



insight

SPRING 2021

Ray of light

for street children
in Bangladesh.

Pg 4

Fresh water for Nepal

providing
communities
access to safe and
drinkable water.

Pg 11

You be the Fuel

empowering local
gospel workers to
go further. Pg 14



international needs
transformed lives, changed communities





international needs

transformed lives, changed communities

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

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

Inside this issue

Page 2	International Needs NZ Staff
Page 3	Prayer Calendar
Page 4-5	INsight into Street children in Bangladesh
Page 6-7	INsight into Covid Relief
Page 8-9	INsight into Livelihood Programmes
Page 10	INsight into Medical Centres
Page 11	INsight into Fresh Water for Nepal
Page 12-13	Tertiary Sponsorship impact
Page 14-15	You be the Fuel success
Page 16	World of Joy
Page 17	Leaving a Legacy



International Needs New Zealand
Charities Commission Registration: CC10941
International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust
Charities Commission Registration: CC50312

Postal Address: PO Box 1165, Tauranga 3144
Tel: 64-7 578 6198 | Freephone: 0800 4 63337
Email: info@innz.org.nz
Account Number: BNZ 02-0432-0234652-00
FB: facebook.com/InternationalNeedsNZ

INNZ.ORG.NZ



Welcome to *INsight Spring* 2021

As summer approaches us, I am grateful to say that the Lord has been good this year. He certainly has had his fingerprint all over this wonderful organisation of International Needs.

So far this year we have had three new staff members join our team, each playing an important part to ensure we continue to fulfil the mission of transforming lives and changing communities.

Throughout the year we have seen many of our partners face trials and hardships due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, what inspires and encourages me is their determination and sheer love

for the people and communities in which they serve.

Not only are they still sharing the good news and Gospel of Jesus Christ, but they are also feeding the poor, providing shelter to those in need and educating the least of these.

As you read the pages that follow, my prayer is that you will be inspired and continue to lift up these incredible workers of the field in your thoughts and prayers.

With every blessing

Shaun Sutcliffe
Executive Director



International Needs New Zealand Staff

Based in Tauranga, we welcome some new members
to the International Needs New Zealand team



Staff left to right:

Sheryl Duffy-York – Sponsorship

Rachel Honeybone – Programme Coordinator

Joel Pearce – National Engagement &
Partnership Manager

Angela Heyward – Marketing & PA to the Director

Shaun Sutcliffe – Executive Director

Bev Lee – Accounts Assistant

Gwen Crawford – Finance Officer

Liz McManus – Sponsorship

Prayer Calendar 2022

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 2022 Prayer Calendar
0800 463 337 or email info@innz.org.nz**



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.

INsight into Street children in Bangladesh

“They are born on the streets, pass life on the streets and eventually die on the streets”.

This statement from a report into the life of street children in Bangladesh seems like a dramatic way to start this article, however for many children living on the streets it is a fact of life. If you asked the roughly 450,000 children living on the streets in Dhaka, Bangladesh’s capital, how many have lost a parent, the amount would astound anyone.

There are many reasons children are forced to live on the streets including: abandonment due to poverty or neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, physical abuse and of course, death of one or both parents. Once a child is abandoned onto the streets, they are a lot more vulnerable to abuse, sexual assaults, forced labour and slavery, and death.

For Tuhin, sadly, his life dramatically changed because of the death of his father

in a road accident. After the accident, his mother couldn’t provide for the family and Tuhin was forced to live on the streets. Tuhin managed to gain work by repairing bicycles for minimal amounts of money and long hours which, in turn, has given him a look of stress that a man six times his age would wear.

This life of emptiness and striving to stay alive doesn’t give a lot of room for planning for a future. However, we can give that opportunity. By giving street children, like Tuhin, a basic education, a meal and counselling every day, they can have a chance for a future. The Drop-in Centre in Dhaka is a ray of light that can end the cycle of living and then dying on the street.

It’s hard to imagine any situation where we would have to force a child into bonded labour just to keep our family from starving. Surely, we would do anything we can to keep our family safe and fed but what if



anything wasn't enough? What would you do if there was no way of earning enough for your family to be fed? This is the sad reality of many parents who live in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The Drop-in Centre is accessible for children who are unable to attend full time school. Located adjacent to the Bangladesh garment industry's hub, the Centre provides a safe and enriching environment where children receive nutritious food, education, social and psychological support, recreational activities, healthcare services, bathing facilities, and legal aid, if necessary.

