



PARTNERING ACROSS NATIONS

IMPACT REPORT 2021/22

Australian Churches of Christ
Global Mission Partners



Cover Image: Men from Mberengwa district, Zimbabwe

Above: The Emmanuel Education Centre, Mumbai, India

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WHAT A YEAR!

YOUR IMPACT IS WORTH CELEBRATING

Every year, your impact is worth celebrating! Your generosity changes the lives of many people and makes a difference to those in need. Read on for a small selection of important highlights you've helped achieve.



Image: Celebrating a consistent water supply, Kufa Village, Zimbabwe. Showers of Blessing Trust's (OSBT) project is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR



This year you've helped make possible:

International Church Partnerships in **11** Countries

International Development Partnerships in **6** Countries

8 Indigenous ministry projects in Australia

300 people involved in embody campaigns

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ADDRESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The work of Global Mission Partners (GMP) is truly international. We partner with people across cultural, ethnic, linguistic and historic boundaries. Our hope is that as we do so, we are making real the depth of the Christian values of generosity, compassion, care and solidarity. Such values, drawn from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, underpin our work. These values build our distinctive identity and serve also to highlight what work still needs to be done.

When Jesus tells a judgement parable about the sheep and the goats, the essential difference between the two is summed up in action that flows from the grace the sheep have experienced. This outflowing of life, or intrinsic motivation, is the energy behind the actions taken by the sheep. In their care the hungry were fed, the thirsty had something to drink, strangers were included, the naked were clothed, the sick were cared for, and prisoners visited. All this was done as a natural expression of life as a Jesus follower and without realising that it was Jesus they were showing care to.

As I reflect on the work of GMP – at all levels – this judgment story informs our work. We, by word and deed, proclaim and share the love of God in Jesus. This is not always easy or straightforward. There is always more that we want to do, and our partners are keen to do more. We operate in an environment of constraint – policies, regulations and resources all shape what we can and cannot do.

Over the past two financial years we have all experienced much disruption, and GMP and our partners were not exempt. The realities of not travelling for more than two years, and the lack of face-to-face partner contact, has taught us to use other forms of communication. All of us have grown in our ability to work with, and in support of, our partners and they with us.

As you read this report you will see the ways that our partners have been true to their calling and what has been achieved. Through all of this we want to say a big “thank you” for your generous and prayerful support of our partners and GMP.

At the end of November, I conclude in my role after 15 years. Much has changed in the environments in which we work. We have welcomed new partnerships in South

Sudan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia. We are indebted to those who worked behind the scenes to make these partnerships possible. Indigenous Ministries Australia is an intrinsic part of GMP as is our youth and young adult program, embody.

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid is fully accredited, and this means that there are new opportunities available to respond to the situation of people living in poverty. GMP is also part of the Church Agencies Network and the ACT Alliance. On the other hand, we live with increased regulation and compliance. GMP's partners have worked through these changes in a positive way. We have embraced new technology, we communicate differently, and we have a specialist staff team.

At a personal level I am not able to express in words my appreciation for the support that I have received in the almost 15 years of my time with GMP. Thank you to our partners overseas and in Australia – we can do nothing without you and your faithful courage. Thank you to our supporters; you make what our partners seek to do possible. We, the staff and the GMP Board, are the ‘inbetweeners’. I have been privileged to work with a wonderful team of staff who have travelled the journey with me. A particular thanks goes to Val Zerna, who is retiring after 19 years with GMP. She has been a key part of the relationship GMP has with its supporters. The GMP Board and its office bearers have provided wisdom, support and guidance. A personal thank you to my wife, Meewon, who has supported me throughout my work and my frequent absences from home. It has been such a privilege to contribute to the life of GMP.

The future is positive for GMP, notwithstanding the challenges of Redress. GMP has strong partners and encouraging support, as well as assets, that give us confidence going into the future.

