



Annual Report of
International Needs New Zealand
for the year ended 31 December 2017



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About Us

Registration

International Needs New Zealand (INNZN) is registered in New Zealand under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and the Charities Act 2005 (charity registration CC10941).

Purpose

INNZN's vision is *Transformed Communities, Changed Lives*. It works towards this vision by connecting Christian partners in effective evangelism, discipleship and community development. INNZN is a member of International Needs Incorporated, a worldwide partnership of Christian organizations fulfilling the commission of Jesus Christ, supporting each other to see transformed lives, families and communities.

Values

In carrying out its aims and purposes, INNZN operates within the following key values:

- Bible-based Christian values
- Transparency and integrity
- Self-sufficiency
- Evangelism
- Non-discrimination and social justice
- National leadership
- Stewardship
- Holistic development and capacity building
- Fiscal integrity

Governance

INNZN is governed by a Board consisting of eight persons: Peter Sara (chair), David Hughes (vice-chair), Roger Clist (secretary), Malcolm Taylor (treasurer), Robyn Cotton, Daniel Gibbons, Kit Jensen and Sarah Markley. Following the resignation of Gradon Harvey, the Board appointed Geoff Warne in an interim capacity in November 2017, pending the appointment of a permanent Executive Director in 2018.

Code of conduct

INNZN as a member of International Needs Incorporated subscribes to its Statement of Faith. Persons wishing to lodge complaints about INNZN's conduct can do so by contacting the Executive Director director@internationalneeds.org.nz or the Chair chairman@internationalneeds.org.nz.



Chair's Report

The task of inducting a new executive director and new trustees, to replace those who have retired after many years of faithful service, requires the conveying of the policies and practices of International Needs. Its history and culture. And tradition, about which Gustav Mahler said was “not a matter of preserving the ashes but passing on the flame.”

The gospel is the flame in our tradition. Our privilege in New Zealand is to help those in other countries carry that flame to their own. This is because our tradition firmly holds to the distinctive principle that nationals are best equipped to do the work of evangelism in their own countries. This flame too must be passed on to the next generation in our country and theirs too. A tremendous opportunity presents itself to the local churches to get involved – to become aware that every church is a “missions church” and be engaged accordingly.

We are excited about doing our part to bring this about. Please continue to pray for us. May it be that when Jesus returns, he will find faith on the earth. (Luke18:8)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sara'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and 'S'.

Peter Sara
Chairman



Executive Director's Report

2017 at a glance

- Through sponsorship programmes, our supporters helped the work of more than 60 evangelists and church planters in 16 countries
- With our partner Ola Fou in Fiji, we completed a four-year project helping solo mothers gain livelihoods, self-respect and self-reliance, with great results
- Following a fundraising appeal we supported the showing of the Jesus film by our partners in four countries. Lives continue to be changed through this presentation of the Gospel
- A Mission Awareness Tour, led by an INNZ staff member, visited partner projects in Bangladesh and Nepal and returned full of enthusiasm for the good work going on there and for visible evidence of transformed communities and changed lives
- Gradon Harvey, Executive Director for the past 7 years, left at the end of October: the Board appointed an interim Executive Director while recruiting the new permanent person

Programme highlights

Evangelism and church planting

International Needs encourages churches and individuals to support the work of local evangelists and church planters in 16 countries. The reports by the people supported provide evidence of faithful, committed service. Typically, evangelists experience long journeys to reach the place where they are ministering, and some face hostility from well-entrenched local beliefs.

Another tool for evangelism globally has been the Jesus film, which has now been shown in more than 1,500 languages and in every country in the world. Following a campaign to raise funds for evangelism, we were able to support continued showings in Myanmar, north India, Cambodia and Uganda.

Bougainville

With the generous support of a NZ trust which gave a \$50,000 loan, our partner Kidron Ministries' guest house in Buka was virtually completed and has started taking bookings. Loan repayments are due to start in mid-2018. The aim is to enable Kidron Ministries to become more self-supporting.

Cambodia

A team from a supporter church spent time in Cambodia with Pastor Jojo Miraflores, who is planting churches in Cambodia and has built a network of pastors in those new churches.

Fiji

The four-year Solo Mums project finished in late 2017 and is currently being reported on. A total of 52 mothers graduated from the training programme (96% of trainees): 71% of these mothers are now running their own small businesses, and 29% are in paid employment. These are great results, and it is pleasing to see they are accompanied by improved self-respect, and greater respect from other family and community members – which was previously lacking as solo mums are often looked down upon in Fiji.