Your gift will provide healthcare to street children who are unable to pay for medical care or nutritious food. It will also provide for psychological support for those struggling with alcohol or drug abuse, anxiety, or depression, social support and recreational activities, and education so the children can learn to read, write, and do simple math. **Find out more innz.org.nz/project**



INsight into Covid Relief

“We, the poor, are immune from the coronavirus” was a quote from a governor in Mexico at the start of the pandemic. As time has now taught us, he couldn't have been more wrong. This virus has affected the poor disproportionality more than the wealthy.

We have seen countless times on the news the devastation that Covid-19 has had on our world.

Many lives have been lost, millions of people being displaced, children forced into early childhood marriage or work; the list goes on.

However, we have also seen more than just glimmers of hope... we have seen Christ's hands and feet working tirelessly amongst the 'least of these' to bring about transformation and change alongside hope that is found in knowing Jesus.

It was tough to share the news of our friends and the situations that they faced. Many of our partners lost loved ones or staff members, and the impact was felt deeply within their communities and even here in New Zealand. However, we praise God for what they have also been able to achieve during this time.



India – Over the last four months, more than 4,000 families were fed through providing emergency food

hampers and providing much needed medical supplies to help those who were in need, suffering and recovering from the impacts of Covid-19. Our friends in

India are still working closely with the local communities to ensure food, shelter and protective equipment is provided to those in need.



Uganda – Whilst Covid-19 closed many schools throughout the country, Justus and his team managed to help

a number of students continue their studies with online learning and by providing workbooks for other students to take home and continue their studies where they live.





Fiji – Covid-19 has decimated the island nation of Fiji. Many Fijians have felt the effects in some way, whether it be through loss of life, income, or livelihood. Not a single person came away without some form of impact. Tomu and his team partnered not only with International Needs New Zealand, but also the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT), the French Embassy, Tourism Fiji, and other businesses to provide much needed aid and support to those in need. They fed many families with food aid and provided temporary shelters to those in need. Whilst the Solo Mums' programme has been delayed, this has not stopped the team from making a difference in their local community.



Bangladesh & Nepal – Both capital cities of these nations have been in and out of lockdowns throughout the year which has had devastating effects on the people who rely on day to day living. Many families continue to suffer and feel the effects of these lockdowns which have forced many back to the rural villages. To prevent ongoing social issues that this may bring, our partners at International

Needs Nepal & Bangladesh, have been working with local communities to develop sustainable livelihood programmes such as vegetable growing and goat farming. Helping many families to grow their own food has been instrumental in making changes in these remote rural communities.



Philippines –Through the working of the 18 church planters, many families were helped with food aid and support over the last few months. Covid-19 has ravaged the Philippines and the main city of Manila is in and out of lockdowns, having major effects on those trying to earn a living. Not only were families fed, but many children in rural villages were able to continue their studies online through the generosity of New Zealanders in providing Wi-Fi extenders and smart devices so that they can stay connected and not fall behind.

We still believe education is the best way to bring people out of poverty. Education, coupled with tools and resources to give people a hand up, not a handout, will see many lives being transformed and changed for the better.

INsight into Livelihood Programmes

It's nearly impossible to climb out of poverty alone, but when a community comes together, their many hands help to lift each other up. Through Livelihood Programmes, we aim to raise the household income of families living in poverty in a sustainable way.

The Livelihood Programme beneficiaries form self-help groups so they work together in their communities to help one another to transform not only their own lives but also those of their community. This also means when new beneficiaries are chosen, they get supported by a group of people who already have experience and can therefore get their gardens established. Livelihood intervention programmes help in many other areas too, such as prevention of child labour, slavery, or trafficking. It also gives local communities a sense of worth and wellbeing that they are empowered to look after themselves and not be reliant on continuous aid.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Seeds of Hope appeal. The impact of the livelihood projects is growing rapidly and here are some of the successes from IN Nepal's Livelihood Pilot project.

Participants of the Pilot programme were provided with 10 varieties of vegetable seeds, along with training on vegetable cultivation and equipment, to enable them to establish their own gardens. Training was also undertaken on how to construct polytunnels. These tunnels will allow families to grow a wider variety of vegetables and extend ability to grow crops across colder parts of the year. This will help families to provide food for their own use and has the potential for additional income by selling any of the surplus vegetables that are grown.

Indra Bahadur lives with his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren. He shared *"Now we have varieties of vegetables in our own garden no one is hesitating to cook a meal for the family"*.





Maya Tamang lives with her husband and son. Her husband is a labourer, and she has been involved in the IN Nepal Livelihood Programme both with rearing goats and growing vegetables.

"I have been enjoying the training around cultivating different varieties of vegetables from the IN Livelihood Programme. I am now making some income which is making our family life easy"



Bishnu Phari, who lives in the Sindupalchok District of Nepal with his mother, his wife and two sons, doesn't own his own land but has been instrumental in helping establish a


community garden in his village.


