

HOPE ANNUAL REPORT

2016- 2017

1. HOPE Youth Corps



Dylan (left), is a student at Monash University and a part of the Melbourne Church of Christ Campus Ministry. In mid July he is about the venture out to serve on his first HOPE Youth Corps, in Zambia, Southern Africa. Please be praying his journey to be safe and for his service to impact many! **HOPE Youth Corps** is an exciting program that combines the ministry of Jesus in serving the poor physically and spiritually. The programs typically runs for two weeks and caters for young, single, married or senior!

As part of a HYC, you will be challenged physically and spiritually, impact others, build new and deep relationships, learn about people and cultures you may have never experienced before and on top of all that you will have lots of fun! A number of Australians from our churches have been actively joining programs across the globe. Listen to their stories and they return and share their news. In 2017 most of the 19 programs across 11 countries are fully booked, but it is not too late to sign up for the programs in December 2017. And in a short time the 2018 programs will be announced. Check out the HYC website and if you would like to apply for a HYC, or support someone else to participate:

<https://www.hopeww.org/hyc>



2. HOPE Around the World!

HOPE *worldwide* operates in more than 60 countries and it is encouraging to hear some of the good news from around the world! Here is an update from Zambia!



HOPE in Zambia has been developing programs in early childhood education. I recently talked to Diana, one of the HOPE staff in Zambia to seek ideas for a planned literacy program in Papua New Guinea, and she gave me an update from Zambia:

Two years ago Steve Clarke moved from the UK to Zambia with his young family to lead the work of HOPE *worldwide* Zambia. The charity focusses on Early Childhood Development, Children's clubs, Women's Economic Empowerment and HIV/AIDS awareness. In 2016 after funds were raised from one of the UK churches they set up a preschool program after renovating an existing building. It now provides a clean, safe (and fun) environment for children between the ages of six months to six years. A lot of effort has been made to provide the best learning environment for the children and this can be seen in through the staff and the curriculum. HOPE Zambia has also expanded their work to running a second pre-school catering for a total of 65 children. Health programs have also been expanded to more rural areas where needs are greater.



More information about HOPE *worldwide* Zambia at <http://hopewwzambia.org> and more details of the preschool program at: <https://www.facebook.com/HOPEwwZambiaTLT/>

3. HOPE in Papua New Guinea



Kerry O'Neil surveying literacy needs in Papua New Guinea

The need for a Literacy in Papua New Guinea

Kerry O'Neil spent a week in Papua New Guinea in March and made a strong case for supporting literacy in Papua New Guinea. So far, we have raised approximately \$20,000 and are planning to do more fundraising later this year to set up the program. See some of Kerry's notes below:

Having spoken extensively with Church leaders, local disciples, Hope workers, volunteers and the general public, it has become increasingly apparent that there is a great need for PNG and foreign governments and support organisations to provide Literacy support across the country. However, in terms of HOPE providing support, it has also become clear to me that a narrow focus on one particular group would be the best way to develop a successful literacy program. There are so many needs within the country, and so many efforts that are being made. From my research, a high quality literacy program for young illiterate people between the ages of 6-17 appears to be the best place to start. This group for a variety of reasons do not have access to or have been asked to leave the government system. Breaking the cycle of poverty by providing them with a clearly defined effective, and ongoing supportive program is one way that HOPE could make a significant difference to the lives of young people and their families.



Kids on the street in Papua New Guinea

4. **HOPE in Australia:**

HOPE Board: Mike Fontenot, Graham Gumley, Kevin Roland, Jun Pablo, John Hancel. **Retiring:** Kevin Roland and John Hancel. **New Board members...**

Developing HOPE AUS: new finance/admin staff taking over from Wayne Merry: Shona Kohler. Support from Louie Arcilla- accountant. Providing a solid foundation for supporting local programs whilst still supporting overseas programs and HYC

Finishing support of HOPE PNG Admin and Finances: acknowledging the work of Wayne Merry- thank you (note exit report)

Renewed focus on local programs

HOPE Reps: (note recent HOPE reps minutes)



Tutoring refugee children in Melbourne



Ronald McDonald House: meals and entertainment events for sick children in Perth and New Zealand

Brisbane (Erik & Joy Lens Van Rijn – thank you for service, especially focus on PNG now moved to James MaCaulay), ...food boxes for vulnerable groups

Goldcoast (Wayne Thornton- thank you for service, specifically focus on mental health programs, now moved to Melinda Smith who is a nurse), ... mental health

Sydney (Phil Bohringer- thank you for service, especially initiating the homeless program. Now moved to Ricardo Delacosta), ... continue with homeless support

Melbourne (Jo Donado, Alex Chong), Seniors and refugees

New Zealand (Duncan Wilson), supporting sick children through entertainment nights, prep nights

Perth (Willem Hattingh). Starting at

Adelaide (Rowan MaCaulay)... just started

Strategic Plan – meeting later this year to renew vision and develop a strategic plan looking to the future

Ongoing support of HOPE in PNG

A large organization- 60 (15 disciples). Recent AGM, new Board and strengthened partnership with the Port Moresby Church, also developing strategy. Support from Australia- shift to program based support and looking to support literacy