

A young girl with dark skin and short hair, wearing a blue and orange patterned scarf, is holding a baby. They are outdoors with trees in the background.

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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 48 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 2023

Welcome to 2023 and this edition of the International Needs INsight magazine. I am excited about what is in-store for us this year, with borders fully opened and being able to see the work that International Needs is supporting around the world.

Recently returning from our first Discovery Tour of Bangladesh and Nepal, nine people from around New Zealand

discovered what our partners are doing in changing lives and transforming the communities in which they serve. It was a wonderful time with great people and the impact will last for many years to come.

If you are interested in seeing the work of International Needs or visiting one of the partners that you support, can I please encourage you to do so. Our team would love to hear from you and help make this possible.

I pray that as you read this edition of INsight, you too will be encouraged and inspired by the stories you helped make possible with your support.

Thank you again for the wonderful support and prayers that you provide to International Needs

With every blessing
Shaun — Executive Director INNZ



INsight into World of Joy Success

Thank you for your support of the World of Joy Christmas Appeal, helping spread love, joy & hope to families around the globe. Here are just a few stories of the success.

Chickens & Food Hampers

With the cost of living rising sharply in the village, and just being able to provide a meal for the family each day is a big challenge, so your generosity could not have come at a better time. Not only did all the sponsored children at Ark Quest receive food hampers, other students also received chickens and mosquito nets. We were also able to extend the generosity to staff and members of the community as a sign of appreciation for the support they have been to the school.

Thank you very much for making this possible for us. *Calvine — Ark Quest Kenya*





Mosquito Nets

Mosquito nets are truly life changing in Burkina Faso, especially for pregnant women and women who have just given birth. By giving them nets, we are saving the lives of many newborns, as malaria often causes the loss of the pregnancy and is also often fatal if newborns are infected. We were able to bless 63 women with mosquito nets thanks to your generosity.

Dieudonné — IN Burkina Faso

Seeds of Hope

With her husband having no permanent work, Neze, was very grateful to be a part of the seed project. Your generosity at Christmas has enabled her to be one of the recipients to receive the tools and seeds to set up her own backyard garden. With three small children to look after this enables her to provide a source of food for her family. Her next goal is to work towards selling vegetables at the local market.

Bishop Leo — IN Philippines



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

INsight into Prasanna & Arpana's visit

In 2000, after finishing Bible College, the lives of Prasanna and Arpana were intersected and changed forever when three little girls knocked on their front door. These girls, who were homeless, abused and seeking shelter, inspired them to take action and make a difference in the community in which they live.

Sano Diyo “A Little Lighthouse” was formed. What started with three girls has grown to thirty-five. These girls have been given a safe haven away from the risks of abuse, poverty and the threat of human trafficking. Through the love, care and dedication of Prasanna and Arpana these girls have been given a bright future. Some of the girls are now graduating from university.



Prasanna and Arpana are also active in their community and oversee a child sponsorship programme where 500 children in the Siliguri community are sponsored. They are passionate about connecting with their community through their Community Centre and outreach programmes.

One of these programmes is called “Share and Care” — a breakfast programme run each Saturday morning for children in need





in the Siliguri community. The children are given breakfast along with some literacy learning and singing. "I am so happy," says a boy who attends the "Share and Care" programme.

We would love you to come and hear Prasanna and Arpana speak on their heart for their community and their passionate goals to be more involved in the Siliguri community.

Their aim is to run more inclusive community programmes and to support a local Siliguri school — The Little Rose School.

Prasanna and Arpana are coming to New Zealand this year from 21st April – 8th May. For more information visit: innz.org.nz/events



INsight into Uganda Wash programme

Clean water is now flowing in more Ugandan villages, thanks to your generosity and the vision set out in Uganda WASH.

With the help of our generous supporters, INNZ backs this vision by sponsoring projects in the Bulkwe District with the goal of providing 8,018 households (equivalent to 57,151 people) with access to clean water and sanitation.

As part of IN's ongoing project monitoring, Walter Leuthwaite recently visited the district to assess progress made to date.

During his trip Walter visited the village of Ssanga where two freshwater boreholes and a new 10,000L water tank has been constructed with the support of IN.

The village is also the recipient of five community toilets, in a bid to end open defecation.

Having sat down with Ssanga's Water User Committee, it's clear to Walter the village is deeply appreciative for these additions. "Now we are using good water," they



say, "and people are no longer suffering from diseases such as diarrhoea, typhoid, malaria and the fever."

At present the bores and pump mechanisms are performing well, but it's feared that one day their maintenance fund may be insufficient to cover any unforeseen damage. They are also aware that more boreholes are needed both in Ssanga and the wider villages to future-proof supply.

