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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 49 years of professional expertise, International Needs New Zealand is connecting communities worldwide with love, hope and freedom.*

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# Welcome to 2024 and to this year's first INsight magazine.

I am looking forward to celebrating this and there are many things to be thankful for and to celebrate.

In 1974, Ray Harrison, founder of International Needs, had a vision to support local indigenous leaders to reach their own communities. Fifty years ago, a seed of compassion was planted in the hearts of visionary individuals, inspired by the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ to love our neighbours as ourselves. Through unwavering dedication and steadfast commitment, this seed grew into the global mission of International Needs, touching countless lives with hope, healing, and transformation. As we celebrate the past 50 years, our prayer is that the next 50 years will be marked by even greater feats of compassion, justice, and mercy as we

strive to fulfill the mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ to proclaim good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted and set the captives free.

As we reflect on the journey of International Needs over the past 50 years, we're also setting our sights on ambitious goals that lie ahead. Among these is the "A Million for a Million" campaign, a bold initiative aimed at reaching one million people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your support and partnership in this campaign are more than just contributions; they're catalysts for change, enabling us to share the message of Christ with those who have yet to hear it.

Looking ahead, we are also excited to invite our supporters to become even more intimately involved with the work God is doing around the world, through our 2025 Discovery Tours. These tours offer a unique opportunity to witness the tangible impact of your support. By visiting projects like the Ark Quest Education Centre and the WASH Project, you'll see firsthand the work from our partners overseas.

It is my pleasure to share some inspiring stories, updates from our partners, and exciting events coming up.

With every blessing, Shaun

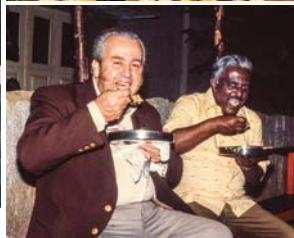


# Celebrating 50 years

International Needs revolutionised mission models by prioritising local leadership to address community needs.

We are very excited for the year ahead as we prepare to celebrate 50 years of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness towards the International Needs network.

In April we will be hosting our **8th Congress in Rotorua**. It will be a wonderful time to look back at everything International Needs has accomplished over the past 50 years as well as to thank our generous supporters for helping us make it happen. Our global partners are coming to New Zealand, so stay alert for some inspiring events taking place in various locations across the country!





# INsight into Speaking Tours

In late April and early May this year we are delighted to host the International Needs Family in Rotorua for a five-day International Needs Conference.

Following the conference, several of our overseas International Needs Directors will commence a variety of speaking tours throughout New Zealand.



**Justus Miwanda – Director of International Needs Uganda** will be visiting Rotorua, Tauranga, and Auckland.



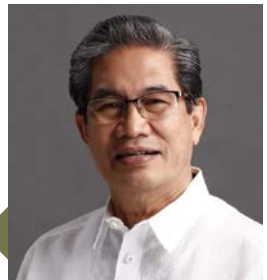
**McDonald Adhikary – Director of International Needs Bangladesh** will be visiting Dunedin, Oamaru, and Wanaka.



**Malati Rai Pandey – Interim Director of International Needs Nepal** will be visiting Tauranga and Te Puke.



**Prasanna and Arpana Khaling – Director of Acts Himalayas** will be visiting Tauranga and Christchurch.



**Leonardo Alconga – Director of International Needs Philippines** will be visiting Wellington.

We will also have **Laijipa Otu** (Director of International Needs Fiji) and **Jocelyn Muraya** (Director of International Needs Kenya) visiting Tauranga.

**Nicanor and Elizabeth Tamang** from India will be visiting Rotorua and speaking at Lakes Church in Rotorua on Sunday 5th May at 10am.

**Nathan Bassaly** – Director of International Needs Egypt will be visiting Tauranga.

Stay tuned as we will be sending out further updates on the details of each speaking tour to your email.

# A MILLION FOR A MILLION

On the **3rd of May** this year, we are launching our biggest campaign yet called “A Million for a Million” to raise one million dollars to reach one million people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Why?** Because nearly half of humanity has never heard of Jesus. As many voices compete to distract the unreached, the need for Jesus and his message of love, hope and redemption has never been more urgent.