A new phase of this project is under development and, if approved by the NZ Government for co-funding, will be implemented by our International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust. The Board has also encouraged the re-establishment of International Needs Fiji as the partner for the next phase of the project.

Myanmar

Our partner organisation Hope for Now runs community development projects and, in addition, has a very active program of outreach and evangelism with the support of New Zealand donors.

Mission awareness tours

A group that included two of our staff team and several supporters from the Bay of Plenty area visited Bangladesh and Nepal. The team members have shared great stories about new insights into mission, new experiences and personal life-change. Another tour is being planned for 2018, this time focusing on India.

Prayer

The faithful prayers of New Zealand supporters are vital in this ministry. After feedback from supporters, we worked on a new, more comprehensive monthly prayer guide which has been launched in 2018. Our staff meet together at the office mid-morning to pray for the work of International Needs internationally as well as in New Zealand.

INNZ office

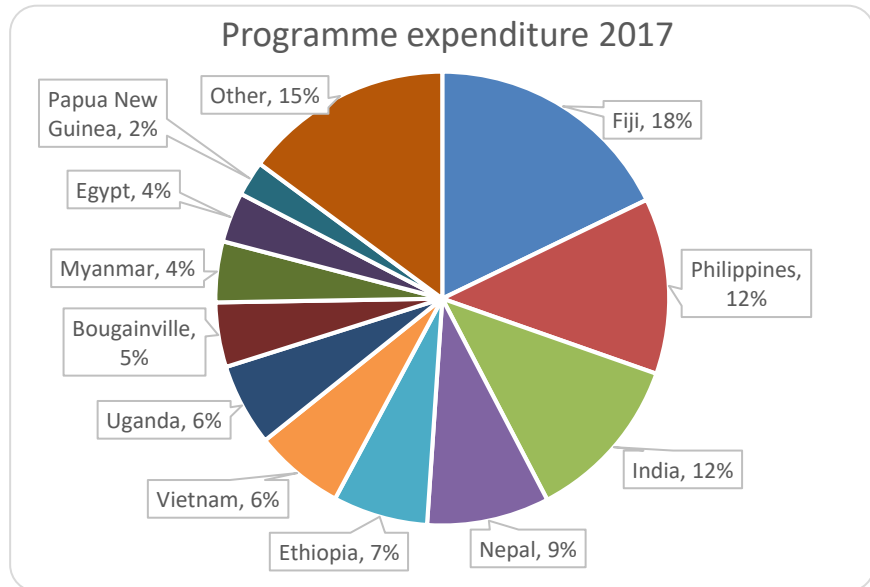
Our 5-person staff team worked hard in sometimes challenging circumstances in 2017. I am proud of their achievements, which included raising funds for much-needed new IT equipment that was installed in early 2018. The staff and board said farewell to Gradon Harvey who served as Executive Director for 7 years and helped to maintain and build our profile and effectiveness. Geoff Warne was appointed from November 2017 in a temporary capacity while the Board set about recruiting the next permanent Executive Director. An appointment is expected in 2018.

Financial summary

Total external income in 2017 was \$505,000, an increase of 5.1% on 2016. Of this, \$302,000 (60%) was sent to evangelism, discipleship and community development programmes in 13 countries. This was a decrease of 28% over 2016, due mainly to the fact that 2016 expenditure included more than \$100,000 that had been held over from the previous year. \$235,000 was spent in New Zealand on fundraising and administration, net of the contribution towards these services by our International Needs Humanitarian Aid Trust.

\$54,000 (18%) of INNZ's programme expenditure was on the concluding phase of a multi-year programme in Fiji co-funded by NZAID. The remaining \$248,000 went to national ministries in 19 countries.

A full set of audited financial statements may be obtained by contacting the International Needs office in Tauranga, or from Charities Services' website, or by e-mailing director@internationalneeds.org.nz.



The staff team

With Executive Director Gradon Harvey's departure in October, this was a year of change for the staff team. My tenure as Interim Executive Director is only for a few months, but in that time I have developed a real appreciation for the value of the work of International Needs, and for the people I have had the pleasure of working with. My warmest thanks to the staff team of John Elen (Operations), Gail Halsted (Accounts) and Jen Missen and Liz McManus (Sponsorship); to our volunteers including especially Zhuming Lam who looks after our website; and to Rob Wayne who heads our community development programme. They are the team that 'make it all happen' by providing the crucial link between our NZ supporters and our front-line partners.

Geoff Warne
Interim Executive Director