

Annual Report

Jan 2012 - June 2013

BRINGING HOPE CHANGING LIVES

HOPE

worldwide

AUSTRALIA

Our Organisation

HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) is a faith-based charity with over 70 affiliates around the world. It is a company limited by Guarantee, founded in 1993 by members of the International Churches of Christ. The organisation has members from the West Sydney Church and five Cooperating Churches of Christ: Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Goldcoast and Perth. Our mission is to remember the poor by:

- ✓ Delivering aid programs to the needy in our community
- ✓ Utilising volunteers from supporting Churches
- ✓ Raising funds through our annual Day of Giving
- ✓ Supporting HOPE affiliates around the world



Kevin (Sydney)



Penny (Brisbane)



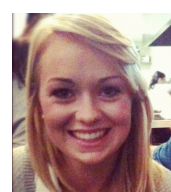
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Teasha (Sydney)



Richard (Sydney)



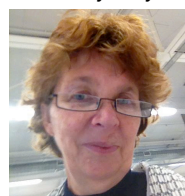
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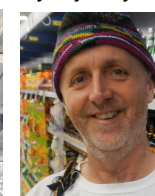
Matt (Melbourne)



Bronwyn (Sydney)



Nerida (Sydney)



Mike H (Sydney)



Mike F (Sydney)



Bryan (Sydney West)

Our People

HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) has three part-time staff: **Dr. Mark Timlin** who serves as the **Country Director**, **Sylvia Appa** who manages administration and fund raising, and **Wayne Merry** who is assisting with support for PNG, general admin and grants. Prior to February 2013, **Anabel Ung** was overseeing finances and admin but moved on to work for the Australian Diabetes Council. **Dr Graham Ogle** served as Director, Health and Social Programs until his resignation in October 2012. He was recognised at our Annual General Meeting in March 2013 for 20 years of dedicated service to the poor and as a founder of HOPE *worldwide* (Australia). He continues to work full time as the General Manager of the Life for a Child Program, with the Australian Diabetes Council and International Diabetes Federation.

Mark Timlin,
Country Director



Sylvia Appa,
Administration
& fund raising



Our Vision

TO REMEMBER THE POOR

☼ IN HIS STEPS

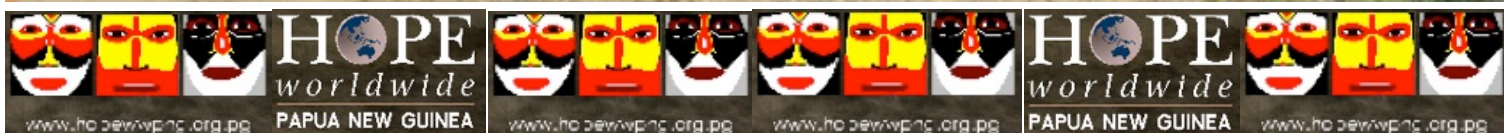
JESUS INSPIRES US TO SHOW COMPASSION AND
SERVE THE POOR

☼ TO SERVE THE POOR LOCALLY

TO MEET THE NEEDS AT OUR DOORSTEPS AND IN OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY

☼ TO SERVE THE POOR OVERSEAS

JOIN A HOPE VOLUNTEER CORPS AND SERVE IN A
POOR COUNTRY



HOPE in Papua New Guinea

In 2012 (financial year) we sent approximately \$135,000 in general and education funds to support programs in PNG, and in addition sent some grants from external donors. Programs are locally managed, but assistance has been required for technical and financial matters that are outside the capacity of local staff.

Many programs and funding came to a close in 2012 and financial distress became apparent through 2013. In response, HOPE worldwide (PNG) downsized from over 70 staff to about 40 (this includes clinic and school staff). The school sponsorship program has been temporarily suspended due to funding constraints but also due to the ability of the PNG government to start paying school fees this year. This has been replaced with support for Six mile school, see below.

