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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

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

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Welcome to INsight Spring 2020

In 1964, the late Ray Harrison wrote a tract called “Taste and See”. This was distributed to more than 2 million people at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. “Taste and See” has been printed in more than 70 different languages for more than 80 countries around the world.

Because of this very simple, yet effective, little booklet, many came to know of the Lord. Taste and see that the Lord is good, that he is the best thing you will ever see and find!

All over the world there are millions of people seeking — seeking for rest in their hearts, seeking for peace with God, seeking for understanding through this current global pandemic.

We are hearing more and more stories from across the nations of people not only being fed physically but looking for spiritual nutrition too.

I believe the true heart of International Needs is our Christian partnership with our friends and partners around the world to reach the unreached, the lost and those who are seeking!



During these uncertain times and the turmoil many are living through, we at International Needs pray and hope that you will continue to be inspired by the work our friends and partners are doing with your support.

God bless and I look forward to sharing more about the great work our partners are doing in the field.

Shaun Sutcliffe

Director International Needs New Zealand

INsight into The Pacific

Tonga: School is my Friend



International Needs partners with the Tonga National Youth Congress to support a valuable programme called School is my Friend. The aim of the programme is to support students who have no financial support from home, due to a number of circumstances. Many students in Tonga may find themselves in situations such as becoming a single parent, having parents or guardians of their own pass away, or ending up in troubled youth gangs, resulting in expulsion from school and not being able to finish their secondary school levels.

Students are supported to return to and finish school by the programme providing financial support of paying for school fees and tuition. Students are also given mentoring support and peer help.

Bougainville



For over twenty years, International Needs has partnered with Kidron Ministries, led by Sammy Maurua. Set in one of the most idyllic tropical locations, Bougainville has been marred by pain and suffering through its civil war. Where there is need, International Needs is there!



Kidron Ministries is the umbrella for a diverse range of ministries and support mechanisms operating out of a small village hamlet known as Kindoh, in Siwai province.

The primary aspects of the ministry are four-fold: church planting, a Bible School (Institute of Ministry), community development and support services. Currently, they are all administered from the same office.

There is still much to do in Bougainville, and Sammy and his team are the willing hands and feet to get it done.

Papua New Guinea



Supporting Pastors in Papua New Guinea has been a focus of International Needs and many New Zealanders for several years. Papua New Guinea is a region where there is still a number of 'unreached' people groups that do not yet know the



message of Jesus Christ. These two wonderful workers, along with many others, are passionate about reaching their own people and bringing about peace within the mountain regions of PNG. They are often caught between rival villages and are often called upon to be the 'peace makers'. We thoroughly enjoy reading and seeing the reports that the workers in PNG provide to us. Our prayer is that we can continue to provide support to them for years to come, as well as invest more into this beautiful island nation.

Fiji

International Needs Fiji has been revived! Not only are Tomu and his team engaging with the solo mothers' project, they are also seeking out new connections and relationships with other local agencies in Suva.



Last year we saw the first intake of mums' graduate from the programme. They are now all engaged in their own businesses and IN Fiji is setting up an online shop where they will sell the product on behalf of the mums.

Due to Covid-19 and the impact this has had across the world, the 2020 programme was delayed by a few months. It has now started again, and engagement is high amongst the new intake of women. The International Needs Day Care is starting to grow, and we are looking at future opportunities to partner with IN Fiji to grow the Day Care further and enhance the mission of IN Fiji to reach those in need.

COLLABORATION WITH SPC

(Secretariat of the Pacific Community)



A working relationship with SPC was forged during Covid-19.

This provided a weeklong Food Security workshop, in response to the Humanitarian crisis caused by the pandemic.

This new partnership with SPC has empowered INFiji to partner with the Kalekana Settlement in Lami. SPC will be helping locals to build four new plant nurseries for the communities of Kalekana. There are an estimated 251 homes with an estimated population of 1,278 who are likely to directly benefit from this project, growing their own sustainable food sources.

Because of our close proximity and relationship with our Pacific neighbours, International Needs would like to grow and enlarge our footprint within the Pacific. You can help us to do this by supporting the initiatives and work of our partners. By supporting them, we can fulfil their vision for the future of their people.





Our Covid-19 response

As Covid-19 quickly spread throughout the world with devastating ripple effects, each country that International Needs supports has been affected.

International Needs' partners in many countries have distributed hundreds of food parcels to families struggling to survive due to lock down regulations. As families received the food parcels they celebrated and praised God for hearing their prayer for help.

