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Welcome from the General Secretary

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you God's greetings from the team at International Needs Global. I'm so grateful for the amazing way He works through our ministries and provides everything we need. In response to His faithfulness, we've changed the name of this newsletter to INspire.

After two years of uncertainty about travel, we were blessed to gather at Congress 7. That was indeed a time of great fellowship and worship. The year also brought new programs, new technology, and a wide range of programs and projects around the world.

Thank you to all our Partners for supporting the people and communities we have been called to serve. We are thankful that we've had the opportunity to restore hope and show Jesus's love to some of the displaced people and families from Ukraine during this time of conflict.

As I reflect on 2022, I can truly say that we accomplished together our shared vision of seeing transformed lives, families, and communities. The stories featured in this edition of the INspire newsletter bear ample testimony.

In 2023, we will be called to do more. Let's continue to plan prayerfully, execute purposefully, and celebrate the outcomes that bring glory to God.

Edmond Vanderpuye

General Secretary, International Needs

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BANGLADESH



Restoring dignity to child street workers

Many children in the Kamlapur area live, eat, and sleep on the streets. At Kamlapur train station, hundreds of homeless children are involved in child labour and have no access to basic human rights such as education, housing, healthcare, healthy food, or protection.

They are often forced into a life of petty theft, sexual exploitation, drug taking, and are frequently subject to beatings, arrest, and imprisonment. Sometimes while they sleep, even the police come and beat them up. These children are sick, hungry, and tired.

The Lord our God gave us a clear vision to do something for the children working on the streets, and from there we had the idea to rent a house, decorate it nicely, and open the “Kamlapur drop-in centre”.

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This center is our new sweet home. I want to study and become a doctor or a policeman. If I am a policeman, I will not beat any person and if I am a doctor, I will serve people without money. This sweet home is so good; no one loves us as much as sweet home does.”

*Rajon
Street worker*



Here's a typical day at the center:

- When the children arrive, they wash their hands and feet
- The day starts with a healthy breakfast to fill their bellies
- After eating, they play games and attend informal school
- Everyone takes a bath or shower, and then lunch is served
- After another class, they are given leave



After coming to the center, the children do not want to leave, because they would have nothing to eat, and nowhere to stay or sleep. Even during rainy season, they sleep under the open sky. When they get sick on the street, they have no money for medicine, and their wounds take a long time to heal. When children come to our center with injuries, we clean them and apply medicine. They don't often bathe properly, and their bodies are itchy and covered with lesions. Everyone says that they like to take baths and showers with soap and shampoo.

Some children say that they want to live with their parents, but for various reasons they cannot. Many do not know their father and mother, and many do not want to live with their parents, because their parents don't love them, don't take care of them, and beat them.

These are very good children who are made in God's image. They respect people a lot, and they work hard even though they are very poor. There is a lot of potential in them, and they simply want to study and live in peace. We are thankful that God has opened this center so we can show His love.

McDonald Adhikary, Executive Director



Persevering with the help of the Holy Spirit

God has shown us his grace throughout this year of 2022.

Despite the increase in terrorist attacks, political instability and the rising cost of living, God has enabled us to achieve our goals:

- To proclaim the word of God to unreached people;
- To help the families victims of the terrorist attacks;
- To enable children of families who were victims of the terrorist attacks to continue to go to school;
- To provide medical care to refugees in our community.

The word of God was announced to the people of MARKA, BWABA, SENOUFO and DIOULA. Thanks to evangelization crusades, about 20,000 people have waited for the word of God and today, we have more than 2,000 Christians who praise the Lord regularly.



