



Annual Report of International Needs for the year ended

December 31, 2016



### Message from the chair

Transformed lives and changed communities are the condensed descriptors of the work of IN. The end point. The result of the complex process of giving and receiving with integrity so that donors money and time achieve lasting and positive change in the worlds where other people live.

Central to all of this, is our obedience to Christ whose command to make disciples of all nations has never been rescinded. Thus, the gospel is at the heart of all we do - explicitly proclaimed and taught where there is freedom to do so, and implicitly where there are constraints. But the gospel nevertheless. Making Jesus known. The IN congress which comprises all international partners recently reaffirmed the centrality of Christ in our mission. He is the person we bring to the nations. He is the one who transforms lives and changes communities. We rejoice that we can be part of this great adventure. Thank you for the parts you play without which there would be no mission at all.

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Peter Sara

Chair



## **Report from Gradon Harvey, executive director.**

### **2016 at a glance.**

In 2016, we did an internal review of our work for the new strategic plan. We used a consultant, Steve Tollestrup who used to lead Tear Fund. He had known of International Needs for some 20 years and had been puzzled why we had not grown to the size of Tear Fund over the same period. As he researched, he realized why. He discovered the people who support us believe (as we do) that we are not an aid organization but a mission. So in terms of actual monies, he stated that we are in fact one of the largest mission organizations in New Zealand.

From the beginning, we have sought to be a holistic mission. "Aid in one hand, the bible in the other" seeking to help transform lives and change communities practically and spiritually. A cynic, looking at the little transformational change that has happened in African society despite the billions of dollars spent over the last 50 years declared, "Aid without the gospel just creates fat children and nothing more!"

During the year, we sent just under \$400,000 to help the work of evangelism and church planting in 18 countries.

I have begun to read all the quarterly reports that our many Church planters send in.

I would like to share one summary that might be atypical of the kind of people that we are helping.

Patrick working in rural Uganda writes "we are in good health through we are challenged by the ongoing famine and drought" He had started a home cell meeting recently with 50 new believers, although he was disappointed it had not grown to his target of 80. He had planted two congregations this quarter with an average size congregation of 188 people. He had prayed with his brother in law recently who had a condition that gave him difficulty in walking upright for the past three years. Patrick stayed and prayed for his brother in law for two days. He saw God do a miracle over those two days. His brother in law is now restored to his old job as head football coach.

Patrick's motorbike had broken down which was now hindering his ministry (and he had no money to fix it) and he asked for prayer that God would provide for his family during the drought as he was worried he might not be able to feed his children.

Patrick receives US\$100 a month and we pay for his children's education fees. Last year we finished raising money for motorbikes for Patrick and his 11 other Ugandan Church planters.

May the Lord in 2017 raise up many more supporters, so our church planters/evangelists like Patrick can do the work they have been called to, to see change lives and transforming communities.

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Gradon Harvey

Executive director.