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The Global Newsletter of International Needs  
CHRISTMAS 2020

## Welcome from the General Secretary

### Greetings to all partners in the global network of International Needs

As we approach the end of 2020, we have much for which we can be thankful. This has been a year of unusual challenges, yet also a time where we've seen God's grace touch the lives of so many vulnerable people. Truly He is at work among us!

Thank you to those were able to send stories from your ministries and programs. As I read your reports, it became clear to me that all of you felt the pressure of COVID-19 and responded with a wide range of programs and support activities. I would also like to thank the Executive Committee for their dedication and support throughout 2020.

In an attempt to capture the fruit of your labor, Global Office pulled together highlights and photos in the attached PDF newsletter. It is truly a privilege to serve with you all in God's kingdom. As we anticipate the celebration of our saviour's birth, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Christmas.

### **Edmond Vanderpuye**

General Secretary, International Needs



# Australia

## INA hosts first Zoom event for ChildLink partners



International Needs Australia (INA) works with six different partners on ChildLink projects. To create an opportunity for cross-fertilisation and more connection, INA facilitated the first ever virtual Cross Learning Event for ChildLink Partners in August and September. There were about 25 participants from INA, INUK, and ChildLink. The partners learned about different project approaches that would make their activities more effective and sustainable, and shared ideas to overcome challenges so they could better meet the needs of communities and supporters. There were robust discussions on topics such as child sponsorship, INGH's Community Child Protection Committee, and Vineyard's Community Managed Savings and Loans Associations.

INA's staff and volunteers felt inspired and motivated, and we're planning another event in the new year. We wish all our partners and the entire IN Network a blessed and safe Christmas and new year full of hope and peace.

**Preeti Anand**

# Bangladesh

## Supporting our children through the pandemic

**With the grace of God, INBD has spent most of the year mobilizing care for those most affected by the virus, with a special focus on the drop-in centre children.** We sent financial aid, personnel, and other resources to areas in need. With the help of our sponsors and donors, we implemented a food security program and a health program for beneficiaries, and distributed many food packages.

- Although the residential school children were sent home by the government, we were able to stay in regular communication with many of the caregivers and beneficiaries by mobile phone, encouraging the children to continue their studies at home.
- The superintendent of Betheny Children's Village and Home Matron of Savar Children's Village spent their days comforting the children over the phone, offering words of support and prayer during very difficult times. We are looking forward to seeing the schools reopened and welcoming the children back.
- And very soon we hope that by the Grace of God, Naogoan Free School construction will be complete, and we will open the doors to many street children from Dhaka. Warm Christian greetings to you in His precious Name! May God bless you richly.



**McDonald M. Adhikary**

# Burkina Faso

## Sharing the gospel in Burkina Faso



**International Needs Burkina Faso has a vision to announce the good news of Jesus Christ to all peoples unreached by the gospel in Burkina Faso.** Thanks to the partnership of our friends and collaborators from England, the United States, New Zealand and the Czech Republic, we were able to undertake evangelization outings among nine tribes of the Karaboro and Sambla peoples in November 2020, where approximately 800 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior. Truly God was glorified!

We plan to start 2021 with a series of evangelism every two months, and COVID-19 will not prevent us from doing God's perfect will. Together we are strong and we ask you to help Burkina Faso meet the challenges of peoples unreached by the Word of the Gospel! May God bless our organization.

**Dieudonné Kone**

# Canada

## Celebrating global partnerships

**IN Canada has been very busy maintaining relationships with donors during this pandemic.** We're pleased that so many supporters and sponsors are hearing the calls for help, responding with deep compassion to help the vulnerable, and desiring to be part of our vision to transform lives and change communities.

One of our highlights this year has been the opportunity to work with INKE and RHYCO (Real Hope Life Community Organization) to establish a safe house for abused children in Kawangware slum, Nairobi Kenya. Sexual abuse and child pregnancy have increased greatly during the pandemic, and the RHYCO team offer a loving, safe place for at-risk children.

We were also privileged to partner with INNZ and INUS so INBG could finish the construction of their brand new Naogoan Free School in Bangladesh. It was an amazing experience to work with our many partners and see that, with the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, we truly are stronger together! The team in Canada wishes you all the blessings of this Christmas season.