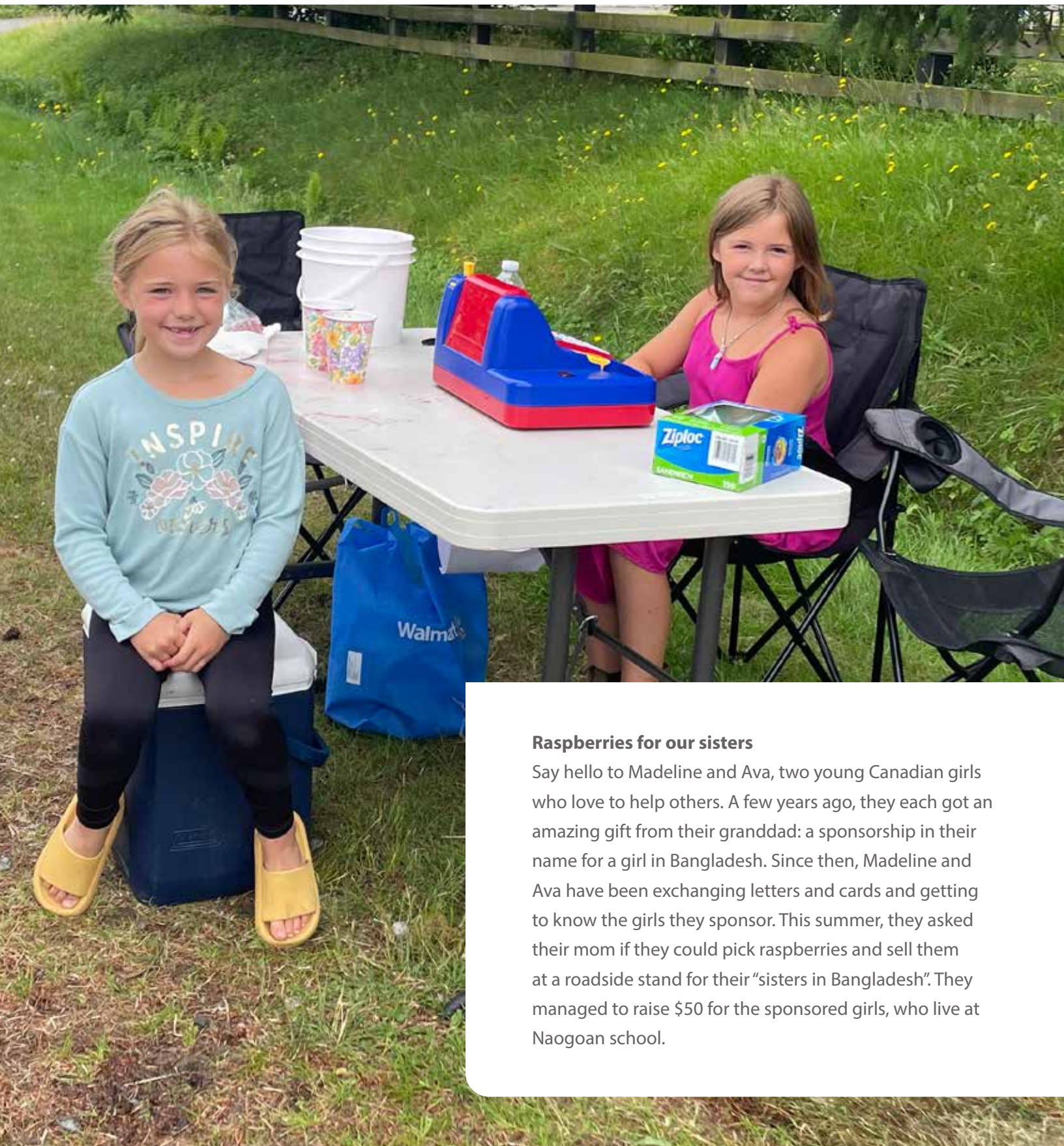
The families who fled the terrorist attacks find themselves in the big urban centers without any income generating activities and struggle to feed themselves. God in his grace allowed us to offer food to more than 500 households. Each household has a minimum of 4 to 5 people. Thanks to our donation, more than 2,000 people have had enough to eat for at least one month.

When terrorists arrive in a village, they try to kill the teachers and then they burn all the buildings. The students who escape this situation arrive in the cities with no hope of returning to school. We were able to build new classrooms and allowed over 252 refugee students to safely return to school.

Refugees who come to our cities need medical assistance. Through our medical center, we provide help to these vulnerable people every day. We offer them free consultations and also medicines as far as we can.

M. Dieudonné Kone





Raspberries for our sisters

Say hello to Madeline and Ava, two young Canadian girls who love to help others. A few years ago, they each got an amazing gift from their granddad: a sponsorship in their name for a girl in Bangladesh. Since then, Madeline and Ava have been exchanging letters and cards and getting to know the girls they sponsor. This summer, they asked their mom if they could pick raspberries and sell them at a roadside stand for their “sisters in Bangladesh”. They managed to raise \$50 for the sponsored girls, who live at Naogoan school.

Medical Outreach to Zambia

This October, a medical team made a 40-hour trip to ZACTS School for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Zambia. The team helped some very sick people and provided great care to more than 1000 people, including children from the school and mothers from the local village. In partnership with Days for Girls, they were also able to distribute 500 hygiene kits to the girls, teachers, and local village women.

At the end of the week, some of the participants decided to sponsor children, and the team created a fund for a feeding program and to assist children with advanced medical needs. Thanks to all the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, health practitioners, and volunteers who gave up their time and financial resources to serve the children at ZACTS!