**How?** For over 50 years, International Needs has proven that indigenous ministry is the best way to break through with the Gospel. Through our network of 150 local dedicated national workers in over 21 countries, you will be supporting them with the resources they need to reach more than 1 million people.



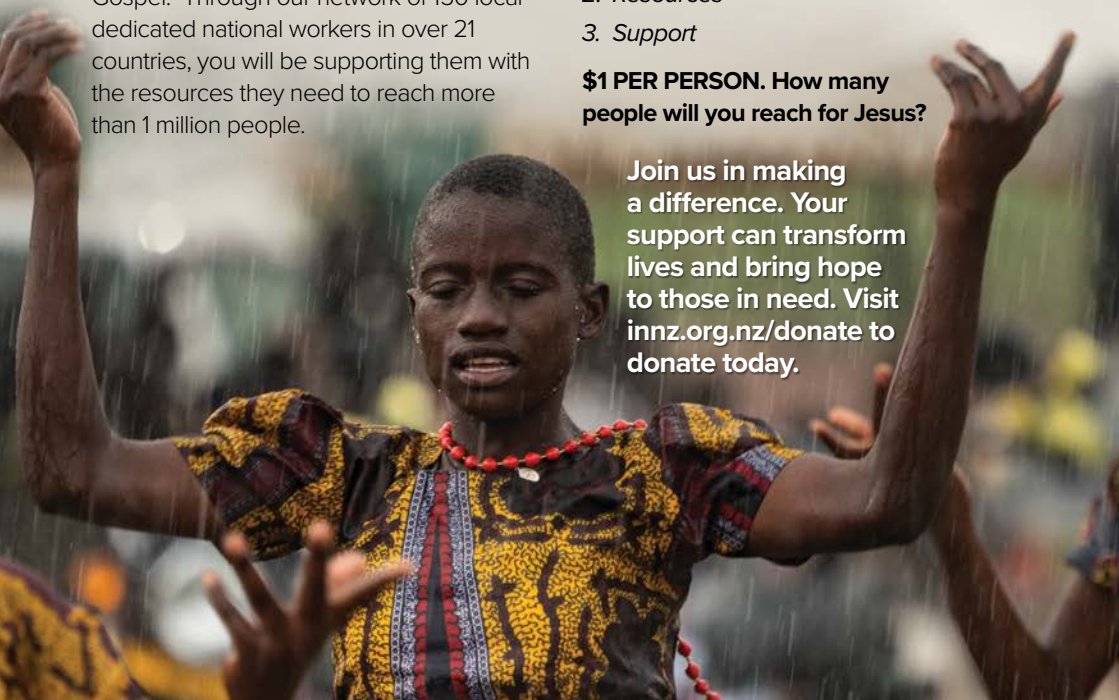
## *Locals reaching locals:*

Our local partners want to do more, and they’re asking for our help. They are asking for resources to reach a million more people and snowball your impact into millions more believers reached, supported, followed up, disciplined, and sharing Jesus with everyone around them. They need three things from you:

1. *Transport*
2. *Resources*
3. *Support*

**\$1 PER PERSON. How many people will you reach for Jesus?**

Join us in making a difference. Your support can transform lives and bring hope to those in need. Visit [innz.org.nz/donate](http://innz.org.nz/donate) to donate today.



## INsight into

# ✝ Gospel Outreach *in*

Ray Harrison's vision was to empower and support local church leaders in developing nations as they spread the Gospel. Leveraging their deep understanding of local contexts, languages, and cultures, these leaders are effective at making disciples within their communities.

Today International Needs New Zealand supports over **150 local leaders and gospel workers throughout the world.**

One of these leaders is Pastor Jose, residing with his family in the Barangay of Binitayan, Municipality of Daraga, Albay Province, Philippines. He ministers across Albay, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, and Talac provinces, overseeing 25 churches and their pastors.

Each month, Pastor Jose leads gospel crusades in twelve local villages, where many people are coming to know the Lord. Last year alone, **200 people received the Lord during the crusades** held in the

villages of Banadero, Busay, and Cullat, in the Albay Province.

Pastor Jose conducts regular leadership trainings to prepare new pastors in their role and to deepen their understanding of the Bible.

Last year, International Needs New Zealand donated a van to support Pastor Jose's ministry work.