Through the generosity of New Zealand supporters, over \$100,000 has been raised in response to our Covid-19 appeal to help those in need. Not only were our partners able to distribute much needed food supplies, but they also helped to set up wash and sanitary stations amongst the rural communities, to help prevent further spread of the virus.

Hope, love, and relief were brought to many and we are so thankful for all who gave generously. For updates on the current situation in each of our partner countries visit our website — innz.org.nz/news/covid19



Highlight on

Dr. Shirin David – Empowering women

Dr Shirin David is a medical missionary who has been working on behalf of International Needs in the villages of Allahabad, North India, since 1984, along with her husband, Pervez, and their very committed team of workers. Shirin did her medical studies at the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India. She is an obstetrician/gynaecologist, health educator and development practitioner, doing amazing work to improve the lives of women and girls living in extreme poverty and deprivation in the Allahabad villages.



Microfinance programmes for women and vocational training projects, such as tailoring and stitch craft, have been established over the years, accompanied by literacy and numeracy programs for young teenage girls who would otherwise be denied a formal education. Health clinics and health education classes are also now run for hundreds of women in remote locations, with a focus on illness prevention and protection, nutrition, and hygiene. Dr. Shirin David is a gifted speaker who has toured New Zealand and Australia several times sharing her vision and passion. She is a dynamic and passionate communicator and, in previous visits has spoken at churches, home groups, youth groups, women's breakfasts, universities/secondary schools, businesses, medical facilities, and on radio.

Shirin's ministry motto is "Reaching out to those who cannot reach us".

Due to Covid-19 and lock down restrictions, Dr Shirin is in New Zealand, working from afar with her team in India.

We would love to give you the opportunity for Shirin David to come and speak at your church, business, or home group. If you would like more information on a possible visit — email Rachel at programs@innz.org.nz



INsight into ArkQuest



A little over twelve years ago, Calvin Ominde was given a vision to set up and establish a village school to serve the poor and empower local village children with education, as a way of lifting them from the bondages of poverty. 400km west of Nairobi, Kenya, the Ark Quest Education Centre was birthed.

International Needs New Zealand, International Needs Kenya and the Ark Quest Education Trust are proud to be partnering together to see this vision continue to flourish and grow with the support of many New Zealanders and others around the world.

Calvin says “This is what Ark Quest Education Centre has become, a shelter and pillar of strength for the little disadvantaged children that God places in our hands amongst us”.

Ark Quest Education Centre has had an outstanding relationship with Bethlehem College, Tauranga, who have been instrumental in seeing the vision of Ark Quest come to be. Over the past ten years, they are proud to have served and educated over 250 children.

There are now 13 teachers and 13 support staff at the village school. Not only do they educate and teach the students, they also work the farm which the school has established to help supplement



their income. The farm is also used as a teaching tool for these rural children to learn agricultural skills that they will need themselves one day.

The harsh reality in Kenya, like other parts of Africa, is that students need to pay school fees for tuition, registration and to sit exams. The reality is that many children cannot pay the fees.

In partnership with International Needs and the Child Assistance Programme, we are looking to get these students supported. Funds are required for tuition and other basic needs for these little ones to study and to sit for their primary and secondary education examinations.

Calvine says “I never planned to start Ark Quest Education Centre. This is for sure God’s project, not mine. All that aside, a true inevitable reality awaits all of us. One day, when our physical strength is fading away, on our death bed, a few minutes before going back to meet our maker, most of our worldly desires and achievements won’t make sense. If you bring the degrees I attained, the positions I served in, the wealth I amassed, or the friends I made and had fun with, next to my death bed, that won’t matter. However, if you bring a little child next to me, and remind me how I transformed their life, how I introduced them to the love of Christ, then I will smile and die in peace. I will go home knowing that I had lived well and left a legacy that will forever remain”.

That is our strength now, the strength of Ark Quest and International Needs. We continue to transform the lives of the many little ones with the love of Christ by God’s grace, doing everything possible to provide education, food, and security for them in the small way that we can.

To find out more about Ark Quest and the partnership with International Needs, visit innz.org.nz/kenya or arkquest.org.nz/



A woman in a yellow and orange sari stands on a scale while a man in a plaid shirt adjusts the height of the scale.

INsight into Bangladesh Medical Trip

In collaboration with International Needs Canada and International Needs Bangladesh, a volunteer medical team of sixteen people travelled to Bangladesh for a two-week visit. During this visit five medical camps were held.