Congress 7

International Needs Canada recently had the privilege of welcoming many of you to Canada for Congress 7 - a gathering of our international partners. Delegates from more than 20 countries met to strengthen relationships, enjoy fellowship, and improve global collaboration. We enjoyed great times with worship, education, updates, and sightseeing at Niagara Falls. We look forward to seeing you all again in New Zealand for Congress 8.





CZECH REPUBLIC

God has been glorified through the Healthy Youth ministry

Healthy Youth workers are not allowed to share the gospel at schools during the programs. Yet sometimes, it happens that children themselves ask about spiritual issues. Or sometimes the HY workers are asked to talk about different religions or about the Bible. In this case, they gladly take the opportunity to witness to the students.



HY worker Monika Sluneckova

During the topic of the Bible at the secondary automotive school, the teacher introduced me with the words: "Mrs. Sluneckova will tell you something about the Bible today." I register the sour, poisoned faces of 27 boys and 3 girls from the first year.

I was pleasantly surprised when they started melting early. They even reported themselves.

One boy suddenly asked: "Is it possible to fight the devil with the Bible?" I told about the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert, they were interested in how Jesus took the Bible seriously. "Have you read the whole Bible?" they asked. "Do you believe it?"

There were a lot of questions that day. I saw how the atmosphere completely changed. At the end they spontaneously clapped a lot. As I was leaving, one boy said to me: "God bless you," - and he wasn't kidding, you could tell.

Before meeting with them, I prayed that God's power might be manifested on my weakness, and I believe that it happened by God's grace. I could see that a flame of genuine interest had been ignited in them. On the way home, I prayed that God would protect it in them and preserve it for the next time.



HY worker Radim Strojek

I decided to give out Bibles at school. It was a step of faith for me, because with this I clearly indicate where I stand, what I'm doing, which side I'm on. I was very surprised how many children have already taken the Bible from me. At least one pupil in almost every class.

At a bonding program for one high school, I gave out a couple of Bibles as a reward for those who won an activity. The winners willingly took them!

I thought that this was the end of the program, but the

teachers were standing by a little nervously, and finally one dared to ask: "Mr. Strojek, could you also give me a Bible? I'd like to read it." So, I said, of course, here it is. Add to that the other one: "I'd like a Bible as well. You still have one left over there."

I'm really surprised at how the Bibles are 'selling'. I offered a Bible at a local vocational training school and five young people took it, saying they would definitely read it! One boy even told me that he had wanted to read it for a long time.

Praise God for all the good things He has done with and through us. We would like to share with you a brief summary of our ministry through 2022.

Poor families - Our team ministers to many poor families. We meet them once a month and have some time with them in prayer and fellowship. We support them financially and also with materials (like food bag).

Syrian Refugees - There are many Syrian refugees in Egypt. We follow up with some of them. Most of them lost family members and everything in the war and ran for their lives and came to Egypt. We offer them financial support and sometimes food bags.

Micro Loans - We offer many families micro loans to start their own small projects in Cairo and other small villages where there is low chance to find work. All these small projects are successful and they pay back the loan regularly. They became able to cover the needs of their families of food, clothes and education.





Teaching - There is teaching class for students after school in a small village in the Upper Egypt. We help them do their homework and to understand their lessons.

Bible School - There are 18 Students that study at Bible school to become full time pastors.

Training Center - This year there were many courses like art, music, English, French, hairdressing, and computers.

Back to school project - Before the beginning of school, we offer children from poor families a new school bag and some stationary. The children are very happy to get a new bag and are excited to go to school and learn new things.

Meet Nousa

She lives in a poor area and works as clean worker in a school. Her husband is a worker but he hasn't permanent work. She has a daughter who studies in the university, and a special needs boy who always needs care and medications. So, it seems like she is the one that provides for the family. Lately, her mother has an accident where she has fallen down. There is brokenness in her backbones and went through a surgical operation but she didn't get better. She had to leave her work in order to take care of her mother too. At this time, her sister came to live with her as she had problems with her husband then he kicked her out of the house. Our ministry supports her financially every month in order to help her go through this hard time.





Young lives are being transformed

Sarah is determined to achieve her dreams

Sarah's childhood was so difficult that she had no option but to drop out of school. All this is changing for 18-year-old Sarah and today she sees a very bright future, thanks to the intervention of the Safe and Protective Environment for Adolescent Development (SPREAD) Project, an intervention being implemented by International Needs Ghana with funding from UNICEF.

She is now enrolled at vocational school to pursue a career in Fashion Design. Sarah has shown great promise in her chosen field. She is determined to be one of the best in her industry and a model to the many vulnerable adolescent girls in her community. *"I am so glad to be here, I wish I could stay here during vacation because I feel safe and happy. I will work hard to achieve my dream."*



Timely intervention saves Esther

It was a sunny afternoon at Keri, some 8 kilometres from Nkwanta where INGH was undertaking a medical outreach in partnership with International Needs USA in February 2022.

