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TRANSFORMING LIVES
CHANGING 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 47 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 2022

Welcome to this year's Spring edition of the International Needs New Zealand INsight Magazine.

A lot has happened over the past few months, including attending the 7th Congress for International Needs in Toronto, Canada. Congress was a great

time of fellowship with all our partners from the wider International Needs family from around the world, and also a time when we are determined to aim to accomplish more together in partnership. I came away highly encouraged that God is working in such amazing ways through the people you are supporting around the world. The impact on their countries and communities is life changing.

As you read through this edition of INsight, I hope the stories are as inspiring for you as they have been for me.

With every blessing

Shaun – Executive Director INN.Z



Introducing INNZ Board

MALCOLM TAYLOR (Auckland)



Malcolm is a founding member of the INNZ Board of Trustees. He has served as a Trustee for over 45 years, many of these as Treasurer. Malcolm is married to Rennae and has been faithful in serving INNZ for many years.

PETER SARA (Dunedin) Deputy Chair



Peter is a practising lawyer, specializing in ACC law, and runs his own firm in Dunedin. He has served INNZ for many years and is currently serving as the Deputy Chair. Peter is married to Jan who serves as the Local Mission's Coordinator at their church. He is passionate about seeing lives being transformed and bringing empowerment to those less fortunate.

DANIEL GIBBONS (Queenstown) Treasurer



Daniel is a senior partner at an accounting practice in Queenstown. He is currently serving as the Treasurer and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. He is married to Stacey, and they have three children. Daniel is passionate about cricket and ensuring INNZ maintains its financial accountability.

SARAH MARKLEY (Wellington)



Sarah is a fellow of the Association of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and works in the Office of the Auditor-General as Director of International Engagement. She is passionate about governance and accountability systems and reducing corruption so that lives are changed. Sarah is married to David, who is also an experienced finance professional and has worked in Christian international development. Sarah also serves on the International Audit and Risk Committee.

DAVID HUGHES (Auckland) Chair



David currently serves as the INNZ Chair. He is also the CEO of Plant & Food Research. He brings a real passion for professionalism and ongoing ethical business practices to INNZ and the IN Network. David is married to Philippa and together, they are passionate about seeing the gospel shared across the world.

RABENA TANIELU (Auckland)



Rabena along with her husband, Ronji, have been supporting and advocating for INNZ for many years. They are passionate about seeing lives transformed through the inspiration and love of the Gospel message. They are also passionate and enthusiastic to see INNZ transform lives and change communities.

GEOFF WARNE (Auckland) Secretary



Geoff is the INNZ Secretary. Geoff has many years' experience within the NGO sector. He has spent over 20 years with Leprosy Mission. Geoff brings a real desire and passion to INNZ, to enhance policy, corporate governance, and excellence. Geoff is married to Karen, and they are not only passionate about the work of International Needs, but also actively involved in the lives of their grandchildren.

ROBERT KEAM (Tauranga)



Robert is a retired lawyer, who ran his own practice for many years. He serves on the Governance Council of International Needs Incorporated, the international organisation of which INNZ is a member. He has been legal counsel for IN Inc for over 25 years and is a past member of the IN-Inc Board. He is married to Margaret and lives in Tauranga.



2023
PRAYER CALENDAR

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.

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

You can acquire 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 2023 Prayer Calendar on
0800 463 337 or email info@innz.org.nz***

INsight into the Persecuted Church

Think about the last conversation you had with someone and try to remember if you said anything that might be construed as spreading the Gospel and notice how safe you felt saying that.

In a world where we can pick up our phone, or send an email, and contact anyone at any time, how would we feel if we suddenly couldn't? Not because of a

lack of technology, but because of a real danger that what you say may put you in jail or worse.

Churches and Mission organisations like IN operate in countries like Egypt and Turkey where staff live with this danger hanging over their heads every day. They need to be smart and careful not to arouse suspicion while spreading the Gospel and making disciples. Much like a spy novel, the enemy may be listening and waiting





ready to pounce on any information useful in stopping the love of Christ being shared.

Because of the dangers of open ministry our team come up with innovative ways of sharing the news about Jesus. IN Turkey shares the Good News online through social media and their website and, so far, over 20,000 people have been reached. The online harassment they receive has taught them to depend on God and show love, even when it hurts.

A prayer request from IN Turkey shows the difficulty and reality faced by every Christian in that country when they choose to follow Jesus. *"Pray for the safety of those who have claimed to be Christians but are still afraid to make the claim in public for fear of rejection and harm from their family and friends."*

The danger for Christians in Egypt is very similar. According to Open Doors, many of the Christians in Egypt are subjected to violence or persecution for their views. Tragically, those closest to them, family members, represent the largest threat to Christians in this country.