John Gilmore
John Gilmore
Executive Officer





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ADDRESS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

GMP has been on a journey over this past year of present and future development. In these activities our reason for existence has remained resolute throughout. We are still partnering internationally and nationally. Supporters are still vital to the organisation, as are our members. The staff have been working hard, despite the pandemic placing many obstacles in their road, such as working from home and not being able to travel. The Board has continued to make hard decisions in difficult times. As Chair, I am most grateful to God and for each one who has been involved and stood with us as we have endeavoured to fulfil our commission on your behalf in our world. All this was possible due to our strong belief and confidence in Jesus Christ and His guidance.

A change is coming as GMP's Executive Officer, John Gilmore, concludes his role in November. We are extremely grateful to John for his foresight, strength, compassion and guidance. We acknowledge that without him, GMP would not be where it is today. The process of finding a new Executive Officer is well underway as this Annual Report is being produced. Please continue to be in prayer for the right person to be chosen and, later, as they settle into this important role.

The Board has diligently and maturely continued through this past year in the role asked of it, while endeavouring to be more inclusive of gender, age, experience and culture.

One of the sad challenges faced by GMP is the impact of the cost of Redress on Indigenous Ministry Australia. Considerable work has been done by the Executive Officer with the National Redress Scheme and with representatives of the State Conferences. We should be grateful for this process, as we are redressing wrongs. In these activities we are acknowledging the pain that has been caused to children in care who have grown into adults who carry much trauma as a result.

As we move into 2023, we have much to be grateful for to God and we continue to pray for His wisdom, guidance and courage to continue in faithful service. I ask you to come with us on the continuing journey of partnering across nations to see lives transformed through Jesus Christ in the activities of Global Mission Partners.

May God's blessings rest upon you.

Barrie Yesberg
Board Chair



HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES

GMP is 'Partner Driven.' Our partners plan and undertake projects. In this report you will read of their activities and our work to support them. Our partners are creative, courageous, and keen to do more activities.

We continued to be humbled by the generosity of our supporters. We have resourced partners in response to the impact of COVID-19, the Tongan Volcano eruption and the war in the Ukraine. Through the sub-entity, GMP Extend, we have also responded to bushfires and flooding.

The reality of COVID-19 stayed with us throughout this past year. We provided support to partners using several internet and social media platforms. Without exception, all our partners have managed very well in this time of great complexity. We, and they, have learned new skills, and we will not lose these learnings. Being able to see partners face-to-face in Zimbabwe and India (May 2022) for the first time in almost three years was a real highlight.

Around 15 years ago, GMP set a direction to become accredited with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). This was prioritised more than 10 years ago, and this year GMP was Fully Accredited by DFAT as an agency capable of delivering quality aid outcomes. This is a significant achievement. In practical terms, GMP's partners will be better resourced to undertake projects in their local settings. The resources available to COCOA through Australian Aid have increased from \$150,000 in this financial year to \$832,000 in 2022-23. Thank you to the staff and Board of GMP for this outcome.

Another highlight has been the consistent levels of generous giving to GMP appeals. We are always mindful of not asking too often, and so we try to manage this with care. Giving to our special appeals, in most cases, exceeded our giving target. Thank you so much for this.

One question we are not able to resolve concerns the distribution of promotional material and offering envelopes through local churches in this COVID-19 time. Many churches are not using offering plates and instead have a retiring offering and/or members give online. Most churches no longer have a printed weekly newsletter and so distribution of material is now more difficult. We are also aware that many people are uncomfortable about giving online. All of this poses a challenge for GMP.

During the year we received several bequests. When bequests are received the funds are invested and the person's name is recorded in our bequest register.

Bequests are a continuing resource to the mission and activities of GMP.

For many, many years, GMP has been the owner/trustee of a church property in Carlton, Victoria. It was originally used as an outreach centre for Chinese goldminers returning to Melbourne. The property is rundown and, with the cooperation of the church that uses the property, it was sold during the year. The funds will be received in December 2022. The proceeds will be invested; some in property, and will support the international mission of GMP.