Can you help keep clean water flowing in Uganda? To find out more and support the next phase visit our website — innz.org.nz/project



An engineer by trade, Walter volunteers his time to provide expert advice on the best course of action for future projects.

INsight into Ukraine refugees, one year on



The war has raged on for over a year now, with no end in sight. Our IN partners in Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia continue to assist Ukrainian refugees now faced with piecing together their fractured lives in a foreign country.

For our IN partners it has been difficult to offer hope when the emotional wounds inflicted by war run so deeply. In addition to providing pastoral care, IN Romania has set up small groups where refugees can share their burdens and receive bespoke counselling. One 3½-year-old receiving care spoke well before the war but suffered such trauma through the explosions that he's now nearly mute as a result. Recognising there are no quick



fixes, options for extending professional counselling support is a focus in the coming months.

IN Bulgaria is working to meet essential needs for refugees, both in their direct care, and those living independently throughout the wider community. Opportunities for schooling, as well as initiatives to help restore dignity and connection with both fellow Ukrainians and the local community, have been the focus in recent months.

Meanwhile, for those required to remain in the Ukraine, IN Slovakia continues to provide at least one humanitarian aid convoy every two months. These are loaded with nutritious food and other essential items.

Can you help?

We can only achieve this with your generous support. Give securely at innz.org.nz/donate





INsight into Medical Centres

For far too many people living across the globe access to basic healthcare remains an unattainable luxury.

This is especially true for those living in developing countries where access to healthcare is either financially unviable or physically out of reach. Individuals and families are left exposed to untreated or poorly managed conditions. Among the most vulnerable are expectant mothers and their children, who frequently endure suffering or life-threatening situations due to inadequate care.

Thanks to the financial support of our generous donors, INNZ is helping improve healthcare outcomes in Bangladesh and Burkina Faso. Here, our partner medical centres are working tirelessly to provide treatment, medication, education, and other preventative measures to assist those who would otherwise go without.



Savar, a poverty-stricken area in Bangladesh, is home to many families who rely on working in garment factories to make ends meet. Despite their efforts their low income often fails to cover even the basic necessities of life. Medical care is prohibitively expensive, especially for the treatment of children and expectant mothers.



With few safe places to give birth women in Savar often have little choice than to travel long distances for deliveries, risking their lives and the lives of their babies. Many fail to make it in time and are forced to deliver in the open street, without any medical assistance or support. As a result, infant mortality rates in the area are alarmingly high.

Without means to pay one 24-year-old mother named Shamima was quick to take advantage of the free assessment offered by the IN medical centre in Savar. Here, it was discovered Shamima was suffering from anaemia. Thankfully, the medical

centre was able to offer free medication and provide regular follow-up checks and nutrition advice to help keep her and her baby healthy.

Meanwhile in Burkina Faso, where nearly half of the population live in extreme poverty, malaria prevention and treatment is another critical area of focus. The IN medical centre in Bobo-Dioulasso offers free rapid malaria tests and mosquito nets to those in need. In just six months 3729 people were successfully treated for malaria.

Thanks to the efforts of our IN medical centres many vulnerable and marginalised members of society now have access to the healthcare services they need to thrive.



To help them continue their valuable work we aim to provide \$53,000 of financial support each year. Can you help? [Innz.org.nz/project](https://innz.org.nz/project)

INsight into Human Trafficking

1 in every 150 people worldwide are a victim of human trafficking, bringing in a profit of USD150 billion every year and making it the second most profitable illegal industry after drugs.

Recognising the problem International Needs has opened two drop-in centres in Bangladesh and have partnered with Chab Dai initiatives. The main goal of the drop-in centres is to provide children with nutritious food and basic education. International Needs and Chab Dai together over the last six years, have been able to help raise funds to employ lawyers to prosecute suspected human traffickers.

Chab Dai

More than 50 million people are in human trafficking, an increase of 10 million people since 2016. Chab Dai is an organization within Cambodia that aims to end modern slavery. Chab Dai offers case management support, legal support, and community-based care. Human trafficking is a complex issue fueled by social inequality, gender inequality, poverty, culture, history, and economic disempowerment. Chab Dai created a programme to help combat this, the Chab Dai Legal Support Project. Beginning in 2005 this project aims to financially support lawyers to help with prosecuting those responsible for human trafficking.



This project has seen 32 convictions, 96 survivors of human trafficking flown back home, 253 counselling sessions and 34 cases currently in the trial process.

Drop-in Centre

Bangladesh has one of the highest street children's populations in the world with around 450,000 alone in Dhaka, the capital. Many factors lead to children living on the street including physical abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, poverty, neglect, or the death of a parent.