People from the community had queued in high expectation of seeking medical attention. Suddenly, news went around; there was an emergency, a woman in her thirties was writhing in extreme pain.

The Medical team quickly attended to her and referred her to the nearest hospital. An INGH vehicle was immediately dispatched with the patient to the St. Joseph Catholic Hospital at Nkwanta. The young woman, Esther, was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and rushed to the theatre for surgery. The Medical personnel at the hospital indicated that she could have lost her life if prompt action had not been taken.



A common resolve to be chaste

Mary and Eunice, aged 15 and 16, are members of one of the International Needs Ghana Safe Spaces in central Ghana. The two friends, who have pledged to live a chaste life, said they have become more assertive and confident since they joined the Safe Space.

The relations they have built with new friends at the meetings and guidance from their facilitators has given them new strength to run towards their dreams. They now understand that with hard work and determination, they could become whatever they set their minds to achieve. *"I want to be a fashion designer, or midwife or both. Now I know I can be all I want to be."*

Mary now knows how to emphatically say no to the advances of boys and men who try to take advantage of her. She said with the environment she lived in, and the kind of influences, she would probably had been pregnant if she had not joined the Safe Space. *"I want to be a lawyer, or a journalist and I know I can. I am confident, and I am working hard in school."*

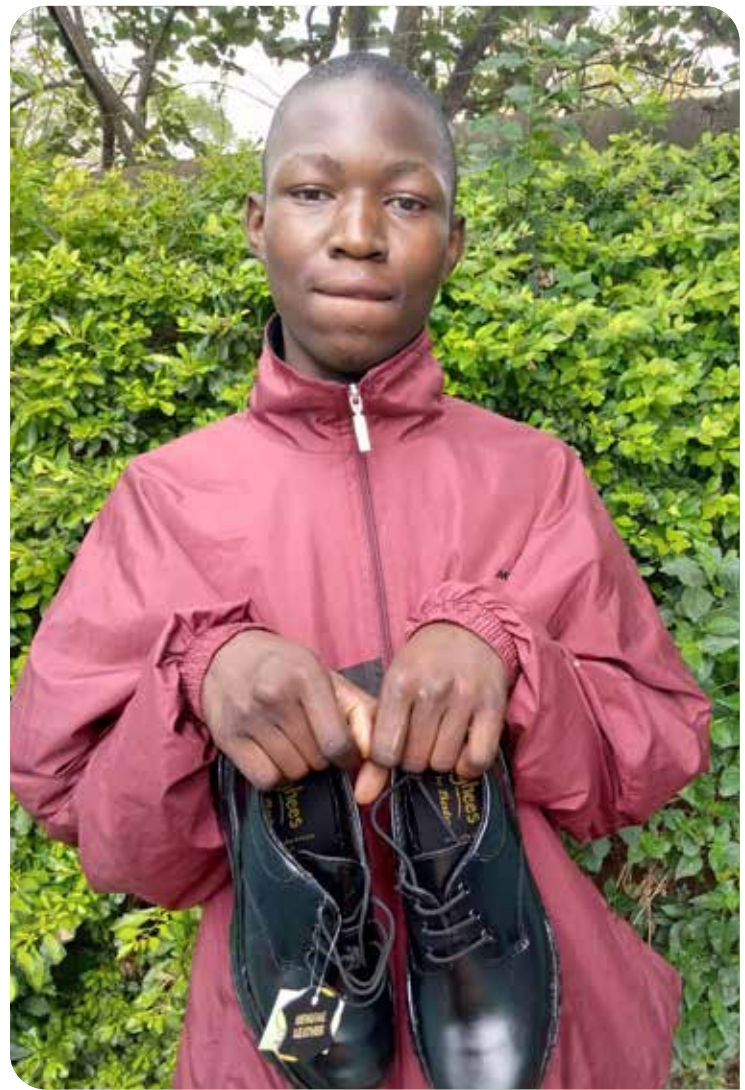


KENYA

2022 has been a great year for us at Homecare and all our partners

Journey of Hope: Timothy Odhiambo

Timothy joined the education support program while in grade one. He is from a humble family of a single mother who has worked tirelessly to raise him up despite the death of her husband at a tender age. Timothy is currently in grade 11 and grateful for the steps he has taken in life. This quarter, Timothy is among children that received school shoes and he is grateful for that. He said, "Asante sana kwa kunipa viatu"-Thank you so much for giving me shoes. The impact of our education support program has indeed made a big difference in breaking the cycle of poverty experienced in Kibera. "Thank you so much for giving me an opportunity to study and I see my dream of being an engineer come through."