Even with the constant threat around them, International Needs Egypt continues to shine the light of Jesus on people

in desperate need. Through showing practical love they have been able to greatly empower the community around them. One major focus is on helping refugees from neighbouring countries, such as Syria. IN Egypt regularly visits the Syrian Refugees who are new to the country and blesses them with food and financial aid.

Even though there are constant dangers in almost every aspect of their ministry, IN Egypt and Turkey continue to move forward faithfully sharing the Good News while being inventive and unique. God's love is transforming communities in hostile lands through your support.



INsight into helping Families in Crisis



Being struck by a train in Uganda usually means death but, thanks to the Families in Crisis fund, a little boy was given a second chance.

On the 22nd of December 2021, at around 12pm, Angel and his 8-year-old brother, Elvis decided to go near the railway lines to see how the train moves. Out of curiosity, the two boys thought they could try touching one of the train wagons since the train was moving slowly. Unfortunately, the vibrations caused by the passing train made Angel lose his balance, and he fell onto the railway. The wheels cut his right leg, leaving the limb severely injured. Luckily, a passerby at the scene rushed him to the nearby hospital for treatment. Still, due to the severity of the injury, he was referred to Mulago National Referral Hospital, where his leg was amputated.

Because of the loss of his limb, Angel became angry and bitter about himself. Feelings of self-pity and loss plagued him for months while he came to terms with his loss of independence. He was worried about relying on other people to help him with his activities of daily living. To recover and adapt well to the new situation, several health workers from rehabilitation institutions took him through a series of counselling and emotional support sessions. That empowered him to rebuild his independence.

On 13th May, he was taken for further assessment, and an order was placed for his prosthetic limb which gave Angel a chance to live a normal life again.

He later got sponsorship for his studies. He is now happy and living a full life. He said, in his own words, "Thank you my dear friends for loving me and taking note of my plight. I never thought I would walk again after the accident. I am happy that I can now walk with ease and am at school enjoying my lessons. Thanks to my sponsors too."



What you can do:

Due to poverty the family could not support the child's medical bills during this crisis. Unfortunately, this is the case for many families in crisis worldwide.

Whenever a crisis strikes International Needs is there to help provide much-needed support and care to those most affected. Whether through natural disasters, medical emergencies, famines, or even simple immediate needs, we want to ensure these families are given hope and love.

Could you contribute \$20 a month towards our Families in Crisis fund, enabling support to be provided when crisis strikes, just as it was for Angel?

innz.org.nz/appeals/crisis

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

In June, Flipt Youth from Otumoetai Baptist Church, Tauranga, hosted a Mid-Winter Christmas Quiz Night to raise funds for 40 care packs for children who will be attending the new International Needs Kamlapur Railway Station Drop-in Centre, Bangladesh. These children, unfortunately, don't attend school but work every day to help provide for themselves and their families. At the Drop-in Centre the children come for two hours a day for a meal, shower, education, counselling, gospel teaching and a chance to play like children. They can take a break from their long working day to learn and play.

Flipt Youth ran and hosted the quiz event and what a special event it was - filled with laughter, fun and competition. Together with family, friends, church members and community members over \$2,700 was raised.

Thank you, Flipt Youth, for your hard work, passion, and dedication in making the night a special night for all who attended. Thank you for helping to bring joy and relief to these children and youth in child labour.

Would your Church youth consider hosting a fundraiser event? We would love the opportunity to work alongside your youth to help transform lives and communities around the world.

For more information, please contact Rachel – rachel@innz.org.nz



INsight into Women's Empowerment

Empowering women through vocational training

At the heart of International Needs is supporting and equipping women through vocational training and micro-enterprise.

When you support women through vocational training and micro-enterprise you are investing not only in their future but in the future of their family, community, and nation.

When we empower a woman, we empower a family. We then empower a community which leads to an empowered nation.

– Solo Mums Project, Fiji.

Lydia

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 come from communities in rural regions of the country, where there is great poverty. The five-month training course is run twice per year and the centre currently takes on 32 women for each course (64 women per year). The course focuses on empowering women with education and supporting them to develop vocational skills to enable them to set up their own businesses and better support themselves and their families once they graduate.

During their five-month course 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. The change in these women is transformative. They have a new-found sense of confidence and, optimism, and can return to their villages and be changemakers in their own communities.

Fiji

Solo Mums in the informal settlements of Fiji are often disadvantaged both socially and economically. Some have extremely low levels of education and practical skills so struggle to get a job.

