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## Our Vision

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

## Our Mission

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

*Based on its Christ centred values and over 48 years of professional expertise, International Needs New Zealand is connecting communities worldwide with love, hope and freedom.*

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# Welcome to *INsight Spring* 2023

Welcome to Spring 2023. It is exciting to be sharing these updates and stories with you from the field along with some thrilling updates on future events that we are eagerly looking forward to. It has been a dynamic year so far with our first overseas visitors in more than three years, who came to share about the remarkable work they are doing in Northeast India.

Throughout this magazine, we are confident that you will be deeply inspired by the stories of transformation and positive change. It is always a pleasure to share these remarkable experiences with you.

As we look ahead, we are eagerly anticipating and preparing for our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2024. Brace yourselves for a series of wonderful events across the country. We sincerely hope you can join us in these joyous celebrations!

Over the past months, we have held various events and fundraisers that have brought people from all around New Zealand together. It has been great to see how these creative and innovative initiatives have supported the mission of International Needs and the people we serve overseas.

If you feel compelled to make a difference and run one of these fundraisers, don't hesitate to contact our team. We will gladly share the necessary resources with you, enabling you to inspire your friends, family, and connections to raise awareness and support for Global Mission.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this edition of INSIGHT magazine and for the support you give to the vision, mission and work of International Needs.

With every blessing,  
Shaun





# Introducing the INNZ staff



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# INN.Z 50th celebration & Congress

We are excited to celebrate International Needs' 50th Anniversary next year and for the occasion, we are hosting our 8th Congress in Rotorua in April 2024.

It will be a wonderful time to look back at everything International Needs has accomplished over the past 50 years as well as thanking our generous supporters for helping us make it happen!



If you'd like to take part in or find out more information,  
please get in touch with us at [info@innz.org.nz](mailto:info@innz.org.nz)

# INsight into Fiji Moms Project



*“Tessie, broken-hearted after losing her youngest child and with her 7-year-old gravely ill, found solace in faith and her church. Encouraged by her pastor, she applied for the Fiji Moms project, to learn a livelihood.*

*Despite a long waiting list, we couldn't turn away this grieving, abandoned woman with a fatherless child. When*

*a spot opened for Tessie at Fiji Moms, a glimmer of hope finally graced her face. Thank you for making it happen.”*

## **Many more women like Tessie need your support!**

In Fiji, the struggle for women to achieve economic independence is evident in alarming statistics: women spend 2.9 times more time on unpaid domestic and care work than men, and the labour force participation rate among females was just 38.1% compared to 75.4% among males in 2022. Shockingly, 52% of Fijian women have experienced intimate partner violence, which surpasses the world average of 27% (*World Bank, 2022*).

These sobering figures paint a distressing reality for many women in Fiji, where economic dependence leads to isolation and social stigmatisation.

For Fijian mothers residing in informal settlements, this reality is even more pronounced. Limited education and low skill levels create significant barriers to job market competitiveness, leaving these mothers trapped in a cycle of poverty and vulnerability.

Amidst these challenges, a ray of hope shines brightly through the **Fiji Moms Project**, an initiative that is changing the lives of these brave women and their families. This transformative programme aims to equip mothers with the skills, resources, and financial support necessary to break free from the shackles of dependency and, become financially and economically independent.

The **Fiji Moms Project** is a 20-week vocational training programme, where mothers learn various skills in cooking, sewing, baking, housekeeping, screen printing and jewellery making. On graduation, each woman is given the necessary resources and support to start their own business.



*She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she*

## DONATE for Fiji Moms TODAY and the New Zealand Government will multiply your gift X5

**X5 YOUR  
IMPACT**

Recognising that these mothers may struggle to attend the training while caring for their children, International Needs Fiji offers a day-care facility, ensuring that each child is cared for and receives daily nutritious meals.

The Project not only empowers individual mothers but also positively impacts their families and the wider community. Financially independent mothers create a better future for their children and contribute to the development of their neighbourhoods, inspiring others to pursue their dreams, fostering collective growth.

**\$100 → \$500**

for life skills that lead to happier, healthier mothers and children.

**\$250 → \$1250**

for building livelihood skills to meet family needs.

**\$500 → \$2500**

for the business and mentor support that turns new skills into sustainable income.

Find out more about Fiji Moms Project at  
**[innz.org.nz/project/fiji-moms-project](http://innz.org.nz/project/fiji-moms-project)**



*laughs without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25*



# INsight into Prasanna & Arpana's visit

In April this year we had the privilege to host Prasanna and Arpana from Sano Diyo, India on a nationwide speaking tour.

From Auckland to Oamaru arms were opened wide as they shared what is on their hearts for their community along with their passion for seeing lives being transformed in India.