Current Programs in HOPE worldwide (PNG)

Primary Health Care: The Bokolma clinic in Cenral Highlands, the Nine Mile Clinic and Lawes Road Clinic in Port Moresby with associated health programs: (a) DOTS tuberculosis treatment and control and (b) Development of diabetes services in PNG.

Primary Education: Non-formal school at 6 mile, for children aged 8-14 years who have missed out on school. The catch up program provides basic literacy and numeracy skills so that pupils can enter the formal system at a grade 3-4 level. Preschool is also available at the same site. The school has recently been re-opened thanks to a donation of \$50,000 from Canberra. We are currently seeking school sponsorship support for 2014.



Bokolma Clinic (left)



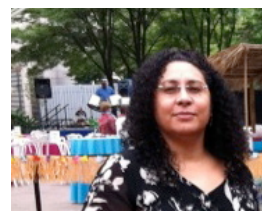
Six Mile School (right)

HIGHLIGHTS for 2012-13

- ✓ *Tessa Te Mata (Country Director) finished a 2-year term as Country Director and Joan Timothy succeeded her in this role.*
- ✓ *HOPE worldwide (PNG) has been managing a second Urban Clinic in Port Moresby: the Lawes Road Clinic. It provides much needed primary health care facilities.*
- ✓ *Due to financial constraints and the high cost of rent, the HOPE office was moved to vacant office space behind the Lawes Road Clinic. The government has offered this free of charge! Pray that this can continue.*
- ✓ *The Life for a Child program continues to expand in PNG and Globally and helps over 10,000 children with diabetes. New countries include Burundi, Ghana, Mexico, and Republic of Congo. The program has evolved and the management capacity of the Diabetes Council has also increased to the point that the involvement of HOPE worldwide (Australia) is no longer required. We wish the program future success.*
- ✓ *New program: a DOTs tuberculosis control program was commenced in order to expand the treatment of TB to the Central Province (funded by the Global Fund).*
- ✓ *Volunteers from Sydney and Melbourne: see page three*



Joan Timothy,
Country Director
HOPE worldwide
(PNG)



Tessa Temata, served
as Country Director
for 2 years

Men on a Mission- a Helping Hand to Papua New Guinea



When you visit Papua New Guinea it is quickly apparent that the country has first world costs with third world incomes!

Towards the end of 2012 and for much of 2013 Wayne Merry and Jeeva Yazala have spent countless hours helping to solve financial and administrative issues in HOPE worldwide (PNG). The organisation is now much more sustainable with healthier finances!

On visiting both urban and rural parts of PNG, Wayne was moved by the sacrificial hearts of the HOPE staff and church members supporting the work. And Jeeva, being from India and used to seeing poverty, was still surprised by the massive needs faced by most Papua New Guineans. Even at the HOPE office he was astonished to hear that most staff did not eat lunch because they could not afford it! **A visit to PNG makes you realise how fortunate we are in Australia.**

HOPE Volunteer Corps- Not Just Numbers, 319039 (PEOPLE)



On July 1st a group of fifteen volunteers from the Melbourne and Sydney Churches of Christ travelled to Papua New Guinea as part of the 2013 HOPE Volunteer Corps. The seven-day trip was packed with Health and Education projects with the goal of following Jesus' example of serving the poor. The projects covered three sites on the outskirts of Port Moresby: 9 Mile Clinic, Lawes Road Clinic and Six Mile School. The group arrived with lots of luggage- mainly large boxes packed with construction material and were ready to serve!



The feedback from the event was very positive and featured in the National Newspapers and TV. Plans are underway for a similar event in 2014 possibly covering urban areas as well as the rural Highlands

O U R R E A C H

In addition to assisting in Papua New Guinea, we are helping other HOPE Affiliates in:

Afghanistan



Security and funding issues have led to a downsizing of the staff and programs in 2012. Currently we run a Community Centre that teaches 120 youth in English language and Computer skills. Funding sources include individuals from the churches in Australia, USA and the UK.