Determined to succeed: Catherine Ndunge

Catherine was ushered into the education support program at a young age. We have seen her grow and have supported her journey. Catherine, like many other girls from Kibera, is faced with daily struggles of drugs and substance abuse, early marriages among many others. She has had to withstand such negative societal influences in order to achieve her dreams. Her dream is to be a lawyer and to give back to the community. Thank you IN Canada for the education support program. *"If it weren't for the education support program, I would be deep into negative issues of life. You have touched my life in a very big way and I am grateful for this"*



Emily receives a Bible

Emily is a mother and a church member who has been struggling to get a Bible. She shares how expensive it is to own a Bible. When we visited her, we asked her if she could read from the Bible and she said that there was none in the house. She was excited to receive one in her Maasai language. "Thank you so much for giving me this Bible, you have touched by family in a big way. This is an answered prayer."

Physical and Spiritual Food

The weekly Bible Clubs have seen a tremendous increase of children since inflation pushed up the price of food. Many families are struggling with the high costs of living and there has been drought and famine in most parts of the country. As a program we have continued to spiritually and physically nourish them. In the Clubs children have learned Bible stories, memorized scripture, and enjoyed dance, music, and poetry. Our cooks have remained zealous in their work; collecting food every Friday to prepare for Saturday. Join us as we pray for our children that the Lord may bless them for His kingdom.