Two medical camps were held near Naogoan region, two near Rajshahi on the western border with India, and one at the Savar Children's Village in west Dhaka. Savar Children's village is a boarding facility for girls aged 5-18 years old. The team also visited the International Needs Slum School and Drop In Centre in Dhaka.

The team were hosted and supported by International Needs Bangladesh.

At every camp, the team saw and assisted hundreds of people in need of medical expertise. Many people saw a doctor or nurse for the first time. Many travelled from far and wide to seek medical help. The team was personally moved, challenged, and overjoyed by their time in Bangladesh. Some of the other highlights included the opportunity for the team to meet some New Zealand sponsored children.

Here are some team member highlights:

A highlight for me was seeing some people who needed medical assistance being referred to a cardiology specialist. Without these medical camps the essential referral could not have been possible. To be able to assist many with medical care and medications was rewarding to see.

— Jen Missen

The opportunity to connect with an amazing team who came together from Canada and New Zealand to provide support with compassion and respect to some of the most vulnerable communities, was the key highlight of my trip to Bangladesh. Witnessing the joy and smiles of the children and being able to offer hope in a small way was a real privilege!

— Rosie Winters

Bangladesh really opened my eyes to the harsh conditions some people live in and the things they persevere through. My favourite moment of the trip was when an elderly woman came in with vision

problems. She didn't have a smile on her face and was quite reserved, but as soon as we found the right glasses for her and she looked up into the mirror with clarity, she had the biggest grin you've ever seen. She couldn't wipe it off her face. That is when I knew we were making a difference and bringing some hope to the people we saw. — Hannah Cassidy

If you wish to continue supporting the medical teams in Bangladesh, the Savar Medical clinic run by International Needs Bangladesh is in dire need for supplies and support. [Innz.org.nz/project/savarmedical](https://innz.org.nz/project/savarmedical)



Youth Fundraiser for Lydia Vocational Training Centre, Nepal

Last December, four young girls aged 12-13 years old from Lawrence Waitahuna Presbyterian Church, completed a fundraiser to raise money for sewing machines that are given to the students of the Lydia Vocational Training Centre in Nepal.



The girls raised an incredible \$787 by swimming the length of Cook Strait as a relay of four. They swam an overall 22km in their local swimming pool. Individually each girl swam 5.5kms equating to 220 lengths each. The relay took up to six hours to complete.

"From this challenge I have learned that it is not as hard as it can feel in your mind and if you work hard enough you can achieve anything you want. At first, I thought it would be impossible as I was only able to swim 20 lengths at the most. To swim 220 lengths was a big accomplishment for me. I hope this money can do some good in Nepal and help lots of people. I would love to visit you in Nepal one day and see what you are doing."— Anna Harrex

"We would like to congratulate and thank the amazing girls from the bottom of our hearts for swimming six hours aiming to support us with sewing machines. We really appreciate their determination. This showed their serving hearts for the body of Christ. Girls, you have loved us, carrying the burdens of sisters from another part of the world. It reminded me of Galatians 6:2 and the second biggest commandment that we are called to love our neighbour as ourselves. May our Lord Almighty bless you all richly and prosper you with good health and allow you to live an exemplary life in your generation". — Kalpana Tamang, Leader of the Lydia Vocational Training Centre.

Thank you to Anna, Paige, Isla, and Imogen for the love and sacrifice you have given. You have helped to provide a better future for the women of the centre by equipping them with a sewing machine for their future business.

Could you do the same? Why not challenge yourself, your youth group, or others in your community to help raise much needed funds for the Lydia centre or other important programs of International Needs.



Prayer calendar

Many ask, 'How else can we support International Needs?' Well, we love your prayers. Our partners love and need your prayers. This is the most important aspect of the work that needs your support, prayer!

Please would you consider supporting our partners overseas by praying for them each time you look at the International Needs Prayer Calendar.

You can purchase one from our New Zealand office for a donation of \$35. All proceeds will go towards funding our partners' ministry projects by providing much needed ministry resources, such as Bibles and Audio tracts. Contact us today to order your 2021 prayer calendar 0800 463 337 or email info@innz.org.nz



INsight into a new Bangladesh Village

Through the efforts of our team in Bangladesh, relief was given to those suffering due to the impacts of Covid-19.