Once a child is on the street, they are a lot more vulnerable to abuse, forced labour, slavery, trafficking, or death. Street children have one of the highest chances of becoming victims of human trafficking. They are among the most vulnerable and are more likely to be trafficked across international borders or within the country.

International Needs started up two drop-in centres in Dhaka that provide a safe environment where children can receive nutritious food, education, health care services, bathing, social and psychological support, recreational activities, and legal aid. The programme aims to empower

children and help facilitate alternatives to street life.

Currently 30 children regularly attend the Banasree drop-in centre that was opened in 2015. For two hours every day these children can go into the drop-in centers and get a nutritious meal and basic education. They are also able to bathe and have some rest.

Due to the increasing need in Bangladesh, International Needs opened a second centre in 2022. This centre currently has 15 children that attend regularly. Originally the kids would come into the centre around the afternoon to have lunch, bathe, and rest but the demand was increasing, and one meal wasn't enough anymore and so the centre has begun offering breakfast as well.

These centres offer a safe space for these children to come, eat, play board games, rest and get any injuries attended to and it couldn't be done without your help. However, there are many children still on the streets of Bangladesh — our work isn't done yet. **Find out more about how you can help stop human trafficking — innz.org.nz/project**



INsight into Church Fundraisers

Lincoln Anglican Parish Plant Fair

On 29th October Lincoln Anglican Parish hosted a plant fair to raise funds for the Christchurch City Mission, International

Needs, and other projects.

Chrissy Smith (Assistant Deacon) led a small team who put on a craft table at the fair. All crafts were made

by the team and all proceeds went to the International Needs Uganda Wash Project. International Needs provided the informational resources for the table. Altogether the team raised an incredible \$810.00 from the crafts and plants sold on the table. The parish also donated an additional \$2200.00 from part of the funds raised through the plant fair.



Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church Charity Concert Fundraiser

Over recent years Wanaka Presbyterian Community has been on a partnership

journey in mission with International Needs. This began several years ago when the IN Director for Bangladesh, Mc Donald Adhikary preached in our church. He shared with us his vision to establish a children's home and Ministry Centre in the Naogoan District of Northern Bangladesh.

In recent years our church has raised over \$20 000 for this mission project in a variety of ways — quizzes, Christmas appeal and, on a couple of occasions we have teamed up with a music group from a church in Auckland, Josh Jones and the Secret Chords from St Georges Anglican Church in Epsom.

They have put on a night of music called the 'Spirituality of Music' and we have invited our friends along for a great night together. The latest of these was on January 27 and the koha went two ways, half to our local community foodbank and half to the Naogoan Home. This was \$700 each.

But this has been more than mere fundraising — it has been a journey in mission and so when the centre was opened in March this year a couple of our people were there representing us and we continue in prayer for this wonderful Christ centred ministry.

Ian Hyslop, Minister Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church



INsight into a Gospel Worker

The people of Kandra and Paikpara village of Puthia in Bangladesh are living well below the poverty line. They are heavily dependent on agricultural labouring for their livelihood, which is often scarce to find and sometimes they are ill-treated and underpaid.

There are around 400 people that live in the village that Pastor Tori Das from International Needs has been reaching. Their extreme poverty has led to many problems, such as malnutrition, poor health, and the inability to educate their children. Despite all the hardships, the people in the village have been very open to hearing the Gospel message of Jesus and have given Tori the ability to lead many to Christ.

Since ministering to this village, Tori recommended 17 children be accepted into the International Needs Child Assistance Programme which has given them an opportunity to study at the International Needs schools at Savar and Bethany. This is the first generation from this people group who are now being educated and, in the future, can help break the cycle of poverty.



Not only was Tori and his team able to help some of these children, but through the investments made into a simple livelihood programme many lives are being transformed and families are able to generate other streams of income as well as food. The community is extremely grateful to International Needs for conducting livelihood programmes in goat farming, chicken rearing, vegetable growing and soon to be tailoring and sewing. Within the community, this has seen the transformation of many lives. By investing into these communities, Tori has been able to reach many with the Gospel and we are hearing many transformative stories about men, women and children accepting Jesus as their Lord.

Find out more about supporting a Gospel Worker like Tori — innz.org.nz/ministry

INsight into Tertiary Sponsorships

Flame began in 2009 intending to meet the educational needs of the Cambodian community. For many children, in poor urban communities, high school seemed impossible, and University was never an option. However, through Flame University is now made accessible.

Flame provides scholarships to enable impoverished young adults to become tertiary students.