Pastor Jose expresses his gratitude upon receiving the van:

*"As Head Pastor of Risen Lord Church, consisting of 25 outreach churches in different towns and barangays, our mission vehicle is a great help in our activities such as to our yearly youth camp, yearly Pastors' and workers' family day, monthly Pastors' meetings, monthly evangelistic concert crusades, team building, Pastors' and workers' leadership training, baptisms, church outings, children's ministry events, monthly prayer gatherings and emergency cases.*

*Because of this, we are whole-heartedly grateful to the sponsors and donors. Risen Lord Church is praying that God would bless everyone richly."*

### **You too can be part of this story.**

Countless Pastors and gospel workers are eager for support in their ministry for the Lord. To find out more about the national worker sponsorship program go to **[innz.org.nz/sponsor](http://innz.org.nz/sponsor)** or email Rachel at **[rachel@innz.org.nz](mailto:rachel@innz.org.nz)**.



## INsight into

# World of Joy Success

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to bless those around the world last Christmas. Your support has not only brought joy, love, and hope but also relief to many families.

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 just some of the highlights of those distributions as we anticipate further updates from our partners overseas.

- **Burkina Faso: 150 mosquito nets** distributed to pregnant women.
- **Kenya: 50 Mosquito nets** distributed to 50 households.
- **Kenya: 1 Keyboard and Sustain Cable, 1 Keyboard stand, 2 Kayambas, 2 Conga drums, 2 Tamborines, 2 Maraccas, 1 Acoustic Guitar and Tuner, 1 QiMei Harmonica** were bought over Christmas for Ark Quest Education Centre.
- **Philippines: 30 Families** received **gardening and farming tools and seeds.**
- **Philippines: 30 Families** received **water purifier units.**
- **Philippines: 75 Kids** received a **back to school pack.**
- **Egypt: 110 Families** received **Food hampers.**
- **Turkey: 50 Families** received **Food Hampers.**







1 – Gardening tools and seeds in Philippines

2 – “I am Maimouna. I am an internal refugee in Bobo-Dioulasso. Thanks to the gift of mosquito nets I am protected against mosquitoes. Now me and my family are safe.” Burkina Faso

3 – “My name is Sawadogo Awa. I gave birth to twins at the medical centre. I was wondering how to protect myself and my babies from mosquito bites but, thanks to this donation of mosquito nets we are protected.” Burkina Faso

4 – Woman with her baby receiving a mosquito net, Burkina Faso

5 – Back to school packs in Philippines.

6 – The lady is a widow with 3 children and this food of bag provided a big need and brought happiness to this family and the kids during this Christmas time. Egypt

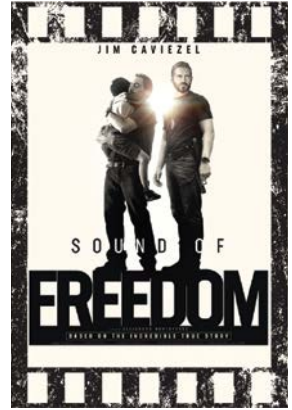
7 – Man receiving a food hamper, Turkey

# Local Events

## *Movie fundraiser*

Last year we hosted movie fundraisers in Tauranga, Rotorua, and Christchurch, screening “Sound of Freedom,” a film about children trafficking. The aim was to raise awareness about the reality of human trafficking and to encourage support for the Chab Dai Project, dedicated to prosecuting traffickers and providing counselling to survivors.

**If you wish to support the Chab Dai Project, please visit [innz.org.nz/project/chab-dai-cambodia](http://innz.org.nz/project/chab-dai-cambodia).**



## *Ark Quest Walk*



In November, 56 people gathered to walk or run a 9km circuit at Mount Manganui. As we finished, everyone received a medal, we had a great time and some spot prizes were handed out; we are very grateful to our generous sponsors: Brookfield New World, Moana Road, Palmers Welcome Bay, and the Atrium Café. Stay tuned for this year’s walk in November!

**Find out more about how you can support Ark Quest at [innz.org.nz/project/ark-quest](http://innz.org.nz/project/ark-quest)**

## *Festival One*

In January, we headed to Festival One in Cambridge, where Christians come together for a fun weekend with a lively blend of faith, music, and community. It was our first time representing International Needs, where we set up a rustic-style tent to talk about our organisation and the Million for a Million campaign.

