

# International Needs

TRANSFORMING LIVES. CHANGING COMMUNITIES.

The logo graphic consists of two thick, curved lines in shades of green, one above the other, forming a partial arc that suggests a smile or a protective shield.

Some of the 8 tons of food *distributed* after Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in November 2013

Annual Report of International Needs for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 31, 2013

## Report from the chair Peter Sara



Very recently Petr Horacek who serves as Executive Director for the Czech Republic had an operation to remove a tumour from his brain. As the day of his operation approached, I began to receive copies of emails from other fellow IN directors and leaders to Petr.

They were without exception full of encouragement, full of faith - assuring Petr of God's goodness and His power to heal. When it was discovered that Petr was sharing a room with a non-believer, prayers were sought that Petr might effectively share the goodness of Christ to this man so that he might be saved.

This experience reinforces the truth that we are involved in a family business. The Father's business.

Family businesses require a commitment to relationships as the first priority. The love expressed to Petr and his wife over the last weeks is proof of that.

Thank you for your commitment in prayer and financial support to the work of IN.

May we all continue to go about our Father's business.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Peter Sara". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.



## 2013 at a glance

### ***2013 was a challenging year!***

This year we began for the first time, intentional disaster relief appeals, linked to Radio Rhema, in response this year to requests for help from Egypt and the Philippines. This involvement in disaster relief has created a huge awareness of the work of International Needs nationally, as well as attracting over 250 new supporters. Our small office did incredibly well rising to the challenge of two intense appeals. A huge debt of gratitude must go to our volunteer website manager, Zhuming Lam, who at a moment's notice was able to redesign our website, focused for a major appeal, twice!

### ***Our NZ office faced its share of challenges!***

- We lost two valued colleagues, Stephen Whitwell and Stephen Hartfield, who moved on to new callings elsewhere. We welcomed Vivette Tjaberlings in July as PA and communications manager.
- We faced financial stress in the NZ office when our reserves dropped to its lowest level ever. An appeal to key supporters rescued us, with \$60,000 given to help us through this difficult period. We finished the year with a small surplus of income over expenditure of \$11,000 which was a very satisfying result if one had looked at financial forecasts in the middle of the year!
- We were invited to be the featured mission agency at New Wine conferences this gave us huge exposure to churches we have not had previously any contact with. This involved updating all our publications, so we could profile well, the work of International Needs. Another challenge!

### ***Our deputations faced challenges!***

- We were blessed with the visit of Jones Dizon in September who did an excellent job reconnecting with Churches throughout NZ.
- Unfortunately, we also cancelled the visit of several global partner EDs because of the difficulty in getting invitations to speak in churches. This was extremely disappointing.

### ***Our community development work faced challenges!***

- We did a lot of research and a site visit for a proposed village water project in PNG and decided not to proceed because of the current dysfunctional nature of village life.
- We were turned down for a NZ Aid project in the Philippines, again after a lot of research and work by both INPH and ourselves.

In contrast the new NZ Aid project in Fiji, helping Solo Mums set up their own businesses, has gone extremely well, and we raised a record \$1.9 million during the year, largely for our child sponsorship and for an assortment of smaller community projects linked to our global partners.

We sent church teams to the Philippines, Fiji, PNG, Ghana, India and Nepal. They all came back rejoicing at all they had seen and heard. Robyn Cotton, a trust board member, visited Ghana for our annual congress of global partners and had the opportunity with Rob Wayne (our NZ Aid contracts manager) to see firsthand the amazing work of our Ghana ministry.

### ***It was a good but challenging year!!***

Gradon Harvey – Executive Director INNZ