Changed hearts and clean water

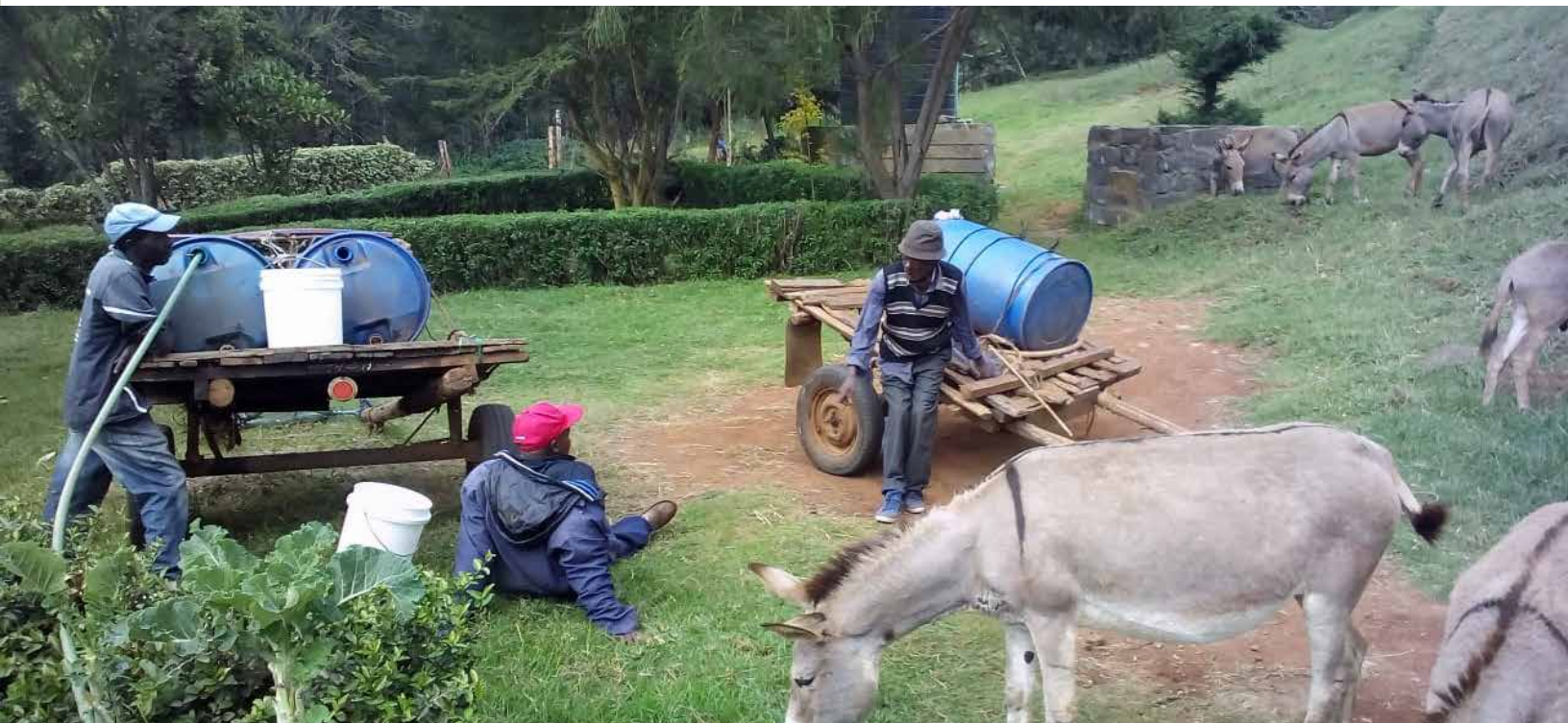


William and Bravin are our two newest boys from the streets. Through the support of INUK, Grace Empowerment has evangelised to the boys, fed them, and won their hearts to Christ. They accepted to leave their life on the streets of scavenging, drugs and irresponsible sexual behaviour to come to the half-way house. Their transformation is clear and they are no longer on drugs and are declaring that Jesus is Lord of their lives.





INKE's water and sanitation project has reached out to over 300 women who come to fetch water daily at the borehole. They are usually working at the tea farms picking tea, and in the evening they come to fetch water at the well. For those who work late they request the donkey cart persons to fetch water for them at a fee. With the multiple tasks of women, this goes a long way in enabling them to carry out other tasks in the evening. As one woman said "clean water is now available to us all"





NEPAL

Empowering women to be independent

Lydia training helped me to be self-employed

Janaki is a young and energetic unmarried lady from the Dhangadi district of Nepal. She completed the five-month tailoring program at Lydia Vocational Training Center and started practicing her sewing skill from home. IN Nepal supported her with seed money to help her upgrade her business. With the seed money, she purchased fabrics for her tailoring shop, and some cosmetics. She is very satisfied with what she earns from her business; it has made her financially independent and allowed her to be self-employed.

When Lydia announced the two-month advanced tailoring training in 2021, she got excited and applied immediately. She was very happy to join the training and has successfully completed the course. She was one of the best trainees in the advanced course. After returning home, she continued her tailoring business and is now running a tailor shop along with cosmetic and some readymade cloth. She gets orders for trendy clothing items from the ladies in her area and she also designs her own cloths. Now her business is flourishing and she supports herself and sometimes her family too.



Training Other Women in Her Village

Debaki is 33 years old, married with two sons, and comes from a Christian family in a marginalized community in the Terai area of Nepal. She came to Lydia for advanced tailoring training and graduated in December 2021. She already had basic tailoring skills that she learned elsewhere, and the advanced training provided her with confidence and upgraded her skills.

When she returned home, she got the opportunity to teach a basic tailoring course to 17 women from her village through an NGO. It was a three month program, free of cost. Though it was challenging for her to reach the training venue by walking for 2 hours one way, she is happy that she could teach other women in the village who are deprived of opportunities. She has been asked to teach another group of around 20 ladies by the same organization.





Engaging with the community

Otumoetai Baptist Church Mid-Winter Christmas Quiz

In June, Flipt Youth from Otumoetai Baptist Church, Tauranga, in collaboration with International Needs, hosted a Mid-Winter Christmas Quiz Night to raise funds for 40 care packs for children who will be attending the new International Needs Kamlapur Railway Station Drop-in Centre, Bangladesh. These children, unfortunately, don't attend school but work every day to help provide for themselves and their families. At the Drop-in Centre the children come for two hours a day for a meal, shower, education, counselling, gospel teaching and a chance to play like children. They can take a break from their long working day to learn and play.

Flipt Youth ran and hosted the quiz event and what a special event it was - filled with laughter, fun and competition. Together with family, friends, church members and community members over \$2,700 was raised.



Maude to Mount Phil Russell Memorial Walk for Ark Quest Education Centre

Over the past three years International Needs and Ark Quest Trust have developed a special and unique relationship to partner together in transforming the lives of children in Western Kenya. Ark Quest Trust was started with the intention of building a school to serve the surrounding community, not only in education, but also through other activities that would see transformation for the entire community through an agricultural program, weaving and other initiatives.

Ark Quest Education Centre has an urgent need for more permanent classrooms, as the original school, built from eucalyptus poles and mud bricks is rapidly disintegrating, and some of the original classrooms are no longer useable. The first 3 permanent concrete brick classrooms have been completed and Phase 2 of construction, of a further 3 classrooms, is well under way. The long-term plan is to have 16 classrooms in the new school when it is complete.



To help raise funds for the classroom building project on Saturday 5th November a fundraiser walk occurred. Walk participants walked one or two or all three legs of the walk. The total walk distance being 20km. Funds were raised by people sponsoring participants or donating to the project. It was an incredible fundraising walk in memory of Ark Quest Trust Chairman Phil Russell.