**To learn more about a Million for a Million Campaign, head to page 4.**



## *Paint with Purpose*

In December, LOA Law firm celebrated their end of year work function with a Painting Event organised by International Needs. Participants painted beautiful Pohutukawa flowers and we raised awareness about the Chab Dai Project in Cambodia.

If you're planning a corporate event for this year, contact us for a unique experience that blends art with a meaningful cause.



## Upcoming Events

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### *Quiz Night – June*

Stay tuned for an unforgettable Quiz Night event coming up in June. Gather your team, whether it's your friends, colleagues, or even just yourself ready to meet new faces. It's going to be a fun evening and you'll have the chance to support a great cause: renovating a school in Savar, Bangladesh.

### *Kids Concert – end of July*

The Kids Concert hosted by INN.Z will be returning this year to Tauranga, to raise funds to purchase musical instruments for schools in Bangladesh and Kenya. In July we will have talented children delight us again with their music and performances. Stay tuned!

### *Qtown marathon*

On November 16th, our Executive Director Shaun Sutcliffe and Treasurer Daniel Gibbons will be taking on the 21k challenge at the Queenstown Marathon, in support of the Drop-in Centre project in Bangladesh. If you're interested in sponsoring Shaun or Daniel, or even joining them in the cause, keep an eye out.

**If you're inspired to participate or contribute prizes, please email us at [marketing@innz.org.nz](mailto:marketing@innz.org.nz).**

**Find out about our upcoming events soon — [events.innz.org.nz](http://events.innz.org.nz)**



## + INsight into



# Human Rights



## Chab Dai Project

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Proverbs 31:8*

Modern slavery is dragging millions around the globe into an abyss of misery and degradation. 1 in every 150 people worldwide is a victim of human trafficking, and over 400 million children are exposed to child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Since 2017, International Needs has partnered with Chab Dai's Legal Support Project (LSP) in Cambodia to guide and support countless victims to ensure that they receive the justice they deserve. With your support, the Chab Dai Legal Support Team have achieved the following:

- Handled **35 new cases** involving human trafficking, child sexual abuse, and child marriage.
- Provided legal consultation to **63 victims** and their families.
- Contributed to **29 convictions** for forced marriage and human trafficking.
- Held **4 Consultative Meetings** involving 63 participants to educate law enforcement workers on duties and obligations to investigate Human Trafficking.
- Organised a **Legal Networking Meeting** with 18 participants from 6 organisations, including the Ministry of Women's Affairs, to address legal support services for victims.



### A Story of Survival and Restoration:

A 13-year-old girl who was promised a good job in the city, was then sold into slavery, and sexually abused. Through LSP's support, she was able to bravely testify her case with confidence. The accused was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment.

Words from her mother "I can't imagine what would be the result if there wasn't support from the Chab Dai Coalition. After my daughter was referred to live with ARM shelter, she has developed her skills and knowledge. She has a new plan to live in Phnom Penh and continue her studies at high school there."

**You can reach out in a practical way to change the lives of human trafficking victims by supporting Chab Dai. Please visit [innz.org.nz/project/chab-dai-cambodia](https://innz.org.nz/project/chab-dai-cambodia)**



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# Aid Support **in**

## Ghana Floods

In October, the Volta River Authority (VRA), spilled water from the dam to prevent the dam from breaching. Unfortunately, this caused severe damage, submerging homes and schools, leaving many homeless and exposed to water-related diseases.



Through your generosity we were able to raise over NZD\$9,600 to help families affected by the floods, with food baskets and female hygiene kits.

### A victim's response to the support:

*"I was living with my 6 children at Sikor when the flood came down to destroy all our properties and livelihoods. We were evacuated to Agbetikpo community school for safety. The comfort and independence we used to enjoy in our homes was no more. Things became really difficult for me, particularly when it came to supporting my family. Even though we did get some assistance from other sources, it was insufficient. It was a moment of joy when International Needs Ghana organised a medical outreach in our community to provide quality healthcare for victims. We were screened and provided with the needed medication. As if that was not enough, today we were also provided with food baskets and hygiene kits. This is indeed a holistic support. I sincerely appreciate the team for their great sense of help." — Madam Rejoice Ahiablame, EFC, Sikor*

## Nepal Earthquake

On Friday 3 November 2023, a powerful 6.4 Richter-scale earthquake shook Rukum (West) and Jajarkot. The disaster claimed 157 lives and left over 271 people injured. 369 schools were affected, and more than 8,000 homes were damaged, leaving many families homeless. With your support we provided aid to 457 families offering essential items.