Many were left inspired by their stories of transformation and encouraged by their words of life.

Prasanna and Arpana returned home with hearts full of love from supporters and friends.

They write: *Thank you, friends (International Needs New Zealand), for calling us to visit New Zealand for a wonderful 3-week deputation in April- May. It was wonderful to be reconnected and to re-establish our relationship more strongly.*

To find out more about the incredible work of Prasanna and Arpana in India go to

**[innz.org.nz/project/sano-diyo](http://innz.org.nz/project/sano-diyo)**





# Insight into overseas visitor updates

## Dr Glenn Anderson – visit to DR Congo

In April Dr Glenn Anderson (one of our supporters) spent time volunteering with a mission agency in DR Congo. During



*4 Graduates of the school that now make cabinets and beautiful hardwood beds*

his time there he was delighted to be able to visit his sponsored child along with other sponsored children from his church. These children attend a school in Lubumbashi that is dedicated to teaching deaf-

mute children. It is called “Ephphata” which is the Aramaic word spoken by Jesus when he touched the ears and mouth of

the deaf-mute man as recorded in Mark 7 v 34. Ephphata means “be opened”. Some of the children are genetically deaf but many will have been exposed to infections during their mothers’ pregnancies such as measles, mumps or rubella. Ephphata School teaches sign language to all the students so they can communicate and then proceeds to teach all the knowledge that will be needed to gain employment on leaving school.



*Above: Shekinah – Glenn’s Sponsor child. Below: Clodiane – sponsored by Glenn’s church*



## Moody Family – visit to Nepal

In April the Moody family from Gore went to Kathmandu, Nepal, and enjoyed meeting the IN Nepal team who accompanied them to visit their sponsored child, Raksha.

“We have had a lovely day with Pranesh (IN Nepal) meeting Raksha and being very warmly welcomed at IN Nepal. It was such a treasure to meet all Raksha’s family and spend time getting to know them a little better. They are a beautiful family, and we feel privileged to have been able to spend time with them today. They are memories we will treasure.

We also really appreciated the generous welcome and tour at IN Nepal and the Lydia Vocational Training Centre. We were treated to a delicious lunch with the staff too.”



# INsight into water initiatives



## *Empowering communities with fresh water in Nepal and Uganda*

In the face of increasing global water scarcity, nations worldwide are striving to address the challenge of providing access to clean, fresh water to their populations. In this article, we highlight some of the remarkable fresh water initiatives our partners in Nepal and Uganda are implementing to bring communities together, to combat water-related issues and to create sustainable solutions. These have been highly successful, and we continue to welcome further support for these critical initiatives.

### **Nepal: Harnessing natural resources for water security**

Nepal, nestled amidst the majestic Himalayas, is blessed with an abundance of natural water resources. However, despite this gift, many regions still face challenges with water availability and quality. To address these issues, various initiatives have been launched:

- **Rainwater Harvesting:** Embracing the concept of “water self-sufficiency,” communities in Nepal have adopted rainwater harvesting systems. By capturing and storing rainwater during the monsoon season, villages can secure their water supply during the drier months, reducing dependency on distant water sources and promoting sustainability.
- **Bio-sand Filters:** In rural areas of Nepal, bio-sand filters are being introduced to purify water at the household level. These low-cost, low-maintenance

devices effectively remove contaminants, making water safe for drinking and cooking. Organisations are working to train communities in constructing and using these filters, thereby promoting self-sufficiency and reducing waterborne illnesses.

- **Spring Protection:** Springs are vital water sources for numerous communities in Nepal. Organisations and local groups



are actively involved in protecting these springs from contamination and environmental degradation. Properly managed springs not only ensure a constant supply of fresh water but also contribute to improved sanitation and hygiene practices.

**For more information please visit**  
[innz.org.nz/project/clean-water-nepal](http://innz.org.nz/project/clean-water-nepal)

## Uganda: Tackling water scarcity through innovation

Uganda, known for its rich biodiversity and abundant water sources, still faces significant challenges in providing clean water to its citizens. Our partners have implemented innovative initiatives to address this issue:

- **Borehole Rehabilitation:** many boreholes, once drilled for water access, fall into disrepair due to lack of maintenance. Efforts are underway to rehabilitate these boreholes and establish maintenance mechanisms to ensure their sustainability. Regular maintenance by local technicians and water committees keeps these vital water sources functioning optimally.
- **WASH Programs:** Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programmes are being implemented in schools and communities to improve water access and hygiene practices. These initiatives not only ensure access to clean water but also raise awareness about the importance of proper sanitation and hygiene in preventing water-related diseases.
- **Community-Led Water Management:** Encouraging community ownership and participation in water management has proven to be successful in Uganda.