GMP staff continue to operate in a hybrid office environment with a mix of working from home, face-to-face meetings (where possible) and time in the office. We have continued with a weekly online staff meeting and enjoy the hour or so spent catching up with everyone.

During the year we completed a review into the current staffing, finances and structure of GMP. We wanted to make sure we were ready for the future. Some significant decisions were made. In the past we have had locally-based State Partnership Coordinators. They have all been wonderful local expressions of GMP. However, the reality of the cost of these roles, and the challenge of maintaining our commitments to partners and running a low operating overhead has resulted in the difficult decision to conclude these roles. We greatly appreciate the contributions of Sam Curkpatrick, Vicki Marney, Colin Scott, Colin Battersby and Val Zerna. Colin Scott, Colin Battersby and Val Zerna continue in new roles as part of the GMP staff team. In the future, local church contact will be coordinated through the GMP office in Adelaide and staff based in the states will continue to visit churches. Please continue to invite us to come. Other changes have included reductions in administration staff due to increased efficiency being achieved via the software used for receipting and accounting.

The staffing structure of GMP has changed with the formation of three activity hubs, each with a leader. The Hubs are Program, Engagement and Support. The leaders of these Hubs, together with the Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer, form the Staff Executive.

Elsewhere in this report you will see a summary of the impact of the Applications for Redress on the current and future work of Indigenous Ministries Australia. This matter has required much attention.

NATIONAL REDRESS STATEMENT

The Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries (ACCIM) – previously known as the Federal Aborigines Mission Board – operated children’s homes in Western Australia and one in Queensland. The Council of the Churches of Christ in Australia asked Global Mission Partners to administer the closure of ACCIM and begin something new.

ACCIM closed and was formally dissolved on 18 March 2014. In 2014 GMP received the assets of ACCIM and launched a new Indigenous ministry with and among Australia’s first peoples. This is now Indigenous Ministries Australia.

In 2013 the Federal Government announced a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The results of this investigation were devastating. One outcome was the establishment of a National Redress Scheme in 2017. Those who as children were abused in homes could seek redress from the bodies that operated the institutions in which the abuse occurred. The test used in decisions about the likelihood of abuse having happened is ‘on the balance of probabilities’ and the maximum Redress payment is \$150,000. The institutions that operated the homes are responsible for funding Redress.

The Government determined that there was a choice about whether institutions (including churches) could opt-in or not. Local churches, State Conference bodies and other ministry agencies within Churches of Christ all opted in.

It also decided that where an institution had closed and there is a current body that received the assets of the closed body, that latter body is deemed to be the continuing institution of the closed entity. GMP is deemed to be the continuing entity of the ACCIM homes in Western Australia.

GMP made a decision to be part of the Redress process. This was a decision made by the GMP company members. We did so with the hope of healing and justice being experienced for people who had been abused as children. GMP has been part of the National Redress Scheme for three years.

Since entering into the National Redress Scheme, the number of applications for Redress arising out of the children’s homes of ACCIM is more than three times our original estimate.

Redress Invoices totalling \$6,375,928 have been received by GMP since June 2020. In October 2021 GMP contacted the National Redress Scheme and indicated that GMP was facing a greater Redress risk than could be afforded. GMP was subsequently removed from the scheme for the ACCIM Western Australia properties in December 2021. Without such a step being taken, the likely Redress exposure would have been more than \$12,000,000. As a result of this reality you will note in the GMP Accounts that IMA has a very significant liability in its balance sheet of \$2,660,202.

The Council of Churches of Christ in Australia understands that IMA cannot meet the cost of Redress and that the responsibility for the ACCIM Redress payments rests with the wider life of Churches of Christ.

To date State Conferences in WA, SA-NT, Vic-Tas and NSW have provided more than \$700,000 of financial assistance. A plan is in place to fund the remaining Redress obligation. The Queensland Conference is managing Redress matters in relation to the Eidsvold home in Queensland.