Have you considered joining the International Needs disaster and relief fund? With a monthly contribution as low as \$20, your support will help us respond promptly when disaster strikes. Visit [innz.org.nz/donate](https://innz.org.nz/donate) and choose "disaster & relief fund" to make a difference today.



# In loving memory of Dieudonne

Dieudonne, our beloved friend and the project manager of International Needs Burkina Faso (INBF), was a beacon of hope and a tireless crusader who believed in the power of awareness, education, and action. His journey began not with personal affliction but with a profound sense of empathy for those who suffered. Witnessing the devastating impact of malaria on communities inspired him to join the fight to alleviate suffering and prevent its spread.

With heavy hearts, INNZ received the devastating news of Dieudonne's passing from malaria late last year. At only 37 years old, he left behind a loving wife and two young children.

As we bid farewell to a cherished friend, advocate, and change-maker, let us also find strength in the unity forged by a common cause – a cause that Dieudonne championed with unmatched passion and dedication in his role as project manager of INBF.

Please keep Dieudonne's family in your prayers, including his wife, two children, and his father, who is the Director of International Needs Burkina Faso. If possible, I would like you to take a moment and pray for them during this difficult time.



## ***Continuing Dieudonne's legacy: Fighting Malaria through Mosquito Nets***

Dieudonne's legacy lives on through the continuation of his noble cause in the fight against malaria. Just as he dedicated his life to alleviating the suffering caused by this disease, we are committed to honouring his memory by ensuring that his efforts are not in vain.

In December 2022, INNZ funded mosquito nets for the INBF Medical Centre in Ophel as part of its World of Joy Christmas Appeal. Recognising the urgent need, INNZ and INBF launched a joint project in June 2023 to provide 1,000 pregnant women with mosquito nets and educational programs on malaria prevention at the medical centre.

**With your support, INNZ has raised approx. NZD 7,090, providing mosquito nets and anti-malaria medication to 387 pregnant women through the INBF Medical Centre. However, we still need NZD 8,300 to reach our goal of 1,000 mosquito nets.**

By supporting this initiative, we carry forward Dieudonne's vision of a world free from the devastating impact of malaria. Together, let us turn grief into action and make a tangible difference in the lives of those most vulnerable to this preventable illness.

**Play your part in combating malaria by donating a mosquito net here [innz.org.nz/project/burkinafasomedical-burkinafaso](https://innz.org.nz/project/burkinafasomedical-burkinafaso)**



*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. — Isaiah 41:10*

## INsight into



## Education



# Music brings joy!

Music is a universal language that speaks to everyone, especially children. It's a powerful tool that helps them explore different cultures and understand the world they live in. Beyond it just being fun, music education integrates with many other subjects, enhancing learning experiences. It allows children to express themselves uniquely, boosting their confidence and making their educational journey more fulfilling.

**During 2023, through our Kids Concert and World of Joy donations, INNZ was able to raise funds for Musical Instruments. The funds were distributed to 3 schools in Bangladesh & Kenya.**

At Ark Quest Education Centre in Kenya their goal is to establish a music classroom equipped with a variety of musical instruments so that they begin to teach a music curriculum. The plan is to recruit a qualified music teacher to teach the children musical skills including playing, reading music notation, and composition.

The students have been very blessed by the recent instruments that the school has been able to purchase – a keyboard with stand, Kayamba, Conga drums, Tamborines, Maracas, an acoustic guitar, and harmonica. Students are being given basic training on instrument handling and techniques.

This wouldn't have been possible without your support. If you would like to learn more about Ark Quest Education Centre, please visit [innz.org.nz/project/ark-quest](https://innz.org.nz/project/ark-quest).





## Tertiary Education

The value and importance of education has been highlighted this past year at INN.Z where we have seen 56% of the funds raised directed towards education initiatives across multiple countries.

