cambodia. Counselling services were offered for 50 survivors, 57 convictions and verdicts were achieved, and 12 human trafficking brokers were arrested.

Community support —

Chab Dai champions community heroes who stand up to human trafficking in their lives- like the village mother who was told she should marry her daughter to a wealthy Chinese man. Messages from Chab Dai Community Heroes convinced her otherwise – today she provides an example of defiance against trafficking to her fellow villagers.

Through Chab Dai, International Needs is offering hope to people caught in the degrading, desperate net of human trafficking. By supporting International Needs you too can reach out in a practical way to change the lives of international slavery's victims.

www.innz.org.nz/project/chab-dai-cambodia



INsight into Burkina Faso children

Thank you for being a part of the “LIGHT” in Burkina Faso.

“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...” Matthew 25:35

Late last year INNZ put out a plea to help children in Burkina Faso who had been displaced after their school was targeted by extreme terrorists. Sadly, Christians are being targeted by extremists supported by Al Qaeda cells operating in Mali and the North of the country.

Christ's Light was spread and will continue to permeate Burkina Faso, especially through our International Needs Christian School: **La Bonne Nouvelle**.

International Needs Burkina Faso (INBF) is our partner in Bobo Dioulasso; they have been implementing development programs in the Colma district of Bobo for over 20 years, ranging from basic healthcare programs, maternity support, and fighting malaria to providing between 600 - 700 pupils each year with education at La Bonne Nouvelle primary and secondary school. INBF also run evangelistic outreach programs amongst the country's unreached people groups and are currently church planting. INBF are well placed and experienced to implement sustainable change in their community.



Through New Zealand supporters' kindness and generosity to help these children and families displaced:

- *A total of \$25,745 was raised*
- *50 precious refugee children have been enrolled into La Bonne Nouvelle*
- *Each student is being given education, uniform, school equipment, a daily meal, and counselling*
- *Food is being distributed to the displaced children and their families*
- *Plans are progressing to build four new classrooms by October 2022, to cater for an additional 56 children*

Here is a story from a student whose life has been changed through the "Light":

My name is Ouedraogo. Before telling you my story I would like to say thank you for your support. I am now able to continue my studies.

Our village, which is 100 km from Bobo, was attacked by armed groups. My parents were able to flee with me and we found refuge in Bobo-Dioulasso. My parents lost everything we had including a field we cultivated to feed us. Without your help I would be a street child having to beg with my mother. Today you have given me the opportunity to continue my studies and to have a good future.

May God bless you.





INsight into Nepal Livelihoods

Breaking the cycle of poverty alone is virtually impossible, but when a community comes together supported through our Livelihoods Programme, we can help raise the household incomes of families living in poverty, in a sustainable way.

You can support families in breaking this cycle — transforming lives for generations.

International Needs provides communities with the resources and education to become self-supporting through our Livelihoods Programme, empowering them to find local long-term solutions to poverty.

International Needs launched the Livelihoods Programme in Sindhupalchowk district as a response to the 2015 earthquake. Sindhupalchowk was among one of the most badly impacted areas, with many families losing everything.

The aim of the programme is to support families affected by the earthquake to rebuild their livelihoods and create new sources of income. Through the programme, families receive support through resource provision such as tools and livestock. They are also supported with vocational skills training and finances to build their own small businesses. Individuals and households are given the choice of how their families are supported. Many elect for livestock support to start their own farming businesses, others opt for skills training and resources to begin their own furniture making businesses and other trades. We are also working to develop community support groups to provide more skills training, and producers' groups to build the capacity of farmers to sell their produce.

We are currently working with three hillside villages in Sindhupalchowk supporting families. Our goal is to extend this programme to reach more individuals with resources and training which is changing lives.

Find out more about how you can support this programme — www.innz.org.nz/nepal



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

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