"I feel very blessed to be able to grow vegetables not only for my family, but also for my neighbours. Thank you IN Nepal for supporting me and my family."


By providing communities with the resources and education to become self-supporting, it empowers them to find local long-term solutions to poverty.


Livelihood programmes =

income generation, community development, climate resilience and capacity building:

 Improved nutrition of families

 Upskilling of horticultural practices

 Increase in crop production

 Surplus crops sold at local markets

You can support families in breaking this cycle of poverty — transforming lives for generations. Help provide communities with the resources and education to become self-supporting, empowering them to find local long-term solutions to poverty.

Secure livelihoods mean secure futures for families. **You can continue to support this initiative and we look forward to sharing more success stories —**

[Innz.org.nz/appeals/seedsofhope](https://innz.org.nz/appeals/seedsofhope)



INsight into Medical Centres

It is hard to fathom the personal tragedy of having to choose between buying food and life-saving medicine for your child. It is harder still to grasp the vast scale of how many families must face this dilemma, year after year.

According to the World Health Organisation, half of the world's population are still unable to readily access essential health services. For up to 100 million people, the cost of basic healthcare puts their family at material risk of being pushed into extreme poverty.

Two of the medical centres we support in Uganda and Burkina Faso provide a wide range of affordable health care services. These centres protect lives but also give hope for the future.

They provide a lifeline for families, so they no longer must choose between life-saving medicine or food and instead receive

treatment that enables people to stay at work and earn a living.

The team at International Needs St Ophel Medical Centre in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, and International Needs Makonge Community Health Centre in Kiyindi, Uganda, work tirelessly to tackle this dilemma and help families gain access to adequate and lifesaving medical care.

Dieudonne, the Director of International Needs Burkina Faso, shares that "the Health Programme at the Medical Centre is helping the government of Burkina Faso to provide a better quality of care to the vulnerable population, and this is possible thanks to your donations and multiform support. May God bless you!"

Both these clinics have not only been crucial in the recent fight against COVID-19 but also other life-threatening viruses and illnesses such as malaria and typhoid. Malaria continues to be a very common illness in patients treated. The clinics offer a range of essential medical services including maternity services where women receive follow-up care during pregnancy, childbirth and after childbirth.



Could you help vulnerable families continue to access much needed medical care? To find out more go to: innz.org.nz/project



INsight into fresh water for Nepal

“Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink”

In many of the remote and rural areas of Nepal, people drink directly from the sources like rivers, springs, and ponds. These open sources of water are polluted and contaminated. Many of these water sources also dry up in winter.

Such polluted water is the main cause for water-borne diseases like dysentery, typhoid, and cholera. Every year many infants, children and adults become victims of these diseases.

This highlighted the need for International Needs Nepal, with the support of International Needs New Zealand, to help communities access safe and clean water through the installation of water wells.

Through the generosity of supporters, we have been able to see whole communities transformed by having access to safe drinking water through the International Needs WASH (water) programme.

Many lives are being saved and water borne diseases prevented. Last year along through IN Nepal WASH programme, over 1,400 people gained access to safe, clean drinking water.

Currently we are looking to raise funds for the construction of three more

water wells in the district of Kavare, ward #6 of Panchkhal Municipality, central Nepal. Each water well costs approximately \$5,000 to construct. These wells will service 170 households, more than 300 individuals! Local workers are employed to dig the 25 metre wells by hand and the project is overseen by our partners at International Needs Nepal.



Water is life and with your help we can provide these communities access to safe and drinkable water this year. For more information visit: innz.org.nz/project

TERTIARY SPONSORSHIP IMPACT



How much impact can one sponsored child have in this world?



As a sponsored child, Gertrude dreamt of becoming a teacher once she had finished her schooling. Through the support of generous donors to the International Needs Uganda Tertiary Fund, her dream is now becoming a reality.

In July, Gertrude graduated with a degree in teaching. In the future she would like to do further study, including completing her master's so she can become a lecturer and learn sign language.

Gertrude wrote a heartfelt thank you letter to one couple in New Zealand who supported her through this fund. Here is a snippet of the letter:

"Thank you very much. You have changed my world. We are two children in my family and my big brother did not study so my degree is the first degree of my family. You have made me a woman of importance and an inspiration to many. I promise to show people the same heart that you have shown me. Stay Blessed. Thank You!"

Gertrude is currently teaching Economics and Geography at Kings College Buddo Secondary School which is one of the best and most prestigious schools in Uganda. This is the school where most of the country's leaders and influential people have passed through.

