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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 centered 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* Spring 2019

Dear Friends,

Over the last 45 years, International Needs New Zealand along with its supporters have been an instrument of change in the lives of many communities, families and individuals.



Our passion has been and will always be 'to transform lives and change communities' with the inspiration and love that is found in Jesus.

Operating in over 35 countries around the world, the reach and impact of our projects and partnerships is exciting and inspirational.

I would like to welcome you to read through our newly designed Insight magazine, spring 2019 edition. As you read through these pages, I trust that you will be **inspired** by stories of transformation, **encouraged** at the positive change evident in the countless lives of those you have impacted and **challenged** that there is still more to do. With your help, we can continue to outlive the vision and mission of International Needs.

Thank you for being part of the IN family and for your ongoing support.

With Every Blessing



Shaun Sutcliffe
Director
International Needs
New Zealand



Who are we?

International Needs was founded in 1974 when Ray Harrison (pictured below on the far right), a New Zealander, came to believe that we could reach the world for Christ through empowering local national Christian leaders who had all kinds of networks and grassroots people already in place to help.

For over 45 years International Needs New Zealand and its supporters have been changing lives of the worlds most vulnerable people. This has been accomplished through educating children through our child sponsorship programme, empowering local women and communities through vocational skills based training along with other various community and aid development programmes. Unique to IN is that we focus on listening to and empowering local communities, helping them to develop the leadership within their own cultures.

We are Christian: We are motivated by the example of Jesus, reaching out to the poor, marginalised and oppressed of the world.

We value and respect people of all ages, gender, race and creed: We do not discriminate against any person but treat all equally and with dignity.

We are committed to empowering local communities: We promote

self-reliance and community ownership participation that is both inclusive and genuine.

We are a voice for the poor, the disadvantaged and the oppressed: We advocate for just actions that bring positive change to the lives of the poor.

We are stewards of natural, human and financial resources: We are transparent and accountable, at all times striving to maximise our impact and effectiveness.

We demonstrate integrity and commitment: We are ethical and passionate about meaningful and quality partnerships, both in New Zealand and abroad.

With a strong focus on creating long term sustainability. International Needs is committed to building locally led initiatives and maintaining strong connections between New Zealanders and overseas partners.



Ray Harris & Billy Graham — Geneva, 1972

Introducing the International Needs New Zealand Board of trustees

MALCOLM TAYLOR (Auckland)



Malcolm is a founding member of the IN Board. He has served as a trustee for over 40 years, many of these as the treasurer. Malcolm along with his wife Rennae are committed to the cause of International Needs

PETER SARA (Dunedin)



Peter is a practising lawyer and runs his own firm. He has served IN for many years and is currently serving as the IN Chair. He is passionate at seeing lives being transformed and bringing empowerment to those less fortunate.

ROBYN COTTON (Hibiscus Coast)



Robyn is a member of the Institute of Directors and is passionate about good corporate governance. She has served with IN for many years and is passionate

about seeing the lives of young vulnerable children be transformed through education. Robyn and her husband Jeff have a yacht in Auckland called Sano Diyo, which is often used for fundraising opportunities.

DANIEL GIBBONS (Queenstown)



Daniel is a senior partner at an accounting practice in Queenstown. He is currently serving on the finance committee and the executive committee. He has a passion

for cricket and ensuring IN maintains its financial accountability.

SARAH LINEHAM (Wellington)



Sarah is a chartered accountant and works in the Office of the Auditor-General as a public sector financial auditor. She is passionate about seeing lives across the

network changed and enhanced through sustainable working relationships with our partners.

DAVID HUGHES (Auckland)



David currently serves as the IN vice Chair. He is also the CEO of Plant & food research. He brings a real passion for professionalism and ongoing ethical business practices to the IN network.

RABENA TANIELU (Auckland)



Rabena along with her husband (Ronji) have been supporting and advocating for IN for many years. They are passionate about seeing lives transformed through the

inspiration and love of the Gospel message. They are always passionate and enthusiastic to see INN.Z transform lives and change communities.