**David Marshall**



## Blessings for Christmas & the New Year

*Festus*    *Corrie*    *Geoff*  
*David*    *Naomi*    *Marta*  
*Jan*    *Joyce*

# Colombia

## Weathering the storms in Colombia



**In addition to COVID-19, Colombia was hit hard by Hurricane Iota, which devastated the island of San Andres and Providencia off the north coast.** The storm left behind significant material loss, flooding, and disease, especially among needy families and children.

Yet God has transformed IN Colombia and the community, which come together to help and pray for each other. During the lockdown, IN Colombia supplied 350 families with food. We were very thankful to IN USA for providing tablet computers, which enabled the students at Rose of Sharon School to finish the school year.

Please pray for our families who are suffering unemployment, especially Venezuelan families, many of whom lost their homes and were forced to relocate to high-risk sectors. Also pray the Lord will give us strength in 2021 to continue food deliveries, evangelism, and school support in the areas most affected by natural disasters.

**Martha Villamizar**

# Czech Republic

## Gospel impact through the Healthy Youth Program

**IN Czech Republic runs the Healthy Youth Program for up to 80,000 young people in public schools annually.** The program bears fruit, sometimes years later.

One of our HY workers, Ivo Neuvirt, tells the story of Petra, now 25 years old, who remembers the programs well. After sharing the gospel and developing a relationship, Ivo and his wife invited her to church, prayed for her salvation, and report that she is now a zealous Christian, years after hearing their lecture at school.

HY worker Karin Roikova says that serving children is a demanding but beautiful duty. When you've got God's mercy and experience a miracle, such as a child becoming a Christian, this is the moment I say: *"God gave me the best duty ever!"* The very last day of our summer camp a girl shared with me that the night before she had prayed and accepted Jesus Christ into her life. The Holy Spirit was convincing her of sin the whole night and she couldn't sleep. So she started to pray and finally gave her life to Jesus.

And HY worker Petr Kadlec reports that the lockdown led to many people watching his YouTube videos. 1543 hours of his videos got watched, compared to 50 lectures with an average class of 20 people. He also livestreams and meets students six times a week on topics such as coronavirus, problems at school, relationships, evil, and faith.

**Petr Horacek**



# Egypt

## Gracious words in the Land of the Nile

**We give thanks to the Lord that the ministry is still going well, although the need is so big and increasing every day.** As the winter season began, we thought about distributing blankets for each family, as well as financial aid and bags of food. In our vocational training center, we are still running art courses for kids, Bible studies for pastors and church leaders, and computer courses for Sudanese refugees.

We also launched a new ministry in a small village to help illiterate people learn to read and write. Sawsan and the team visited the cancer hospital for kids to distribute 280 gift bags. One mother said ***“My son 6 years old came to the hospital a month ago suffering from cancer. He’s always in pain, but today is the first time for him to smile.”***

Please pray for healing for the whole world, for our country Egypt, for our ministry team, and for our family. Pray for protection so that we may continue the work that God puts in our hearts.

***“Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”*** • Proverbs 16:24

**Nathan and Sawsan Bassaly**



# Ghana

## Witnessing transformation in Ghana in the midst of COVID

**Despite the pandemic, INGH has been able to reach more than 60,000 people across our education, child rights, gender and empowerment, health, and Christian witness program areas.**

- We distributed 'dignity kits' (*with a three months' supply of sanitary pads and soap*) to 6,700 adolescent girls.
- With the help of teachers and community members, INGH started a community-based reading clinic in all its operating communities, and more than 1,056 children have had the opportunity to improve their reading and writing abilities.
- We celebrate the success of Samuel Odartey Lamptey, a child from a broken home who was sponsored through INCAP, and is now a second-year student at the University of Ghana, training to be a medical doctor.
- We praise God for Grace, a girl who became pregnant at 16, dropped out of school, and married the baby's father. INGH collaborated with the Ghana Health Service to ensure Grace and her baby survived the pregnancy, and then enfolded her in the Adolescent Safe Space program to help her get back on track. Grace, a teenage mother and survivor of child marriage, is back to school, and her mother is elated by her transformation. We ask your prayer for our many programs, projects, and activities that will be taking place in 2021.



