

HOPE *worldwide* PNG, Celebrates its Silver Jubilee- 25 years of Service!



Remarks by Priscilla Mal, Country Director (Monday, 25th February 2019)

Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished Guest from HOPE worldwide Australia (Dr Mark Timlin and Dr. Graham Gumley), Manager Refugee Clinic Melbourne (Mrs Fay Lea-Smith), Pastor and Women's Ministry Leader of the Port Moresby Church of Christ (Felix and Ashley Tokwepota), Development Partners, and my wonderful & hardworking HOPE *worldwide* staff;

It gives me such joy and great pleasure to welcome you all to the commemoration of 25 years of HOPE *worldwide* PNG's work in reaching and serving the underprivileged communities in PNG.

25 years is a huge milestone for this faith-based community orientated organization. It is a testament of our resilience to survive, thrive and adapt, never shying away and fully living out our mission and vision every day. It is a testament of ultimately God's unconditional and unfailing love for us, His people despite our weaknesses & downfalls. God has covered us with his feathers, sheltered us with his wings and his faithful promises are OUR armour and protection as stated in Psalms of David Chapter 91, verse 4.

It is a great privilege and honour to commemorate 25 years of HOPE *worldwide* PNG with you all.

I would like to acknowledge the previous Country Directors (Drs. Graham Ogle & Helen Ogle, Mr. Luke Keria, Ms. Jessica Lesly, Ms. Tessa Temata & Mrs Joan Timothy) who have strategically led *HOPE worldwide* PNG over the years, Board Members past and current and of course the hard-working staff for your valuable contributions.

HOPE *worldwide* PNG was established on February 23rd 1994 under the **Associations Incorporations Act of Papua New Guinea as a Non-Governmental Organization** with the purpose *to promote charitable services including societal development, relief and welfare including but not limited to medical, educational and social programs, primarily throughout Papua New Guinea. The Association (HOPE worldwide PNG) is a faith-based organization but the purpose of The Association does not discriminate based on people's religious beliefs, race, gender or economic status.*

For 25 years now, I am proud to say that we continue to achieve our vision of 'Bringing Hope & Changing Lives' of the disadvantaged communities through our health, education, agriculture and other social services in PNG.

For 25 years now, we continue to achieve our mission through the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff (such as you all) and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high impact and community-based services to the poor and needy.

Our Programs at a Glance for the past 25 years!

• Health

From a mobile caravan clinic operating out at 9-mile in 1994 to now managing and supporting four (4) health facilities in PNG in partnership with the National Government of PNG, Department of Health, National Capital District Health Services, Christian Health Services and the Simbu Provincial Health Authority.

Nine Mile Clinic



Figure 1 In 1994, the 9 Mile clinic was a mobile caravan. Far left Dr Graham Ogle



Figure 2 In 2019, outside 9 Mile Clinic- 25 years of operation. Left to right: Nadine Tenpler (Global Volunteer Director), Priscilla Mal (PNG Country Director), Mark Timlin (Australia Country Director), Fay Lea-Smith (Volunteer Nurse team leader from Australia)



Figure 3 Some of the current staff at 9 mile clinic

• Education

Non-formal Education, School Sponsorship and Library program

The Non-formal Education program allowed Basic literacy, Numeracy and General Skills to be taught to 'out of school' students in National Central District (NCD).

The School Sponsorship program has sponsored over 1,000 students who are now contributing dynamically in their various professions in the private and public sector.



Figure 4 Catch up School that operated at Six Mile

The School Library Program distributed over 2 million Books nation-wide



Figure 5 One of the primary schools in Gumine, Central Highlands benefitting from the library program

- **Agriculture**

A number of programs including Rice, Vanilla and Duck farming conducted around the NCD and central province assisted local communities and villagers to step out of poverty and sustain themselves.

Early agriculture program - HOPE



Current Programs

• Primary Health Care

We provide vital health services through four clinics: 2 urban clinics (9-mile and Lawes Road) and 2 rural clinics (Moroma and Bokolma). They are operated in partnership with NCD health and funded through the Christian Health Services. The 2 urban clinics serve over 300 patients on a daily basis.

Our 2 rural health facilities are situated in the Simbu province, Central Highlands. The Bokolma Aid Post in Gumine District provides health services to a total catchment population of over 15,000 men, women and children. The Moroma health facility is located at Kerowaghi District and serves over 20,000 people including people from the neighbouring Jiwaka province.