GEOFF WARNE (Auckland)



Geoff is the INN.Z secretary. Geoff has many years' experience within the NGO sector. He has spent over 20 years with Leprosy

Mission and is currently the international CEO of the Leprosy Mission, based in Geneva. Geoff brings a real desire and passion to IN, to enhance policy, corporate governance and excellence

Gender Empowerment



Recently in the New York Times, Rupert Schofield shared the following encounter to de-bunk the theory that ‘women’s empowerment is a myth!’

‘Many years ago, I went to a village and handed out tiny microloans to the women living there. When I returned three months later, I went back to those people and asked them what difference the loan had made to their lives. “I no longer have to waste money on salt,” one of them said. I asked her, “Why?” “Because,” she said, “I now don’t need to crawl along the floor, scraping my hands and knees, to beg my husband for money, which means I don’t have to buy salt to clean the wounds.”’

Just as Mr Schofield witnessed firsthand the difference empowerment made in the life of this woman, we at International Needs are proud and excited to be making a difference in the lives of women in Ghana, Bangladesh, Egypt, Uganda, Cambodia, Fiji and Nepal.

Can we introduce you to Josephine who lives in Ghana (West Africa)? Josephine used to hawk on the streets and undertake menial jobs to eke out a living after Junior High School.

Josephine lost her mother at a very young age and when her father remarried, he diverted his attention to his new family. After trading on the streets for some time with no hope in sight, Josephine decided to relocate



to Adidome (eastern Ghana) and train in Fashion Design and Garment Construction at the Centre for Empowerment and Enterprise Development (CEED). CEED is run by International Needs Ghana and financially supported by International Needs New Zealand.

While attending CEED, Josephine studied hard and since her graduation she has established a business and has secured a contract to sew uniforms for a local High School.

Today, she is a budding fashion designer yearning to give employable skills and hope to vulnerable girls.

Because of the hard work of IN Ghana and the generosity of IN supporters in New Zealand, Josephine has a hope and a future that will positively impact her life and the life of many Ghanaian girls.

Will you help us create more success stories like Josephine?



INSight into Nepal —

Empowering Women through the Lydia Vocational Training Centre

Girls and women in Nepal are often viewed and treated as second class citizens. Whilst this attitude is changing in urban centres, in many rural communities, these views still persist. Many families view educating women as unnecessary and are therefore unwilling to spend money on formal education for their daughters. Often women are instead expected to begin work as agricultural labourers or marry and begin a family at a young age. As a result, many Nepali women have only basic levels of education; only 55% of the adult female population is literate.

The Lydia Programme

In 1997, International Needs Nepal set up the Lydia Vocational Training Centre and began a five-month residential programme for young women to come to Kathmandu and receive vocational training. Women are identified for the Lydia programme by a network of 40 International Needs community workers based all around the country. Many of the women who are in most need come from communities in extremely rural regions of the country.

The five-month training course is run twice per year and the centre currently takes on 22 women for each course (44 women per year). The course focuses on empowering women with education and supporting them to develop vocational skills to enable these women to set up their own businesses and better support themselves and their families once they graduate. Since its inception, over 890 women have graduated from the Lydia Vocational Training course.

During their five-month course, the women receive training to become professional seamstresses, as well as education in literacy, music, health, theology, nutrition, public speaking and a variety of other classes. Upon leaving the course they are also provided with tailoring equipment including a sewing machine, and other resources to enable them to start their own small-scale businesses.

On graduating, the change in the women is stark. They have a new-found sense of confidence, optimism and can return to their villages and be change-makers.



INsight into Vocational Training for Young Egyptians

Egypt faces significant socio-economic challenges. The country struggles with persistent unemployment, limited opportunities and poor living conditions which has led to public discontent. These pressures were a major factor leading to civil unrest and the January revolution in 2011. Since then, there have been ongoing issues of security, limited economic growth, and the persistence of high unemployment, especially for young people.

Setting up a vocational training centre

In 2015 International Needs Egypt teamed up with an Egyptian businessman and set up a vocational training centre in Cairo. The vocational training centre now provides affordable training in a variety of industries and many graduates from its programmes have gone on to set up their own successful small businesses. The centre welcomes students to study subjects such as English, IT, hairdressing and beauty and machinery repair.