Local Water User Committees are established to manage water distribution, maintenance, and infrastructure development. This participatory approach empowers communities to take charge of their water resources and encourages long-term sustainability.

**For more information please visit**  
[innz.org.nz/project/ugandawash](http://innz.org.nz/project/ugandawash)

## How you can continue to help support these initiatives:

Donate to the International Needs Water support programmes, so that we can continue to deliver these lifesaving initiatives to thousands of people across Nepal and Uganda.

The fresh water initiatives in Nepal and Uganda demonstrate the power of community-led efforts and innovative solutions in tackling water scarcity. By supporting these initiatives through your donations, we can collectively contribute to providing clean, sustainable water access to those who need it most. Together, we can empower these communities and make a positive impact on their lives and the environment.





## INsight into Türkiye earthquake

On February 6th, two 7.7-7.8 magnitude earthquakes hit southern Türkiye and northern Syria. Over fifty thousand people lost their lives, over one hundred thousand people were injured, and millions of people were displaced living in tents or moving to other areas.

In response to the catastrophe, International Needs Türkiye implemented numerous relief operations to support those affected. Hot meals, winter clothing, tents, nappies, baby food, hygiene items and first aid kits were given. Around 3,500 families have been reached in these relief efforts.

During the Turkish summer, the team assisted 250 children who were still unable to return to school with social skill sets. Each set included stationery, art and craft items, and a simple toy. Holiday programmes were also held providing fun activities for 100-120 children at a time, with two sessions a day and an evening meal provided to attendees. The programme was accessible to children who were disabled during the disaster.

At the same time the team reached out to more than 500 women with peer support groups, respite from childcare, hygiene



packs and haircuts.

Thank you to all who donated towards the Türkiye Earthquake Emergency Appeal, making all this possible.

The team continue to work hard in the relief efforts as much support is still needed.

**If you would like to support the continued relief efforts, please go to [innz.org.nz/donate](https://innz.org.nz/donate)**



# INsight into Gospel Work

In 1974, International Needs founder Ray Harrison pioneered a unique model for mission work. He believed that supporting local leaders, with local knowledge and acceptance would be an effective way to reach the lost. Over 49 years later this model has proven to be successful.

In some of our most remote and hard to reach regions of the world our gospel workers are sharing the good news of Christ

*Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* — **Matthew 28:16-20**



Our vision is to continue to equip these gospel workers with the resources and training necessary to fulfil the great commission.

As they are the vehicle delivering the good news of Christ, we can be the fuel.

Fuel is needed in ministry resources of Bibles and Tracts. Vehicles such as motorbikes and bicycles are also needed to help fuel the gospel workers to go further and reach more people for Christ.

**To help be the fuel please go to: [innz.org.nz/donate](https://innz.org.nz/donate)**

To watch the video You be the Fuel, scan the QR code:





# Why sponsor a child?

When you sponsor a child, you commit to investing into their future, their wellbeing and most importantly their education. The return on your investment will see transformation in this child and their families' lives.

Thank you for helping them to take one step closer to alleviating poverty.

## Only \$50 per month

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.

### Your monthly sponsorship helps to provide:

- ▶ Healthcare and access to medical professionals
- ▶ A safe space to learn and play
- ▶ A balanced nutritious diet
- ▶ Quality education and learning support, such as school supplies, uniforms and fees paid for
- ▶ The opportunity to hear Christian teachings and the life-changing message of Jesus Christ



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## Sponsorship Extra: \$60 per month

Every country we sponsor in, is different. Some places require more infrastructure than others and need extra support. Sponsorship Extra aims to provide additional support to your sponsored child's community.

- ▶ Support for other children awaiting sponsorship
- ▶ Providing clean water & sanitation
- ▶ Disaster relief & aid
- ▶ Parental support programmes
- ▶ Emergency medical care
- ▶ Disease prevention



# INsight into Huzaifa's story

Late last year it was brought to our attention that one of our sponsored children in Uganda had been suffering greatly due to a large hematoma that had grown over his face. The need for medical intervention was urgent.

The team at IN Uganda took him to a national hospital in Kampala where he had appointments to work out a plan forward. A team of doctors met and Huzaifa was told that surgery could be done to save his life. The hematoma was continuing to grow so there was an urgency to get the surgery completed as soon as possible. The cost of the surgery was \$10,000 NZD.

At the beginning of April, we shared the need with our donors and the response was remarkable. Within a week the needed funds were raised and Huzaifa went on to have the surgery within just a few weeks of receiving the financial support.



The team at IN Uganda supported Huzaifa throughout the surgery process and they have reported that he is recovering well after a 10-hour surgery. We continue to pray for Huzaifa as he adapts to the changes in his life – both immediate and yet to come. We are hopeful that Huzaifa will soon go back to school.