Pastor Joselito Apoya - Another Church Planted in Masbate

Barangay Espinosa Church is indeed a blessing from the Lord. This was during pandemic, Bro. Louie Danao, a former barangay councillor, supported our feeding ministry in the barangay for malnourished children. He also sent his children to our preschool tutorial so he knows the ministry of God thru Pastor Lito Apoya and their family. When his house was caught by fire, he and his family stayed in his training center, a service provider of TESDA. Then one day, he viewed our Facebook live Bible Study and Worship, and that one time became regular, he re-connected with the Lord, and surrendered his life to Him. He messaged Pastor Lito if he can visit him and pray for him. With that, it all began. The leaders in the church supported the church planting in Barangay Espinosa and last October 9, 2022 we celebrated our 1st anniversary. And during the celebration, a small ordination service was held for the homegrown dedicated leaders: 2 Pastors, 15 Deacons and 2 Teachers. All glory to God!



Pastor Jose Dasco – Evangelistic Concert Crusade and “Fan the Flame”

This is our first evangelistic concert crusade. Two hours before the crusade we experienced heavy rain and the roads were flooded. Thinking that no one will come to the crusade, Pastor Joe was prepared by God. Praise God, more than 300 people attended and they had soft hearts as they accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. And all our succeeding evangelistic concert crusade were crowded, people now are thirsty in the Word of God.



One of the things we give importance to is the formation of cell groups and the training of leaders. It's a bit difficult to do because most of the pastors have traditional ways in leading the church. But today, many of our churches are doing this. We call it: "Fan the Flame."



ROMANIA

“They put all the agony of their lives in two suitcases, and left the country.”

We give thanks to the Lord for His care in all regards! During this time, we have 278 Ukrainians in our area and we are happy that we can be a support for each one of them. By God’s help the school is going very well and we thank Him for this! We are still working on the new kindergarten building. Construction is going well and we hope to be able to use the new building soon.



We continue to organize meetings on different occasions. Recently, home groups have developed. There are meetings where both Romanians and Ukrainians meet, as well as meetings where only Ukrainians meet and have fellowship. We enjoy many activities as a big beautiful family. Even if sometimes there are shortcomings, difficulties, urgent problems to be solved, we get through all of them by faith!





Church services in Ukrainian language continue, where more and more people attend. Last Sunday, two more people surrendered themselves to the Lord and received Him in their hearts, as a result of the meetings organized together at the church.



At the end of October we went in Ukraine with various supplies - winter clothes, hygiene products, food, and also with the packages that the Ukrainian women here prepared for their husbands, who are on the front. It is so sad to see big, beautiful houses that once must have been full of laughter, warmth and light... now empty and abandoned... People put all the agony of their lives in two suitcases, and left the country.

The biggest needs and also concerns are related to utilities (gas, electricity, water, firewood). The Ukrainians are very worried, because they found out that gas will be very expensive, as well as electricity, and it will be very difficult for them and for us in winter.

We continue to pray for Ukraine. May God bless all those who pray or help these people! We thank you so much for your help and support in this ministry! May God reward you and bless you abundantly!



in SLOVAKIA

“The staff of this center is literally saturated with love for us.”

On the 24th of February, Russian troops entered Ukraine. So far over 950,000 refugees crossed the border from Ukraine to Slovakia. We have tried to respond to the needs of the refugees in a holistic way, where we run a venue called the Rackova Christian Conference center, which is ideal for hosting families. We hosted around 60 people over three months, mostly women and children. There is so much that could be shared on how God is working in the middle of this horrible circumstance, but I would just like to focus on one story about Olena and her family.



Olena, whose husband had left her, fled from Ukraine after fighting broke out in her area with her six children and son-in-law to Slovakia. They left the day after her oldest daughter Diana married her son-in-law Olexij (who is in a wheelchair). Diana and Olexij, “honeymooned” in Slovakia and received from a church a financial donation as a wedding gift.





In the Rackova conference center, we offered a regular bible study and worship service for the refugees. It was important for us to not only take care of their physical needs but also their spiritual and physiological needs as well. In these meetings, they could learn more about the gospel, share their experiences, and pray and be prayed for. Olena's two daughters Nasta and Mirka came to faith in Jesus through these and in October were Baptized in a public lake.

We are so grateful that God has given us the Rackova conference center to serve these families and be a part of God's way of turning what man plans for evil into good.