Ongoing impact

Since opening, the centre has continued to be successful, helping many men and women from different backgrounds and faiths. Many are highly educated and some even have degrees, but they lack skills that can earn them an income in the current economic climate. Vocational training continues to be very popular for these reasons. The reach of the centre also continues to increase, in 2017 one of the popular hairdressing courses had attracted the attention of women not just within the Cairo area, but also from all over Egypt; one woman had travelled 800km to attend the course!



On the completion of their course, students are given a starter kit which includes resources that allow them to set up their own business in their chosen field. The centre aims to equip students with knowledge and skills that will enable them to tackle their problems within the current economic situation in Egypt.

George and his wife Susan head up IN Egypt and run this centre (photo) – *Real names have not been used, due to security risk in Egypt.*



The Navjeevan Mahila Vikas Programme in India has been empowering young girls and their mothers since 1984. In a patriarchal society that doesn't give girls and women many opportunities to thrive, we instead provide an opportunity for them, from the age of 10, to move forward in life. Women who would otherwise be grazing cattle, working in the fields, or doing other menial jobs, as well as facing family pressures because of their gender and caste. Our team is made up of determined doctors, teachers, nurses and other workers, who are committed to giving others an opportunity to better themselves and their families. Besides working in village centres, the team also runs a mobile programme, which allows the flexibility to work in remote villages, where help is even more sorely needed.

What we do:

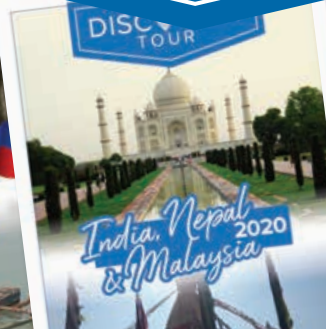
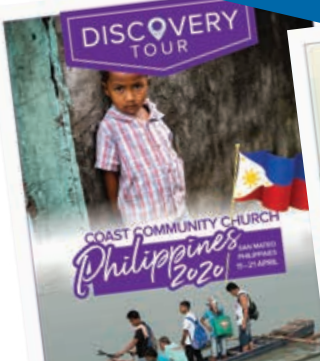
- **Health:** Education, Health Camps, Immunisation, mobile clinics, antenatal classes.
- **Education:** Non-formal, into formal up to secondary education 10+2 and allowing them to step into university.

- **Values:** Value education and counselling, attitudinal change
- **Vocational Training:** Stitchcraft, sewing and tailoring
- **Rehabilitation:** Disability rehabilitation for the physically challenged
- **Financial support:** Micro credit loan programme to set up and support women in business

Our achievements

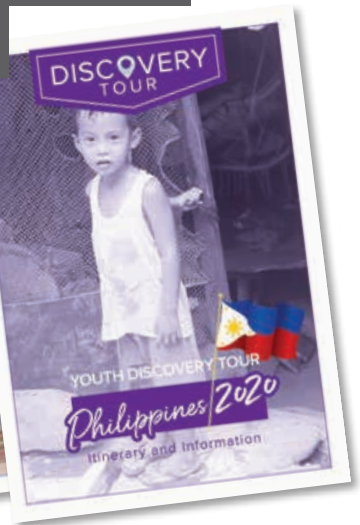
Today we work in 6 village centres around the Neva, Kudsar, and Gohri group of villages. Drawing girls from 22 villages, we have a reach of almost 30,000 people in the District of Allahabad. We have approximately 400 girls on our regular role, who are being reached 5 days a week. In almost 35 years, approximately 3,000 girls have participated in our programs in various ways, developing their skills and talents for a better future. In 6 years, we have granted nearly 600 interest free loans to rural women, providing them with the opportunity to set up small businesses for themselves.

in DISCOVERY TOURS



Come join us

2020 will be an eventful year with discovery tours and short term trips to Fiji, India, Nepal, Cambodia, Uganda and Bougainville.



Find out more at:
innz.org.nz/getinvolved/discoverytours



Visit to New Zealand

Later this year we are excited to be hosting Justus Miwanda from International Needs Uganda.