**Cromwell Awadey**

# Kenya

**INKE serves vulnerable children and families in the slum settlements around Nairobi.** We've been very active during the lockdown, helping children carry on with their studies, distributing food packages, rehabilitating street youths, and supporting children who were suffering from emotional and mental illness.

The biggest challenge for Kenya was high teenage pregnancies. We are sad to report that one of our girls from Kibera became expectant. We are supporting the family and we pray that she will go back to school next year.

The lockdown meant that absent fathers and relatives in Kawangware were at home in a 10 by 10 room, hence presenting the challenge of young girls being abused. We saw the numbers soar in the slums and realized that we urgently needed a safe house for the young children. A number of children we supported were also abused and treated in hospitals. The safe house is under refurbishment and shall be occupied this month. Meanwhile, the abused children continue to stay with staff.



**Jocelyn Muraya**

# Nepal

## Youth & Children Welfare Program – Going strong through COVID

**All 480 sponsored children are very thankful to their respected sponsors by whose warm love, concern and consistent support fund they have been able to continue their studies.** We have had regular communication with the children and their parents and met them personally during field visits.

The children have been encouraged to give more priority to their studies. As a result, the percentage of annual examination failures has decreased to nearly zero percent. Parents have been asked to create a friendly learning environment so the children can give more emphasis to their studies and future goals. Some of the children have gone home to their villages because their parents have lost their jobs, while some are still staying in the cities but facing a shortage of food.



INUK sent money donated by a sponsor to build a house for a child whose family had been living in a temporary shed since the earthquake in April 2015; now, they are living in a new two-room house!



We are also very thankful to IN US and IN NZ for sending extra funds to distribute food baskets.

**Beni Karki**

# Turkey

## Celebrating God's love & provision

**The church activities and workers have been restricted due to the pandemic, but God is still at work!**

Through our social media and website, God has brought us serious new seekers such as Hasan, who has struggled with mental health during the pandemic. From anxious to hopeful heart, Hasan is experiencing God's transformation in his life. His testimony is a sweet reminder for us all that God's words have an amazing power to comfort and transform us from self-dependent to God-dependent during these difficult days. Kindly pray with us for Hasan to stand firm and strong in his new faith.

We also praise our God for providing 223 Baskets of Love for the disabled, jobless, sick, widows, and refugees. Through the baskets, God opened us to more relationships, building trust with our neighbors, and a new opportunity to bring the comfort of Jesus through prayer.

Please pray for heavenly strength as we launch a new ministry website and to carry on our Church planting and children's ministries. ***"But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds."*** • Psalm 73:28



**All For Him  
Antuan Gurun**

# Global Office

## **Virtual Discussion and Learning Forum**

COVID-19 did not only introduce interruptions to our global programme but also initiatives and opportunities that enhanced our ministry. In preparation for the delayed INCAP Summit, the Virtual Discussion and Learning Forum (VDLF) has presented a platform to promote organizational learning and develop competencies that link to our key performance areas. The sessions have focused on the new outcome-based model and the theory of change in managing our educational interventions. We have successfully conducted three VDLF sessions from October 2020 and have had good participation and feedback from participants. We are encouraged by the positive responses and interest since the maiden session. The VDLF has come to stay!

## **Partner Consultation - Management Information System (MIS)**

The MIS Partner consultation held over two days was intended at understanding challenges encountered in the use of the current ECPB and MPM. The discussion also gave insights into partner expectations of the new Management Information Systems (MIS). From the consultation, three important issues were highlighted, the limitations of MPM & ECPB, the expectations of the new MIS and related policy matters for further discussion. We look forward to the completion and deployment of the MIS in 2021.

## **Call To Prayer**

On a monthly basis, partners from various countries of the world continue to join hands in seeking the face of God. By fervent prayer and with words of exhortation, our virtual prayer sessions have been a great encouragement to the IN community. Glory to God for all the testimonies! We look forward to 2021 with hope because we know whom we have believed. He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us.

# Happy New Year

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NEEDS GLOBAL OFFICE

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May the New Year 2021 be one of prayerful planning, purposeful execution and Christ - centred outcomes.



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