The Solo Mum's project enables mums from informal slum settlements in Suva to participate in a 20-week vocational training programme. They learn various practical skills with the aim of equipping the mums with the skills, resources, and financial support necessary to become financially and economically independent. On graduation, each mum is given the resources, support, and a low interest micro-loan to start their own business.

Alongside the programme, International Needs Fiji facilitates a day-care to look after the children of the solo mums and each child is given daily nutritious meals.

Thanks to a partnership with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), every dollar you donate to this project becomes \$5!

*Every woman's success
should be an inspiration
to another*

— Serena Williams

International Needs Fiji aims to extend this successful programme to reach more solo mums in other rural communities across Fiji. You can help them to do this by partnering with this programme that will



reach far and wide across this beautiful island nation, enabling more mothers to achieve success

Find out more about how you can be involved with Transforming lives & changing communities at innz.org.nz/appeals/women

Sri Lanka pastors

Over recent times, Sri Lanka has been engulfed in civil unrest due to rising inflation and incompetency by government authorities. Many people are facing extraordinary hardships and suffering through no fault of their own.

IN Sri Lanka has heard the cry and embarked upon a new initiative to empower community leaders to pursue transformed lives and changed communities.

They have done this by improving the livelihoods of community leaders who have been able to either expand or start up a sustainable livelihood programme, not only to help equip and empower the local church but also the community around them.

This programme is improving the standard of living for many pastors and their families as well as partnering with other community leaders in rural Sri Lanka to identify specific needs within their own community that can be addressed through this livelihood programme.

Meet Pastor Varathan — based in the Northern region of the island, he has been very successful in increasing his income. The focus of his livelihood initiative is poultry farming as well as the sale of eggs; he has built an incubator which has enabled him to expand his business. With





Impact story:

Pastor Kannagalingam, in the Northern region of Sri Lanka, has an established fishing business and is doing well. Whilst working in his local community, he identified a family who was severely impacted by the civil war many years ago.

Both the father and mother had been injured, leaving them with severe injuries and visually impaired. They also have three children under 12 years of age.

Their sole source of income was by illegally felling trees and selling the firewood. The family barely made ends meet and could not afford for the children to attend school.

They have now been assisted by IN Sri Lanka and have been provided with funds to start their own poultry farm, whereby they can now have confidence that they can look after their children and be self-sufficient without the worry of injury or prosecution from local authorities.

this expansion, he can not only provide income for his family that can help buy other staple foods, but also give them the freedom they need to help educate their children and invest back into their community.

What's great about this livelihood initiative is that the pastors and community leaders are required to not only invest into people within their own community through employment, but they are also repaying

the micro-finance loans provided to them, so that these can be re-invested in another community.

This is a wonderful initiative established by IN Sri Lanka and it continues to bring success to those in whom they have invested. Not only is the Gospel being shared, but lives are being transformed in a totally holistic approach by taking care of both the spiritual and physical needs of the participants.

Ark Quest classrooms



Over the past three years International Needs and Ark Quest Trust have developed a special and unique relationship to partner together in transforming the lives of children in Western Kenya. Ark Quest Trust was started with the intention of building a school to serve the surrounding community, not only in education, but also through other activities that would see transformation for the entire community through an agricultural program, weaving and other initiatives.

Kenya, like many nations around the world, is facing the soaring cost of living. Despite increasing inflation, rapidly rising food and building costs, we have seen God provide finances from several unexpected sources in response to the desperate need and many prayers. A heart-warming result has been that the lives of many in the community have been impacted.

Ark Quest Education Centre has an urgent need for more permanent

classrooms, as the original school, built from eucalyptus poles and mud bricks is rapidly disintegrating, and some of the original classrooms are no longer useable. The first 3 permanent concrete brick classrooms have been completed and Phase 2 of construction, of a further 3 classrooms, is well under way. Building costs are constantly rising in Kenya, and the team would like to finalise the school classrooms so that they can be used in the new year, but also to reduce the risk of building materials continuing to increase. We need to raise \$60,000 to complete the classrooms. The long-term plan is to have 16 classrooms in the new school when it is complete, so further funds will need to be raised to complete the whole project.

If you have a heart for education and would like to contribute to help finish this school, please connect with us so we can see this dream fulfilled.

Innz.org.nz/kenya

HEALTHY YOUTH PROGRAMME

Through the ministry of INN.Z, the Czech Republic has been supported for many years to bring about transformation to its people through the Gospel message of Jesus. The Czech Republic has a difficult history, with the effects of communism lingering in the hearts and minds of generations. As a result, a generation of young people is growing up disillusioned and apathetic. International Needs Czech Republic is focused on helping the country's youth find hope in having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their personal saviour.