The withdrawal of international troops in 2014 has led to a wave of Afghan Refugees and Asylum seekers in Australia. As part of Refugee Week in Melbourne funds raised at a Soccer event allowed the delivery of much needed **Maternity kits to villages in Afghanistan.**

Cambodia



A grant from **The Charitable Foundation** (a private Australian foundation) to develop a Mobile Clinic at the Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE in Phnom Penh has continued to have a positive impact on rural communities. The clinic started in 2010 and services were expanded in 2012 allowing for the treatment of 10,318 patients. The clinic also reaches out to the community to deliver health screening and education to communities that would otherwise be unaware of potential 'silent' diseases like diabetes or high blood pressure.

Dr. Graham Gumley from the Sydney church continues to provide specialist surgical support to the Sihanouk Hospital in Phnom Penh, through a team of surgical specialists. In 2012, Graham coordinated a **pioneering microsurgical course to benefit amputee patients.**

Global Disasters



HOPE *worldwide* operates in 75 countries, and whenever a natural disaster occurs our local affiliate is able to mount a response to assist. We have been fortunate to have had no major disasters in the period of 2012 to mid 2013. Subsequently the recent typhoon in the Philippines is now an opportunity to respond by mobilising volunteers and emergency aid. Our supporters in Australia continue to give generously to our disaster appeals and we are very grateful for this!

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SOME PROJECTS VOLUNTEERS HAVE CARRIED OUT AROUND AUSTRALIA IN 2013

- ✓ Dinners for the “Down and Outs” - Melbourne
- ✓ Christmas lunch & gifts for Refugee families - Melbourne
- ✓ Day of Service - Sydney

- ✓ Serving in Soup Kitchens - Perth
- ✓ Annual Music Nights - Brisbane
- ✓ Mental Health Support - Gold coast

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Australia receives about 30,000 refugees and asylum seekers annually and they are one of the most disadvantaged groups in the country as a result of poverty, torture and trauma. In December 2012, the Melbourne Church of Christ, in cooperation with HOPE worldwide (Australia) held a Christmas Church Service and barbecue lunch for refugee families in the Dandenong area. This region currently has the highest intake of Refugees and Asylum seekers in Australia and is sometimes referred to as the ‘mini Kabul’.



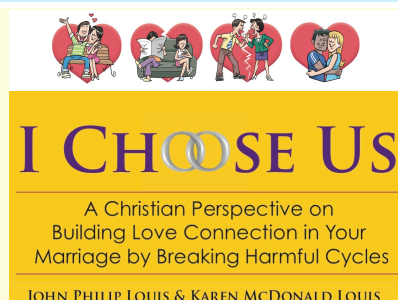
Christmas Giving

Around twenty refugee families enjoyed a barbecue lunch and received gifts. Christmas presents were handed out to refugee kids by the children of church members. In anticipation, refugee families told of how their children couldn't sleep the night before because of the excitement over receiving a gift!



Movie Therapy

A marriage program entitled ‘I Choose Us’ was piloted in Melbourne and Sydney in 2012 and had a good response. Pre and post surveys showed an improvement in marriage relationship. Plans for 2014 include a Seniors program, covering common issues like loneliness, grief and un-forgiveness. A grant from Bendigo Bank will allow volunteers to help the elderly with health and wellbeing through structured entertainment.



Article by Paula Leigh, Member of the Melbourne Church of Christ

The HOPE Christmas Church Service held in December 2012 was particularly inspiring and memorable for me. Personally, I would love to see it become an annual event. I was so moved to see about 20 Muslims join with the disciples worshipping God together; in a Christian church service. Like the incompatibility of oil & water; I quietly held reservations about our ability to bridge huge cultural and spiritual gaps. I'm ashamed to admit I was also not excited to make the effort to meet in the poor part of town, either.

Like many Anglo-Australians; I am challenged and angered when I see news reports of thousands upon thousands of illegal refugees entering Australian waters via Indonesia. I do not like seeing Australian benevolence being taken advantage of. From what I read in the press; these people have often paid people smugglers up to \$23,000 for their passage. The smugglers then burn all their passports and other documentation and bring them to our northern shores, frequently on unworthy sea vessels. When in Australian waters, the boat captains will usually then make distress signals to Australian rescuers, then offload people like cattle. Many die at sea. It is a political problem no government seems able to resolve.

