

HOPE worldwide & SPA Churches Service Planning 2018

On behalf of HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) I would like to present a brief update and proposed service activities for 2018 where we plan to impact **1,000 people** and engage volunteers in over **3,000 hours of service** in Australia and New Zealand alone. We pray that Jesus shines through our service as we continue to share the gospel and remember the poor.

Graham J. Gumley

(HOPEww Board chair)

Main Developments:

- HOPE Aus has been streamlined and simplified reducing administration costs
- Available funds for programs in 2018 is estimated at \$68,000
- HOPE Aus Board: Graham Gumley, Mike Fontenot, Winvie Mendosa, Jun Pablo, Willem Hattingh
- HOPE reps are initiating small volunteer based programs in our cities: Jo Donado (Melb), Ricardo DelaCosta (Syd), James McCauley (Bris), Melinda Smith (GC), Rowan McCauley (Adelaide), Duncan Wilson (Nz).
- HOPE website is being developed to highlight church connection and local programs
- HOPE PNG continues to go through transition with a new country director and board

HOPEww Aus Calendar 2018

- HOPE Day of Giving- date varies across cities from Sun, April 29th through May.
- Supporting South Pacific Australia (SPA) region programs (focus on PNG & New Zealand)
- HOPE AGM- Scheduled for mid-end Aug 2018. Planned to be held in Sydney
- SPA Conference- Oct 26th- 28th. Video/Update
- HOPE Volunteer Corps in New Zealand- Dec 16th- 28th. 40 volunteers signed up.

'Signature' programs in 2017-18

1. Volunteer/Youth Corps

- International v local programs
- Global Service Interns (GSI), Dylan Panacheril
- 2 week program developing servant leadership, 50% evangelism, 50% service
- 23 programs across 16 countries. Popular programs: Nepal, Cambodia, Philippines
- SPA region: Auckland in Dec 2018. Expect 40 volunteers. Beneficiaries: 50-100

2. Ronald McDonald House- meal and entertainment.

- Serving sick children and their families who are going through cancer treatment
- Perth: 'big' breakfast events for 30-40 people which includes musical entertainment. Total beneficiaries in 2017 were 140 people
- Auckland, annual themed event (super heroes, the Olympics). Beneficiaries in 2017: 100

3. Seniors afternoon tea plus

- Addressing loneliness and general health and wellbeing of seniors
- Activities include: Zumba, Bingo, Art and Craft, Cabarets, Christmas parties and Quizzes
- Monthly or bimonthly social activities held at a community centre. Beneficiaries in 2017: 15

4. Homework club for refugee children.

- Supporting refugee children who are struggling with school work
- Refugee families matched with families in the church congregation needing support.
- Homework support at local library or in the home, fortnightly or monthly for 12 months
- End of term/program celebration meal and presentation of school bags to children
- Beneficiaries in 2017: five refugee families (20 people)

SPA Region Service Programs/events 2017- 2018:

Fiji:

- Programs delivered through the churches in Nadi and Suva
- Maternity packs for pregnant women

Papua New Guinea:

- 2 Urban and 2 Rural Health clinics: providing primary health care to poor communities
- TB treatment- DOTs program, HIV treatment and prevention program
- Food aid to street kids
- Literacy- planned

Auckland, New Zealand:

- Entertainment and dinner to sick children at Ronald McDonald House – annual event. 100 beneficiaries
- Food bank. Donations of food items given by church members. 20-30 beneficiaries
- Baking for a Hospice. Donations given by church members. 20-30 beneficiaries
- HOPE VOLUNTEER CORPS: Developing Community Gardens with the Maori population (indigenous). Developing sustainable community gardens to the Maori community. Expected Beneficiaries 50-100

Melbourne:

- Assisting refugee families- kids with homework, Fortnightly to monthly. 25 beneficiaries
- Seniors social activities- bimonthly program at a community centre. Beneficiaries: 15 seniors
- Christmas event for refugees: church service, lunch and gift giving- held in poor area of Melbourne Beneficiaries: 30-50 refugees. Held every second year
- Meeting physical needs for the poor- church members donate items that are distributed to the poor
 - Shoe boxes to the Philippines (size and gender matched). Beneficiaries: 25. Handbags and sanitary items for vulnerable women in Australia (Share the dignity). Beneficiaries: 30
 - Christmas hampers for poor families in Australia (Melbourne Basket Brigade). Beneficiaries: 100
 - School bags for refugee children. Beneficiaries: 20
- Art & Soul program: arts and craft classes to promote health and wellbeing. Aimed at people who want to develop their art skills and also who may social or mental health needs. A series of 6-8 fortnightly classes. Planned for April 2018. Number of beneficiaries: 15-20
- Good enough Parenting: helping refugee parents in parenting: meeting emotional needs and limiting Harm (exasperation). Planned for July 2018. Expected beneficiaries: 25

Perth:

- Big breakfast: entertainment and breakfast to families of sick children at Ronald McDonald House Biannual. Beneficiaries: 140
- Aged care: visiting and socialising with the elderly and occasional singing. 15-20 beneficiaries
- Plan to involve more Bible talks in the second half of the year

Sydney:

- Assisting the running of a soup kitchen for the homeless. Fortnightly activity. 40-50 beneficiaries
- Age care: visiting and socialising with the elderly. 8-10 beneficiaries
- Quarterly days of service for each region of the church. Expected beneficiaries: 100

Gold Coast:

- Signed up for Disaster relief response
- Researching projects. Considering supporting victims of domestic violence through a women's shelter Expected beneficiaries: 50

Brisbane:

- Material aid to various vulnerable groups in Australia: Immigrant Women, women released from prison, homeless people, women caught in domestic violence. Beneficiaries 50-100
- Plan to assist marginalised migrants & refugees in 2018

Adelaide:

- Grape picking for the poor. Grapes for wine to be sold with profits supporting the homeless
- Social events for seniors in aged care, buddies for seniors. Expected beneficiaries 10-15
- Considering meal preparation and social interaction with sick children and their families through Ronald