It has been incredibly rewarding to hear feedback from both Huzaifa and his family.

The family is very happy and appreciative for the help rendered to Huzaifa.

His mother says that her son now has a nice face.

The father says “ My son resembles me. I can now see how his face looks. He is my real image”

Huzaifa has this to say; “The kids would find me on the way and run because my face used to scare them. This made me feel out of place and I would always feel bad about myself. I used to cover my face whenever I could

walk outside in fear of being laughed at. I am glad that I can now walk with confidence. I am really happy for all that you have done for me my friends”.

# LOCAL EVENTS

## Empowered

On April 27th, INNz organised a women's empowerment event at The Atrium, with two inspiring speakers: Heidi Jennings and Sonya Nicol.

Heidi Jennings, a Holistic Health Coach and Plant-based Nutrition Specialist, shared her thriving business, empowering women to take control of their health and happiness. Sonya Nicol, an inspiring life coach, shared her wisdom in assisting people to reach their full potential.

A highlight of the event was presenting the Lydia Vocational Training Centre and Fiji Moms Project; initiatives aimed to empower women and girls by providing them essential skills and knowledge to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Find out about how you can be involved with transforming these women's lives at

**[innz.org.nz/appeals/women](http://innz.org.nz/appeals/women)**



## C3 Kids concert

On July 22nd, INNz hosted an entertaining Mid-Winter Kids Concert at City Church. The event featured an array of performances by talented children; including drama, drummers, guitarists, dancers, and the C3 Kids Choir, among others. The purpose of the event was to raise funds to purchase musical instruments for three schools in Bangladesh and Kenya. We are thrilled with the outcome and plan to make this heartwarming event an annual tradition.

To donate musical instruments for the schools in Kenya and Bangladesh please visit

**[innz.org.nz/donate](http://innz.org.nz/donate)**

*Take part in  
these fun events  
while making  
a meaningful  
impact!*





## Paint with Purpose

On July 30th, INNz hosted a Paint with Purpose event at the Mount Social Club. It was a 2.5hrs guided painting class, where each participant crafted their own canvas masterpiece. The funds raised supported the Fiji Moms project, aiming to empower women in Fiji by equipping them with essential work and life skills, enabling them to establish their own businesses and achieve financial independence. The plan is to host these events regularly while also extending their reach to additional locations beyond Tauranga.

Find out about how you can be involved with Fiji Moms Project at [innz.org.nz/project/fiji-moms-project](https://innz.org.nz/project/fiji-moms-project)

## Flit Youth fundraiser:

On August 12th, INNz in partnership with Flit Youth hosted a fundraiser event at Otumoetai Baptist Church. The aim was to raise funds for the Drop-in Centres in Bangladesh. These centres are run by International Needs Bangladesh providing a safe and enriching environment for street children to receive nutritious food, education, psychological support, health care services and legal aid, among others. The event was a success and it included fun activities such as raffles, food, and the movie "We Bought a Zoo".



Find out more about how you can support Drop-in Centres in Bangladesh at [innz.org.nz/project/dropin](https://innz.org.nz/project/dropin)

**If you feel inspired to organise or participate in any of these fundraisers, feel free to reach out to our team at [marketing@innz.org.nz](mailto:marketing@innz.org.nz).**

Find out about our upcoming events — [events.innz.org.nz](https://events.innz.org.nz)



## INsight into World of Joy

# Introducing World of Joy 2023!

Christmas is now just around the corner...

Check out our new World of Joy gifts catalogue and transform a life this Christmas.

For more information see our Christmas Appeal flyer or donate online at [innz.org.nz/christmas](https://innz.org.nz/christmas)



## Gifts that make a real difference...

*"I dream of becoming a police officer; I think I am getting there gradually. Every day, I get closer to my dreams. I know that with the support of my mother and International Needs, my dream will be a reality someday. I am happy that International Needs is doing their best to transform my life. The greatest part of my life was when my mother received a goat (livelihood support) from IN New Zealand to rear so that she could make extra income to support my schooling in future. I am the happiest person now because my future is being secured. I am confident I will be a police officer one day to protect lives."*

— Josephine Zate

These incredible success stories in the lives of many children around the world are only possible because of you and your support!

# in DISCOVERY TOURS

## INsight into Discovery tours

Have you ever wanted to see the work God is doing around the world? Why not partner with International Needs and go on a Discovery Tour.

You will see how God is moving through His people and Discover the impact being made.

You will also Discover what God is doing in your own life and how a trip overseas will change your heart and mind forever.

Contact our office today at [info@innz.org.nz](mailto:info@innz.org.nz) to find out more about how you or your church can either go on an IN guided tour or facilitate your own tour through IN partners in over 20 countries around the world.





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making a difference  
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