Justus has been the Executive Director of International Needs Uganda for over 15 years, he originally trained as a teacher, and then later studied health administration (Dip) and Business studies, he is also an Anglican minister co-pastoring a church St Johns Kampala. Justus is married to Deborah and they have three children.



International Needs Uganda is based in Buikwe District, 75km from the capital Kampala. This is a rural community where many families live in poverty and face numerous challenges.

The work in Buikwe began during the HIV/ Aids pandemic in 1994, when International Needs Uganda began a Child Sponsorship programme, providing orphaned children with access to education. INUG now run four schools and provide sponsorship for over 3,000 children

Since 1994, INUG has also ventured into other ways to combat local poverty through various community development projects, including building Makonge Health Centre, running 5-year HIV/Aids prevention programme, Pastor training, a four-year farming project and most recently, a Water and Sanitation Project.

International Needs Uganda wants to see real and sustainable change for families in Buikwe and neighbouring districts.

Justus Miwanda
Executive Director, International Needs Uganda.



Christ-centred community development through:

- *Health Centre in Kiyindi, with a full-time staff of 15 people, including community health visitors, mid-wives, nursing aides, and laboratory assistants.*
- *Primary School in Kiyindi with 15 staff and helpers. The school has an enrolment of some 700 students, of which about 600 are sponsored.*
- *Primary School at Buikwe with 18 staff and helpers, and an enrolment of 360 students, of which about 250 are sponsored. The sponsored children fall under the direction of the Child Development Manager, who is assisted by 4 child development officers.*
- *Trinity Bible School seeks to train 10-15 church planters and pastors in a one-year basic Bible course and church administration. Ten to twelve church planters seek to plant and build up churches in outlying areas within that part of Uganda. There is also a ministry centre at Buikwe from which a regular church operates under the senior pastor.*

Justus will be in New Zealand between 18th October – 11th November and we will be travelling around the country with him. To find out more information check out our facebook page or website.



INSight into child sponsorship

Your support is reaching some of the most vulnerable people — the children.

— Mcdonald Adhikary

Many children in the developing world are forced to go without consistent access to food or safe drinking water. Parents are too poor to provide life essentials for their children and as a result children suffering from chronic illness and malnutrition are left to die as communities are denied access to proper health care. For families living in communities of desperate need this is reality.

But it doesn't have to be this way

You can help children, their families and their communities around our world imagine new life — a life full of opportunity, purpose and hope. You can do all this for a little more than a dollar a day through child sponsorship. You can offer hope to a boy or girl devastated by injustice and poverty as well as share in their journey to a brighter future. **Your commitment of \$45 a month ensures that a child in need is able to live life with purpose and opportunity.**



As a child sponsor you have a unique opportunity to impact the life of a child in very significant way. By walking alongside a child and their family and by praying for them, you are a source of encouragement and hope.

This is part of a report recently received about Child sponsorship.

Education Provides a Path for the Future

Your support is reaching some of the most vulnerable people — the children

When you sponsor a child, you provide opportunities through education to some of the most vulnerable children. With your help, many children are attending school, getting access to medical and health care as well as daily nutritious meals.

Your child sponsorship tells a specific child that someone half a world away cares about them.

Your support provides a place of safety, rest, and the building blocks for education.

Thank you. When you give, it matters a lot. It matters to children, students, families, and entire villages. Your support truly changes people's lives!

Thank you for investing in these children and being part of their dreams for the future!



Partnering with International Needs and sponsoring a child enables you to truly make a difference in their life and help break the cycle of generational poverty.

\$45 a month helps to provide health care, quality education, nutritious food, a safe space to play and the opportunity to hear Christian teaching. Contact our sponsorship team today 0800463337

Youth Discovery tour — Philippines

To spend time with the team at IN Philippines, the pastors, the community workers, sponsored children and Cappuccino Club students was an incredible privilege.

Leading the trip also came with many learning lessons. I made lots of mental notes about what I would do differently in the future if I was in a similar group setting.



Although there were a few hiccups and personality clashes at times, the programmes we ran at the churches went very well, and we all were challenged pushing ourselves further than we have before. We saw many things that will change the way we view the world,

and some of the attendees even got a heart for mission, which was very encouraging.