INCAP sponsorship assists students through their primary and secondary school education. Following secondary school many students face financial barriers and cannot afford tertiary education. This is where tertiary scholarships come into play. The objective of our scholarship support is to empower students in need to pursue higher education, enabling them to give back to society, particularly in rural and remote areas.

INN.Z provides tertiary sponsorship in six different countries: Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Uganda, Philippines and Cambodia.

We recently received an update from Kong Ai in Cambodia:

Kong Ai has now successfully completed her bachelor's degree majoring in English for Communication. She graduated and received her certificate at the end of December 2023.

Her work with Flame (an organisation that provides educational support to children in Cambodia) is as a bookkeeper and financial related tasks. She has grown in confidence and is now Flame's representative with the tax department and other government departments. She had received training with Chab Dai organisation financial forum which has built her skills and she is now able to complete the report well.

Kong Ai says ***“Being a scholarship student isn't just about receiving funds; it's about receiving the chance to prove what I can achieve. Your support is a stepping stone to my aspirations, and I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity.”***

As a fresh graduate, she has a goal now of wanting to study more about accountancy and also the Chinese language. This will give her a better income and will help to support her older parents in the province. Her current job allows her to support herself to live in the city, but she wants to earn more so she can help her parents also.



***For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. — Proverbs 2:6***

## INSight into



# Economic Empowerment



## Lydia Vocation Training Centre

In 1997, International Needs Nepal established the Lydia Vocational Training Centre in Kathmandu, helping more than 1000 women from 32 of Nepal's most vulnerable communities. Through this five-month residential programme, they build their skills through vocational training, setting up their own businesses or gaining employment.

Last year, 60 women from 12 districts in Nepal graduated from the LVTC programme, received sewing machines, materials, and the skills to start their own tailoring business. 25 residential trainees received warm jackets to help them to cope with the cold weather in Kathmandu. A collective birthday celebration was organised for all the Lydia women, where trainees received special birthday cards handcrafted by the women of a local church in New Zealand.

## Binda's Success Story

Binda Danuwar lost both parents in Nepal's 2015 earthquake. In 2017, she completed Lydia's Basic Tailoring Training, subsequently receiving a sewing machine from IN Nepal. Afterward, she pursued a special design course and now runs a successful tailoring business from home. Binda has also trained over 40 women in her village, providing them with opportunities for employment.

Binda further says, *"I am financially independent and very much happy and satisfied with my work. I feel happy to see the women whom I trained doing well and progressing. Some of them help me during my rush hours and I pay them for it."*

**To support and empower more women from the Lydia Vocation Training Centre, please visit [innz.org.nz/project/lydia](http://innz.org.nz/project/lydia)**



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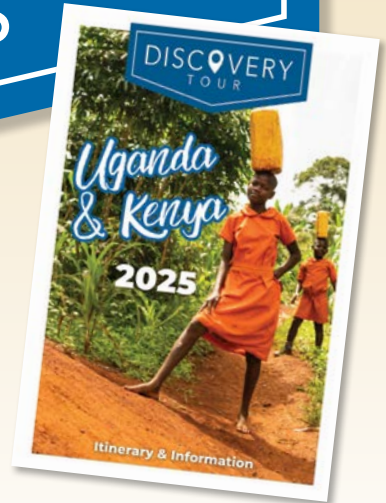
Have you ever wanted to see the work God is doing around the world? Why not partner with International Needs and go on a Discovery Tour.

You will see how God is moving through His people and discover the impact being made.

You will also Discover what God is doing in your own life and how a trip overseas will change your heart and mind forever.

In July 2025, we are planning a Discovery Tour in Kenya and Uganda. You will be able to visit the Ark Quest Education centre in Kenya, which provides education and nutritious meals to over 100 students a year as well as the WASH Project in Uganda, working to provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to families.

**CONTACT US** today at [info@innz.org.nz](mailto:info@innz.org.nz) to find out more about how you or your church can go on an International Needs guided tour or facilitate your own through the International Needs partners in over 20 countries around the world.





Thank you for your ongoing support. Together we are making a difference to communities around the world.

If you would like to get involved, get in touch with us at [info@innz.org.nz](mailto:info@innz.org.nz) or call us on 0800 463 337



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