Through the Healthy Youth programme, IN workers go into public school classrooms and share about topics such as gender issues, abortion and pregnancy, class behaviour, and cyber bullying. These classroom presentations open the door for conversations about Jesus. Because of support from people like you, the Healthy Youth workers reach over 65,000 students each year through school-based interventions and this number is growing.

Right now, over 30 workers are serving on the team, and more are needed. Our partners are needing to employ four more workers before the school term begins. It is incredible to see the need for such a great programme and how engaged the youth in the Czech Republic are. Why not get involved? if you are passionate about youth and seeing them fulfilled through this programme, let us know.

Innz.org.nz/Czech_republic



INsight into Church partnership



For many years Coast Community Church and the Church at Cedarwood on the Kapiti Coast has partnered with International Needs New Zealand in supporting Pastor Gideon Nitafan and his wife Marvy. Pastor Gideon works in a remote region of Manila, just outside an area called San Mateo, running a small but vibrant church in a very poor community. Not only does he run the church, but he is involved in many other outreach ministries, investing into the local community. Marvy is responsible for the oversight of over 50 sponsored children through the International Needs Child Sponsorship Program as well as fulfilling the role of the Community Programs Coordinator. She is very active in running multiple ministries within the community, working mainly with the women and children of San Mateo.

In partnership with Coast Community Church and the Church at Cedarwood, we support this small but effective church in the Philippines through prayer, encouragement and finance so that this great community work and spreading of the Gospel can continue. This partnership works both ways as Ps Gideon, Marvy and the team lift their supporters in prayer and provide ongoing encouragement by keeping them informed as to what God is doing in transforming the lives of those they are reaching. Many have visited the region on short term missions' trips which are both uplifting and encouraging to those who go.

How can you get involved in a partnership like this? By supporting a local indigenous Christian leader to reach their people with the Gospel and other community development programs. International Needs has a wide network of partners across 36 nations. Why not reach out to us today and enquire who you can partner with and help make a difference by transforming lives and changing communities?

innz.org.nz/ministry

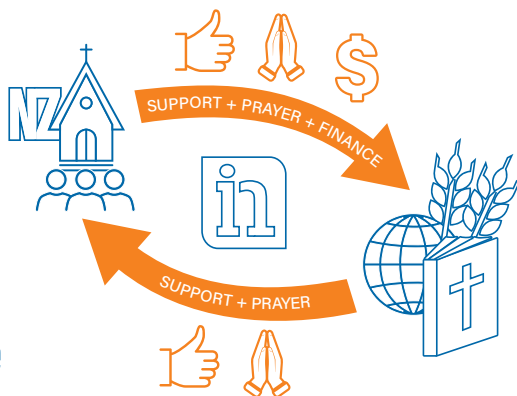
We envision a true partnership between the church in New Zealand, and churches in developing nations.

Every partnership should be built on mutual prayer and support.

The ministry leader will send you two reports a year plus any prayer requests they have.

We encourage you to reciprocate this by sending them any prayer requests and updates you have. We also ask for you to consider financially supporting the ministry leader as their livelihood is dependent on the Lord's provision.

Letters like these are a great example of how a partnership is strengthened through prayer, support and financial assistance which enables the ministry leaders to spread the Gospel in their own country.



International Needs Ministry Leaders are preaching the Gospel to Hidden Tribes, Healing the masses and facing persecution.

Will you join them in this calling?

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World of JOY 2022 Gift Summary

Mosquito
Nets

\$25



Women in
Business

\$250



Clean Water

\$45



Women
Hygiene
Packs

\$25



Chickens

\$30



A Goat

\$50



Mum & Bub
Health

\$40



Food Hamper



\$50

Seeds of Hope



\$75

Where
Most
Needed





Founders' Fund

The legacy of International Needs is to transform lives and change communities. This can easily be achieved. However, without people 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 unreached people groups where we operate.

The Founders' fund has been created to do just that; provide support and financial assistance to local church planters, evangelists, and community workers who bring the Gospel to these unreached people.

The Founders' fund not only supports the here and now, but also builds a lasting endowment investment that will provide financial assistance to the work well after we are gone.

Whoever you are, whatever your situation, you can help make a difference to our world and those that do not know the life changing relationship that can be found in Christ Jesus.

INN.Z Founders' Fund welcomes all gift sizes, to be added and pooled to create a lasting and long-term impact on spreading the gospel further. To find out more visit innz.org.nz/founders-fund

“The goal is to see people restored and transformed by entering into a relationship with their creator”



Thank you for your
ongoing support.
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