When I saw some Muslim visitors at the barbecue lunch I was very keen to meet them and ask them personally about their stories and why they came to Australia. I approached a timid looking lady who introduced me to her children and we started a conversation. Her story touched my heart profoundly. She had fled her home in the Middle East after it was blown up. On the un-seaworthy vessel between Indonesia and Australia, she carried enough food and water for her family for the journey of a few days. The ship's engine failed. She gave her last water to her two children to sustain them. At some point she became unconscious as the vessel bobbed about the sea for two weeks. She didn't remember much about her rescue. As I was trying to hold back my tears, she said, “Don't worry, I am alive”.

She was so grateful to be in Australia and really enjoyed the church service and fellowship. She tells me she'd like to come to church again. The halal barbecue in picturesque gardens and jumping castle for all the children was so welcoming. It was also a wonderful opportunity for the church kids, who were so generous with their Christmas gifts for the visitors. Truly it was a memorable day. **Thanks to HOPE worldwide for making it all possible!**






HOPE accounts are currently audited each year by Pitcher Partners at a generous discount. Copies of the statement of financial position and income statement for 2012/2013 are available for download from the HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) website located at: www.hopeworldwide.org.au.

Funds are sent overseas to Papua New Guinea, and to other countries. In 2012-13, around \$20,000 was spent on local administration. \$281,000 was spent in support of HOPE *worldwide* (PNG) with \$161,000 in support of Diabetes work. \$86,000 was sent to other countries with **The Charitable Foundation** being the main donor for our mobile clinic in Cambodia.

Our support of Papua New Guinea was far in excess of our income for the year and this is the principle reason for our operating loss. This level of support was necessary in order to prevent the organisation from ceasing operation with substantial debt. Technical support from HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) has allowed







HOPE *worldwide* (PNG) to become sustainable and better deal with their financial and administrative responsibilities to avoid this happening again.

PLANS FOR 2014

-  **NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING-**
THE NEAREST SUNDAY TO ANZAC DAY,
APRIL 27TH 2014
-  **HOPE VOLUNTEER CORPS & MEDICAL**
BRIGADE to Papua New Guinea, July 2014
-  **Seniors Program-** Structured entertainment for the elderly around Australia
-  **Social Inclusion for Refugees and Asylum Seekers** in Melbourne
-  **HOPE Chapters-** to facilitate service to the poor across Australia

Making a Donation


How to Help:

-  Make a regular donation to the Overseas Aid Fund.
-  Consider giving \$5 per week to the Sunday/midweek poor collection at an International Church of Christ.
-  Sponsor a Child at Six Mile School.
-  Approach your friends or your company for a donation.
-  Get involved in a fund raising event.
-  For more info contact us (mark.timlin@hopeww.org, tel: +61-3-95115639, +61-434168945).

Overseas Program Support:

1. Direct deposit:

HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) Ltd. Overseas Aid Fund
BSB: 012 290, A/C: 4794 10473

-  Please email us with your details so you can receive a tax receipt.

2. By Cheque:

HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) Ltd. Overseas Aid Fund, posted
to: HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) Ltd, 19 Chandler Rd, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150.

3 Payroll Giving:

Pre-tax from your pay, via Charities Aid Foundation, see our website: www.hopeworldwide.org.au. Also ask your employer if they participate in payroll giving - some generous employers even match your contributions!

4. Online Giving

via: givenow.com.au to Papua New Guinea, School sponsorship program and Afghanistan

Local Program Support:

1. Direct deposit:

HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) Aid Pty Ltd
BSB: 633000, A/C: 150725133

-  Please email us with your details so you can receive a tax receipt.

2. By Cheque:

HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) Aid Pty Ltd
to: HOPE *worldwide* (Australia) Ltd, 19 Chandler Rd, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150.

-  Please contact us with your details so you can receive a receipt.

-  For Australian programs payroll giving and online giving will be available later in 2014

Thank you for Your Support!