

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Another year has passed and a new one has just begun. As time continues on its steady path, it's always good to reflect on the past with a sense of gratitude and honour at what we have accomplished together in the service of others. With the view of surging forward with renewed strength and fervour to continue the work that others before us had started many years ago.

2022 - THE YEAR THAT WAS ...

FINANCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN UKRAINE

HOPE worldwide has partnered with other charities, the UN, and the European Churches of Christ to meet local needs since the onset of the conflict in Ukraine in late February 2022.

The incredible generosity and compassion shown by the hundreds of HOPE volunteers across Europe have helped thousands of traumatised Ukrainian families. By May 2022, assistance provided included:

- Delivery of \$20 million USD worth of donated lifesaving medical supplies;
- Food and water in the form of 1,000 meals delivered per day and over 2,000 water filters supplied;
- Psychological support to Ukrainian families;
- Housing for over 1,000 refugees across 31 cities in Europe; and
- Refugee Hotel in Moldova providing a safe place to stay, emotional support, as well as food.



HOPE volunteers in Ukraine providing over 1000 meals a day

In Australia, we raised over \$20,000 AUD in donations via the HOPE *worldwide* Australia website and bank transfer.

HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT IN PNG

HEALTH PROGRAMS

Installation of a new Gene-Xpert
Machine by the Central Public
Health Laboratory (CPHL) team
in the 9-mile Clinic. This machine
is a diagnostic equipment for
testing tuberculosis;



Both 9-mile Clinic and the Lawes Road Clinic have also received PPE donations from HOPE worldwide Australia, as well as hygiene packs for mothers and babies, from the Gold Coast Church of Christ;

 Volunteers and friends from the Port Moresby Church of Christ also came out to do cleaning and landscaping at the Lawes Road Clinic.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

So far, about 4,000 books and teaching materials have been distributed across three remote early childhood schools in PNG: The Mercy Care Early Childhood, the Kalewere Primary School, and the Yomba Day Care Centre.

COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT IN IN FUI

When the pandemic hit, most of the resorts in the island of Mamanuca closed, affecting the economy of the community and therefore the funding of the schools.

HOPE has provided a donation of F\$850 as well as school supplies that included glue sticks, blank paper, water-paint, paint-brushes, colour pencils, chalk boards, chalk packs, LEGOs, plasticine, and puzzle mats.

The Church in New Zealand also distributed toys, school bags, books, and clothing to 59 children within the church families in Nadi, Lautoka, and Suva. Some of the parents are still out of work as a direct result of the pandemic.















SO MANY HAPPY FACES & BIG FIJIAN SMILES FROM SOME OF THE 59 KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES THAT RECEIVED THE "MIGHTY APE TOYS & GIFTS". ALL OF THESE KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES WERE IMPACTED BY COVID WITH PARENTS LOSING THEIR JOBS SO TO RECEIVE THESE TOYS & GIFTS LIFTED THEIR SPIRITS & BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY. VINAKA VAKALEVU "MIGHT APE" & OUR MIGHTYADE NZ CHURCH FAMILY. MUCH LOVE FROM OUR FIJI KIDS & FAMILIES













COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT IN NEW CALEDONIA

Ben and Brooke Mey from the Sydney Church of Christ led a team of volunteers in a 12-day HOPE SPA project in Noumea, New Caledonia on the 6th-17th of October 2022. The HOPE SPA corps worked together, refurbishing a storage building where food, clothing, and furniture will be kept for disaster and emergency situations such as cyclones, flooding, fire, and even difficult family circumstances.



FEEDING THE VULNERABLE IN SYDNEY

In February 2022, volunteers from the Sydney Church of Christ, headed by Ricaredo Dela Costa (Sydney HOPE Rep), set up a Soup Kitchen to meet the needs of a vulnerable population in Telopea.

The Sunday night mealtimes were encouraging to those who came—both who served and who were served. The atmosphere was friendly; and the food and service were good.



HOPE volunteers in Sydney providing meals for the vulnerable in Sydney

2023 - AND THE WORK CONTINUES ...

This year is looking to be another promising year for HOPE Australia, its donors and all its beneficiaries. Among the programs committed to be delivered include:

- PNG Community, Health and Educational support
- Fiji community and health support
- HOPE Volunteer Corps
- South Pacific and Australia (SPA) Volunteer Corps
- Expansion of current Sydney projects to other regions
- Melbourne Volunteer tutor scheme for refugees and migrants (6month program)
- Gold Coast Collection of items for local refuge; Christmas carols

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF HOPE AUSTRALIA

On behalf of the Directors and Management of HOPE worldwide Australia, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and thank all our donors for providing the financial assistance and to our volunteers for providing the necessary manpower. Your ongoing support is what makes HOPE worldwide Australia deliver and complete all its programs.

Thank you and God bless.

2023 HVC TRIPS ANNOUNCED!



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