The health facilities provide integrated services including; General Outpatients, Antenatal Care, Nutrition for malnourished children, Well Baby clinic, Family Planning, Leprosy treatment, TB, HIV & STI - Counselling, Testing & Treatment, Family and Sexual Health Services, Gender Based Violence Counselling, Treatment (and appropriate referral pathways).



Figure 6 One of the rural clinics, operated by HOPE worldwide PNG- Bokolma Clinic, Gumine, Central Highlands

• **Global Fund TB / HIV Grant**

HOPE PNG is also implementing a TB / HIV program funded by the Global fund which is part of a National Program to fight against HIV/Aids to achieve the UNs global target: 90-90-90. Which means by 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their status, 90% of all people diagnosed with HIV infection will receive ongoing treatment with antiretroviral therapy (ART) and 90% of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression (disease control). It is an ambitious treatment target and will help to end the AIDS epidemic globally. HOPE *worldwide* PNG is a serious partner in the fight to eradicate AIDS in Papua New Guinea. Current Statistics show that there are 48,000 people living with HIV in PNG (PLHIV), the highest in the Pacific region and this is likely to be an under estimate. HOPE *worldwide* PNG is doing its bit to contribute to mindset change, behaviour change and empowering PLHIV to access ART treatment and live responsibly and meaningfully.



Figure 7 Some of the HIV outreach team at the HOPE clinic at Lawes Road, Port Moresby

Kisim Save Helpim Hauslain (KSHH)

Gain Knowledge and Help your Community



HOPE PNG is looking for funding the develop this current program (initially funded by the US Embassy). Request made to Auckland COC. Education Program covers:

- 1) Basic Adult Literacy
- 2) Project Management and implementation skills
- 3) Entrepreneurship
- 4) Spiritual and Mental Well-being Seminar: Bible reading/Motivational/Spiritual lessons
- 5) Leadership training

The **Kisim Save Helpim Hauslain (KSHH)** provides capacity building training for community-based organizations (CBOs) and supports them to effectively work within their communities to help reduce HIV associated stigma, discrimination (including violence), encourage lifestyle change and access medical diagnosis and treatment services. It will now go into its third phase of capacity building with Adult Literacy and skills-based training for job creation with the support of the Brian Bell Foundation and the Auckland Church of Christ.

New literacy project in Early Childhood Education: this pilot project aims to serve a poor community in Port Moresby by supporting a preschool of 80 student, ranging from ages 3 to 6. Funds are being provided by HOPE *worldwide* Australia



Figure 9 New Literacy program to support early childhood development

- **Volunteerism**

We partner with the dynamic Filipino Medical Team at Port Moresby General Hospital, Port Moresby Church of Christ volunteers, UPNG School of Dentistry, Cheshire Disability Services including friends and family members to conduct the following community initiatives:

- ✓ Feeding Program for the Homeless (Men, Women & Children)
- ✓ Feeding Program for people living with disabilities
- ✓ Free medical and dental care and treatment for the people living with disability

- **Total Beneficiaries**

Approximately 200,000 Papua New Guineans benefit from our services annually. We have come a long way HOPE *worldwide* PNG! Now is a time to look back with admiration of our humanitarian efforts, identify gaps and challenges, address them and continue to stay focussed on our mission, and look forward with anticipation to respond to the call of service with all our hearts. In the words of Maya Angelou, an American poet: *“My wish is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a Mean world with your acts of Kindness.” Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of HOPE.*

Happy 25th Birthday HOPE worldwide PNG Family!

- **Acknowledgments**

We remain thankful to our current and past Development partners / Supporters / Donors and Volunteers since the establishment of HOPE worldwide PNG (listed below):

- Global Fund
- US Embassy / US Government

- Oil Search
- NZAid
- World Vision
- Malaysian Association of PNG
- Port Moresby Church Of Christ
- International Churches of Christ
- HOPE *worldwide* Australia & NZ
- HOPE *worldwide* US
- National Department of Health
- Christian Health Services
- National Capital District Health Services
- Simbu Provincial Health Authority
- Kerowaghi District & Health Administration
- Gumine District & Health Administration
- Australia New Zealand Bank
- Bank of Papua New Guinea
- Bank of South Pacific
- Powa Industries
- Cheshire DisAbility Services
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- Filipino Medical Team
- FHI360
- Population Service International
- Rotary Against Malaria
- Rotary Madang
- Brian Bell Foundation
- DFAT
- National Aids Council Secretariat
- Telikom Foundation