



Young girls in sewing apprenticeships in Ghana who were part of our “ComSec” NZ Aid programme

Annual Report of International Needs for the year ended
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Report from Peter Sara, INNZ chair of Trustees.

Chairman's message annual report 2015

Recently I watched the movie Son of God. As bible movies go, it was pretty much true to the gospel accounts. What struck me was how totally revolutionary Jesus is, then and now. In a world where people try to get their way through force and violence in all its forms, Jesus' uncompromising commitment to overcoming evil through love is the divine benchmark, which he established and steadfastly held to at the cost of his own life.

As we witness the horrors of violence and bloodshed play out all around us, we could give way to weary despair. Some say the world has "gone to hell in a basket". Some might say hell is here and now. But then there is Jesus, God's own dear son who proves that love born of heaven and brought to earth has been irrevocably released as the antidote to viral hatred and sin. Love works its way through the whole dough. From small beginnings, International Needs has grown due to the leaven of heaven and now celebrates a significant birthday. We give thanks to our founder Ray Harrison and to Him who inspired this outworking of God's rescue mission.

Happy Birthday International Needs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Sara', written over a light grey grid background.



Report from Gradon Harvey, executive director.

2014 at a glance.

International Needs has no income other than the generosity of its donors, so every year, in my eyes, as we begin the year with nothing but a faith budget, with hopes of helping our partners in the developing world. We often have difficulties along the way which stretch our faith. We finished the year with a small surplus of around \$13,000 in our New Zealand account which is kind of miraculous as we experienced a huge drop in anticipated income mid-year. We had two cancelled visits by National leaders that lost us momentum, and after a busy year in 2013 with disaster appeals, we had none in 2014.

We also celebrated the granting of overseas donee status by IRD (but not for evangelism or church based projects) which will enable us to grow our income.

2014 was a year of change.

Our office had a lot of change!

The office lost **Ginny Coe**, who had served us faithfully for 12 years in our sponsorship department, when she moved to Whanganui. **Brynn Carter**, who worked part time, left us to go teaching after her marriage to Ashley. **Vivette Tjaberings** found she needed full time work and left us after a year to become a marketing manager. All three were much loved and valued colleagues. Each brought something special to the office. We are especially grateful to Vivette (whose background was journalism), for her work in updating all our literature and training manuals.

We intentionally changed our office model from “part time” to” full time staff “and employed an operations manager, to enable me as Executive Director to transition from the day to day running of the office, to one of intentionally seeking to grow the work here in NZ. We welcomed **John Elen** as operations manager in September and **Sue Hewat**, our new Sponsorship Coordinator in October. **Gail Halstead**, our accounts manager, was the anchor in the storm of change in the office. The office staff now are Gail, John, Sue, myself and Hilda O’Neil who volunteers a day a week.

Two of our community development projects finished.

For six years we have run a **fishing boys** project (rescuing boys aged 6 and older from having to work as fishermen) and for three years. We have had a project aimed at preventing young girls from entering the

sex trade (called **ComSec**) by funding them into apprenticeships or enabling them to return to school. Both were NZ Aid projects in Ghana and were ably administered by Rob Wayne whose amazing attention to detail has won the admiration of both NZ Aid and us at INNZ.

We still have a **NZ Aid project in Fiji** working with Youth for Christ helping get solo mums into income producing micro businesses. This project has another year to run. 9 /11 solo mums finished the course this year and are now running their own businesses with a mentor helping and encouraging them.

We also raised money for a **well in the villages of Kokola Gimbo** in Uganda and managed to build an **impressive church in Amomonta, PNG**. There is a short term team heading to PNG to help lay the concrete and finish the cladding in April.

Internationally there has been change. At our international leadership meeting held in Turkey in October:

Santosh Gnanakan (son of Ken, who founded our work in India) became chairman of International Needs; Peter Staley former INUK director became interim general secretary, while we look for a permanent appointment. I was reelected international secretary.

We adopted **new letter head and logos** (see above) for all global partners to become unified and worked our way through a new structure that has the best of management and governance around the table, in decision making. We are also working our way through a **review of child sponsorship**, looking at how we can shape it to become “outcomes focused”.

We sent teams to the Philippines, Nepal, India and Turkey. Miriam Sharp and Diana Watt, two nurses from Wellington, went to Uganda to serve in the medical centre at Kiyindi, until April 2015. I was fortunate enough in September to visit Ethiopia, Ghana and Uganda to see the amazing work that is happening there. So many lives are being touched by our work. In Ethiopia, for example, our NZ church planters (since 1997) have planted 217 churches.

We look forward to more growth in 2015 as we consolidate all the changes of the past year and turn the changes in to a platform for growth.



Gradon Harvey

Executive Director.