Flame offers support and care for children from when they begin school until they enter the workforce. They provide support for the families along the way, helping them to adjust and thrive as the children grow into their full potential.

Already Flame has seen and heard many success stories. They currently have 20 students studying at the university through Flame scholarships.



Chhoun is an example of the life change that a Flame scholarship can provide. She grew up, with her family renting a small house near the market until her father was beaten up

and an older relative gave them a piece of land to live on. There they built a very, very small house with nothing inside, and they were unable to sleep in the house when it rained. Chhoun had a very small



place to sleep and if she sat up, she would hit her head. Two years later, the relative that provided them with the land forced her and her family to leave because other people were telling the relative that Chhoun's family would steal her land.

The family had no money to build a house or buy land and so they borrowed some from her Aunt. Due to the lack of income, the family couldn't afford to hire a labourer, so she and her siblings had to help build the house. This house didn't have doors, windows, or a roof.

Chhoun's dad became sick and needed medicine every day & was unable to work. Before he became sick, he was the main source of income for this family which meant that now her mum was relied upon to be the sole source of income by selling peanuts.

When Chhoun was 15 she began to know Jesus and she asked God to help them so they could have their land and their own house. She passed 12 grade and her mother said she was able to go to Phnom Penh to study, but her father said she

couldn't because he needed her to work to support the family.

English at the University of Cambodia. Her goal is to get a good job so she can

financially support her family to pay back the loan and build a better house. Her dream is to help children like her, to see them study and she wants her family to also become Christian.

Flame has seen more

One day a pastor told her about a place where she could apply to live and study, but she didn't know where or how to apply. Unfortunately, she missed the deadline and she felt hopeless. She asked God to show her the way and after that, she heard about Flame. She applied and was accepted. Today Chhoun is studying Chinese and

than 2000 people's lives changed and the number is only increasing. To sponsor a student for a full scholarship is \$270 per month or to sponsor a half scholarship is \$135 per month.

Find out more about the students that need supporting — innz.org.nz/sponsor





INsight into Goat farming

\$50 can completely change someone's life. It can provide them with the vitamins, minerals and protein needed for day-to-day life. It can help produce thriving crops and fields. All of this, from a goat.

To give a goat costs \$50 but the benefits are well worth it. Goats are multi-purposed, they can be used for milk, meat, and manure.

Goats milk is filled with vitamins and minerals providing a way for parents to ensure that families are getting all the nutrients they need. Milk also can be sold at markets to make a little extra income.

The goat itself can be used in many different ways but the most effective is reproduction. It takes five months for a goat to have a kid and it is common for a goat to have more than one at a time. Female goats are mostly used for milk and kids. Whereas the male goats are used for meat or can be sold at the market as kids.

Goat meat is important. In a country like Nepal, goat meat is their main source of protein. Their access to and consumption of beef is relatively non-existent and therefore people rely on goat meat.

In Uganda, goats are essential in helping women step into the economic sphere. Goats have a low start-up cost and there

is a high demand for goats' milk and meat. Once women can get an income from the first goat it then makes it easier for them to create a steady flow of income from their goats.

Goat manure is also great for fertilising fields. It is in pellet form making it easy to handle and it has many nutrients useful for growing fast and healthy crops such as potassium, potash, and nitrogen.

Why goats? Goats are the easiest livestock to raise, and they take the least maintenance. The goat's main source of food is grass and water. Because they are low maintenance women and children can raise the goats and sell them at markets themselves. The money made at these markets can then be used for education or household supplies.

Goats are a great gift to give and at \$50 have the power to change someone's family. Find out more visit innz.org.nz/project





INsight into Discovery Tours

Having recently returned from a trip we asked Lois Little to share her experience.

What a joy and a privilege to be a part of the Feb 2023 Discovery Tour of Bangladesh and Nepal! Our team gelled quickly together as a unit pooling resources, supporting one another and pitching in to whatever was needed with many a good laugh in comradery.

The IN teams of both countries cared for us royally, shepherding us to meet and chat with the people at the coalface of IN projects. We observed the needs of the communities and the life-changing work IN does to raise up the poor and the oppressed of these countries.

We were able to see the magnitude of progress, opportunity and hope these projects offer to both children and adults to provide better health, purpose, and opportunity to thrive in their communities and society hitherto denied them. To chat with, encourage and pray for the IN workers in these countries, and observe their commitment to the Lord, their grace, their humble perseverance in very trying situations and difficult circumstances has impacted me for life!

This trip has been a wonderful, applied theological training showing me the heart of God and the practical part I can play in His purposes for others.

Want to know more about any future Discovery Tours? Get in touch with us info@innz.org.nz



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