Dominic Stowers | International Needs Intern 2019

INsight into Fiji

My three weeks spent in Fiji with the International Needs programme, was truly life changing. The solo mums programme works with 20 solo mothers each year, who study to learn a vocational skill such as sewing or baking and then become equipped to start their own business. Spending time with these mothers, I was able to write their story and share many experiences with them in the classroom as well as at their home, in the village.

My goal was to serve and support these mothers and their children in whatever way I could. In so many ways I felt I was the receiver and the student, not them. I found I could not out-serve these wonderful women. They were constantly cooking for me and saving me meals, requesting my companionship and company, and giving of themselves to me. Their stories of transformation were so real and life changing.

My time in Fiji was so special and I am so grateful for the love shown to me there and all that I learned. I hope to go back and continue working with this programme.

Julie Collins | IN Fiji Volunteer



INsight into Bougainville

It is quite surreal coming to an airport that is lavishly covered in remote jungle, ocean and bush.

A short drive to Buka central and then crossing the Buka Strait to the other side. People were very friendly and hospitable on our arrival. Very different to what I had expected.

Staying at the Maranatha Guesthouse was great. It was good to see that the investment made by IN, our supporters and the Maranatha Trust is being utilised and our Partners at Kidron are running a small vibrant business.

The guesthouse with 15 guestrooms, provides accommodation to passer byes and regular attendees at times. This is a great facility to be used by locals, tourists and visitors.

Sammy Maurua – Kidron Ministries (our partners) director was a wonderful host with his sister Eunice and their family. We were treated exceptionally well. It was exciting and encouraging to see that there is still ample opportunity to help this thriving business to do more and Kidron welcomes any visitors who would like to come and lend a hand to help teach locals building, carpentry, cooking and baking skills.

1km from the guest house is a little village called Bonus Village. This is the home of the Youth Pastor for Kidron Ministries.

Pastor Jason leads a wonderful group of young children and youth. There are over 45 kids within this village, and they are very active within the Buka and greater Bougainville regions regularly running youth focussed community events. Jason has a real heart to impact the lost generation of Bougainville and believes that only by working with the youth, you will change this nation and generation.

Ian Greaves
IN Mentor



World of JOY 2019 Gift Summary

Mosquito Nets

\$25



Back to School Kit

\$25



Women Hygiene Packs

\$25



Food Parcels

\$50



A Goat

\$50



School Uniforms

\$50



Warm Clothes and Blankets

\$50



Playground Equipment

\$75



For more information see our Christmas Appeal flyer or Donate online:
www.internationalneeds.org.nz/christmas

Imagine...

your legacy helping the poorest people in the world and evangelising the lost.

Your legacy is what people will remember you by. Imagine one that says, "...always determined to help the lost and the poor." Of course the best legacy of all is the little child that has enough to eat, has clothes to wear and is given a chance to be educated, leaving poverty behind. The best legacy of all is the community that will hear the Gospel preached and never be poor in spirit again. This could be your legacy!

Adding International Needs to your Will now, provides a future for people in developing countries. It's simple to do and yet could have such a profound effect on people's lives.

International Needs has been helping individuals and communities throughout the world for over 45 years. With this experience you can be confident your legacy will be one to be remembered in generations to come.

Legacy Giving

The legacy of International Needs is to transform lives and change communities in the developing world. This can easily be achieved, however 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 that are unreached.

Leaving a gift in your Will to International Needs New Zealand, will help to transform lives and change communities.

Your gift will be a gift that keeps on giving. This is because all legacy gift donations are used to continue supporting the future work of international needs, whether it be feeding to hungry, clothing the poor or teaching families to be self-sustainable.

Here's an example of how legacy giving can help. Mrs H from Mosgiel had sponsored a child in India through I.N. for many years. She wanted to make sure the child would continue to be taken care of when she passed away. Mrs H, decided to add provision for this in her Will. Now the child has been able to remain in school and be cared for.

What a beautiful way to be remembered!

Contact INN.Z Office to find out more.





Thankyou for your
ongoing support,
together we are
making a difference
to communities
around the world



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