In the Naogoan region where International Needs Bangladesh national community worker, Toroni is reaching to the community, a village that had been severely affected by Covid-19 was uncovered. The Puthia village of Natore was discovered to have 150 native Santal people living in dire poverty. The Santal people are an ethnic Bangladeshi group, with their own culture. They are deemed untouchables with no civil rights or known citizenship in Bangladesh. It was discovered that the people living in the village had no food as they were not able to work in the fields due to Covid-19. They had to rely on nature and had been eating

wild plants and potatoes for the last three months.

International Needs Bangladesh has been able to support the village with food relief. Their vision is to help this village set up livelihood programs, to teach families how to generate their own income, thus providing a way to get out of poverty. International Needs would also like to send the children of the village to the local International Needs School where they will be given a sound education. The local school nearby will not accept the children as they are seen as outcasts.

We need your help! Would you consider sponsoring a child from the Puthia Village to go to school and receive an education? This will be the first generation of this tribe that will be educated. Imagine, being involved in supporting a pupil whose





forefathers have never been educated. You can be the instrument of change in this village and set off a chain reaction to see a real difference being made.

Would you consider sponsoring a livelihood programme to help bring a family out of poverty by providing education to

the parents so that they can learn to grow their own food and provide for their family?

Learn to do right. Seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless. Plead the case of the widow.
— Isaiah 1v17

Visit innz.org.nz/project/Puthia

INsight into

STUDENT Sponsorship:



As Covid-19 has changed the landscape of the world we are reminded of the importance of helping a child in these unknown times. Sponsorship gives the opportunity for a student to attend school and to receive regular monthly support for the family unit. It paves a way for a brighter future for children to become all they dream to be.

Meet Mikaella. She is currently a Grade 7 student at a local school in Calumpang, Philippines.

She has been part of the International Needs Child Assistance Programme since she was in second grade and is sponsored by a New Zealand sponsor.

Mikaella loves school and has thrived in the classroom environment. She has been consistently in the top five students of her class.

Mikaella is chosen regularly to be part of the school's representatives during quiz bees and other academic contests. Every day, regardless of the weather, Mikaella walks for 40 minutes just to get to school. No amount of heat or rainfall can stop her from studying, from pursuing excellence in everything that she does.

Mikaella is the eldest child and has two younger brothers. She comes from a less-fortunate family, with parents who have no stable source of income.

Mikaella's story is an inspiration to everyone. Her dedication to school and her

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achievements shows that nothing can hinder anyone from pursuing excellence, from reaching their goals in life. Her perseverance and passion for learning is creating a bright future for herself and her family.

Mikaella's story could not have been possible without the support of her New Zealand sponsor.

Would you consider giving to students like Mikaela to provide them with an opportunity to learn and excel? You can sponsor a child from just \$45 a month and become part of their life success story.

Visit innz.org.nz/children



World of JOY

2020 Gift Summary

For more information see our Christmas Appeal
flyer or donate online: innz.org.nz/christmas

Mosquito
Nets

\$25



Water
Purifier

\$25



Women Hygiene
Packs

\$25



Children's Bible

\$30



\$30

Chickens

A Goat

\$50



Christmas
Food
Hamper

\$50



Back to
School Kit

\$75



INsight into Friends of INN.Z

We are excited to announce the re-launch of the Friends of INN.Z initiative. This is a fun concept that gives you, our faithful supporters, an opportunity to actively help us, by raising funds and awareness for the International Needs ministry.

Our challenge for you is to consider how you could raise \$1,000 per year, sharing your passions, hobbies, or gifts with others. In return for raising awareness about the ministry of International Needs, you would receive a Koha for the work INN.Z supports. Think of it as an annual fundraiser that you can write the story of. Whether it is a high tea, international dinners, photography missions, musical soirees, poetry readings, fishing ventures, boating — the possibilities are endless, it can also be a great opportunity for sharing your faith.

Geoff and Robyn Cotton are keen sailors, and this is their experience:

“We are passionate sailors and love to share our yacht Sano Diyo with others. Over the past ten years we have invited friends for a day’s sailing on the Hauraki Gulf; we supply the vessel, lunch, and the sailing knowledge, and they give a Koha to INN.Z. We have found it is a great way to share our passion for sailing, and to share about IN and their ministries. It has also been a great way to share our faith with our non-Christian friends. We are excited to continue as Friends of INN.Z, and in 2021 we’ll be out on the water during the America’s Cup—and if any friends want to join us, we’ll be suggesting they make a koha to INN.Z.”

If you think this is something you’d like to do or would like more information on, please email Rachel at programs@innz.org.nz





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