“May God bless you, this center, and your ministry, in the name of Jesus Christ!” - Ukrainian guest at Rackova center



New Life in Puthukuddiyiruppu

PTK Emerge Children

IN Sri Lanka, in partnership with IN Australia, works with a community in the Northern Region of Sri Lanka called Puthukuddiyiruppu (PTK), which was severely affected by the civil war that ravaged the country for three decades. When the war ended in 2009, individuals from several displaced communities were resettled into the area. Puthukuddiyiruppu means 'new resettlement'.

At the beginning of 2022, the children in the PTK community were excited – COVID restrictions were finally eased, they could see their friends again and go back to classes at school (so many of them could not access online lessons). However, extended drought, the economy crashing, and a deteriorating political environment plunged the nation into the worst months it has seen – with soaring inflation (food inflation hitting 90%), food insecurity, long fuel lines and prolonged power outages; schools were shut down, and curfews were imposed.

The children of our community were devastated, many of them told us they felt so hopeless. Programming for the children at our community centers had to be halted through the period of COVID, therefore many of the children lost touch with us. In February this year, amidst the trouble in the country, our 3 community centers received a much-needed upgrade, supported by IN UK; with the additions of toilets, upgrading of the electricals, and were outfitted with a smart TV and laptop.





We were then able to begin Digital English classes, with a locally sourced syllabus, run for kids in the evenings. The children of the community have started attending more frequently, and are able to spend time with their friends from the community as well. Due to the food security issues in the country, the children are suffering from poorer nutrition. To address this, at each of the classes, we're able to provide a nutritious meal.

It is heartening to see the children happier, and interacting once again, and we hope that they will begin to dream big again.



SWITZERLAND

2022 is our first full year as a partner in the IN family

We are a team of volunteers and support two communities close to Manila. Previously, we worked with an orphanage in the Southern Philippines but signed a partnership agreement with IN-Philippines in 2021. We are thankful to the Lord for what we could do by his grace and present you the two highlights of the year.

Food for Hope

In May we organized our annual charity dinner, for the first time since the pandemic, for the first time for IN-HOPE, and for the first time in Lausanne. "Food for Hope" featured our very own signature dishes, "Alpine" for Swiss inspired starters and "Asian" – mainly Malaysian - for the mains. Desserts were creative and fantastic too. A team of Master students from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Malaysia performed some fancy music while three types of rice were cooking. Over 50 supporters attended and more contributed, although they could not be there. We also presented the life of the families and the communities we support. In the end we managed to collect close to 4000 CHF.



Visit with our partners

In August I (David) could finally visit our partners in Manila and the two adopted communities. I am so thankful for the opportunity to connect and getting to know each person with whom we work and share a little bit of life together and to get to know our beneficiary families. I met parents and children, and their gratitude moved me to tears.

The whole team around Leo Alconga is motivated to help their people to improve their lives and provide hope. It was also great to meet with the selected beneficiaries for the backyard hog raising project, a pilot project to generate income for initially one or two families per community but with a multiplication effect.



Personally, Philippines is always an emotional rollercoaster for me. There is enormous joy to help these families but also a feeling of frustration, that whatever we do will never be enough. I understand that we are in for the long-run. I look forward with hope and anticipation to see the fruits of our investments, by the grace of God."

David Amstutz, IN-HOPE

Meeting the needs of the vulnerable



My name is Namufumba Grace. I gave birth to my first born Biyinzika Joseph, who had multiple disabilities (small skull/brain, feeble limbs, speech impairments). He is 5 years now but he can't sit, walk, or talk. Joseph's Father abandoned the family when Joseph was one-year-old and he decided to marry another wife because I had given birth to a child with multiple disabilities. Joseph and I faced lots of challenges with no house to live in and no access to basic life requirements such as food, clothing, or medical care.

I am so grateful for International Needs Uganda through its Disability project. As Joseph's care giver, I was provided training in small business management and later supported with start-up capital to boost my craft business. I have gained access to customers across Buikwe and beyond to earn a living with my child. In a month on average, I can make between 300,000-400,000 Uganda shillings. I'm able to pay my rent, buy food, and meet the medical bills for my child and also save because I want to buy land to put up a small house if all goes well.

I had lost hope, I had no one to help and I had no source on income. I have learnt business management skills including records keeping, calculating profit margins and customer care. My business is gaining ground and operating viably. Thank you so much, International Needs Uganda



Leaving no one behind - In partnership with 60 Primary Schools, INUG also supported almost 2000 disabled children in various sports, classroom, and social activities aimed at including them in development programs in their respective communities.

WASH – Three new boreholes were sunk and installed, 4 dysfunctional boreholes were rehabilitated and four 10,000 litre tanks in 4 Schools installed. 2,000 households with over 10,000 people received access to safe, clean sufficient and reliable water sources plus promotion of improved sanitation and hygiene practices.





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