Gertrude is transforming the lives of many young children at the college every day. Recently she even went and spoke with the First Lady of Uganda (Mrs. Janet Museveni) to advocate for nine girls who were on the verge of missing university education because they couldn't raise the tuition fees due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her discussion was successful, and the nine girls were given tuition support by the government of Uganda through the First Lady. Praise God!





Gertrude also met with the Speaker of Uganda's parliament, the Right Honourable Rebecca Kadaga, on advocacy issues and was also successful.

Gertrude's story is one of true inspiration and transformation. Child sponsorship truly is the key to unlocking a future full of hope and prosperity — a future filled with opportunity and void of poverty.

Will you give a child a chance to have a future that can impact many? Together we are transforming lives and changing communities.
[Innz.org.nz/sponsor](https://innz.org.nz/sponsor)



**You be the fuel,
we'll be the vehicle.
Together we ensure the gospel of Jesus Christ
will reach the lost.**

Working through local gospel workers, serving within their own cultures, is incredibly efficient and sustainable. In some of the most remote and hard to reach regions of the world our gospel workers can do more with less, making your donation go further to reach more people.

Earlier in the year we launched the You Be The Fuel campaign to be able to empower these local gospel workers to go further and, despite all the challenges they face, we have had some amazing reports of the work the Lord is doing.

Burkina Faso Crusades

Do we still believe that God is doing huge, Biblical, miracles in this world today? God often works in the most hostile environments that are against Him. However, nothing can stop His will being done and a great example of this is in the wilderness of Burkina Faso.

"Do not travel to Burkina Faso due to terrorism, crime, and kidnapping...."

is what you find if you google traveling to this country. The danger in this land is about as bad as it gets. Islamist extremists are responsible for over one million people being displaced through violence, and kidnappings and murders, especially of Westerners or Christians, are very common. However, this does not stop the Lord from doing amazing things through a pastor called Jean Kone. Jean and his team head into the wilderness whenever funds allow, to spread the Gospel and provide much needed aid, such as malaria nets.





With every crusade into the wilderness, comes Biblical results. Thousands hear the Gospel preached in one weekend and hundreds come to Christ every crusade. Many people are being healed from illnesses that we read about in the Bible, such as the blind are seeing and the paralysed are walking!

God is doing great things in a hostile land through faithful people who serve Him despite the dangers. The more support these crusades get, the more people are given the opportunity to know Christ.

Pastor Tayo — Papua New Guinea

Pastor Tayo lives with his wife and five children in the village of Amomonta and pastors the Papua New Guinea Bible Church.

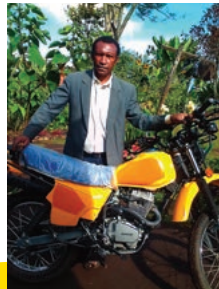
Here is his testimony of how receiving a motorbike has greatly impacted his ministry:

“I was just praying and wondering what I am going to do to further the gospel of Jesus Christ, and something that would enable me to reach the unreached people for Christ. But thanked God that He attentively responded on the need that I had some time ago by surprising me with a new motor bike.

A new motor bike brought a drastic impact on my pastoral ministry. It so far helped me cover a long distance that I would go. As a result of that, I could see that the places greatly influenced by satanic activities are starting to set up a fellowship, causing many people to Christ.

Finally, thank you very much for those involved in purchasing a new motor bike. May the good Lord continue to bless you.”

Support from people like you is the driving force of our ministry. With that support our community workers can spread the good news of Jesus Christ efficiently and extensively in some of the most remote and inaccessible areas of the world — **So thank you!**



World of JOY

2021 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



Seeds of
Hope

\$75





Imagine...



...leaving a legacy for life

International Needs has been helping individuals and communities throughout the world for over 47 years. With this experience you can be confident your legacy will be one to be remembered in generations to come.

The legacy of International Needs is to transform lives and change communities. This is achievable. 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 with Christ's message of love and redemption. Leaving a legacy is a life-giving investment. It shows compassion to the world's unloved and forgotten people for generations to come.

Your gift will be one 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 to support national church workers to spread the Gospel, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor or teaching families to be self-sustainable.

What a beautiful way to be remembered!

Contact INN.Z office 0800 4 63 337 to find out more or visit www.innz.org.nz/legacy



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



INNZ.ORG.NZ

Facebook.com/InternationalNeedsNZ

International Needs New Zealand

Postal Address: PO Box 1165, Tauranga 3144

Offices: Level 1, 120 Eleventh Ave, Tauranga 3110

Tel: 64-7 578 6198 | Freephone: 0800 4 63337

Email: info@innz.org.nz

Account number BNZ: 02-0432-0234652-00



COUNCIL for
INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

CODE OF
CONDUCT