Please be assured:

The assets of GMP held for International Church Partnerships are NOT at risk.

The assets of GMP held for Churches of Christ Overseas Aid are NOT at risk.

Specific giving to IMA projects in recent years is NOT at risk.


The Redress exposure is to the assets generated by the closure of ACCIM. We have formal legal advice that confirms this understanding.

It is important to appreciate the following:

1. GMP did not, at any time, operate or oversee the activities of the homes.
2. The level of Redress relates to the past operations of the ACCIM homes. Many children have been abused – by staff, fellow residents and others. Not all children were abused. Not all staff abused children.
3. This reality had been unknown until the Royal Commission and the launch of the National Redress Scheme.
4. GMP is not at fiduciary risk.
5. IMA is now unsustainable, with more debt than assets, and the future staffing of IMA is under review. It is likely that current staff roles will be dissolved at the end of the 2022/23 financial year. We continue to explore options for the continuance of IMA so that what has been gained is not lost.
6. The Council of Churches of Christ in Australia recognises that the level of Redress means that the resources we, and our Indigenous leaders, have assumed were available for the future are now fully depleted.

Concluding Comment

GMP and the Council of Churches of Christ in Australia are not giving up having an ongoing ministry with and among Australia’s First Peoples. So much has been gained in recent years and we believe Churches of Christ must continue this work. We have assured the Aboriginal leadership of Churches of Christ of our commitment.



John Gilmore
Executive Officer



Barrie Yesberg
Board Chair

OUR PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD





Australia
Projects: IMA, embody
Areas of work: Indigenous Ministry and embody campaigns



India
Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church partnership and welfare programs (ICP); livelihoods, schooling, health care (COCOA)



Philippines
Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP)



Vanuatu
Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP); community development, disaster risk reduction (COCOA)



Bangladesh
Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP); sanitation, education, livelihoods (COCOA)



Indonesia
Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP)



South Sudan
Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP); schooling, livelihoods (COCOA)



Vietnam
Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP)



Fiji
Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP)



Papua New Guinea
Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP)



Thailand
Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church leadership and development (ICP); livelihoods (COCOA)



Zimbabwe
Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development, supporting evangelists (ICP); vulnerable children, safe water (COCOA)

CONNECTING CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

International Church Partnerships (ICP) focus on partnering with the global church by supporting our international church partners in their mission commitments.

We do this by connecting Australian people and churches to those across the nations so that we can support, encourage, and resource the work of the gospel in Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Sudan, Thailand, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.



MEET STELLA

Originally from Papua New Guinea (PNG), Stella serves in the Lomowai Church of Christ just outside Sigatoka in Fiji and is married to Muneshwar. They have three children. She joined Youth With A Mission in PNG, then went to the South Pacific Missionary College in Fiji, graduating with a Diploma in Bible and Mission. Stella is energetic and joyful. "I'm involved in teaching Sunday school, youth ministry, women's fellowship, one-on-one evangelism and participating in fundraising for the church." Stella serves where she is needed and is ready to fill any gap in the ministry of her church.

Image: Stella, Muneshwar and two of their children



Centenary of Churches of Christ Celebrations, Daund Church of Christ, India

EXPRESSING THE LOVE OF JESUS ACROSS NATIONS

When we partner across nations – with an emphasis on knowing the locals and being known by them – there is an important factor to consider: not all our partners experienced global events equally. ICP has focused on being a constant during these turbulent times. We have achieved that because of the constancy of your support.

For example, the COVID-19 waves washed upon our partners in different ways throughout 2021-22. Vietnam and Thailand suffered severe waves, even as the numbers of lives lost and active cases dropped in India, Bangladesh and Fiji. In South Sudan and Papua New Guinea, we may never get a clear picture of the pandemic's reach.

This means that the consistency of support from our generous ICP supporters is even more crucial in these uncertain times. As has been experienced here in Australia, the pandemic has taught us that we can take nothing for granted – and that has been our partners' experience. Despite that, your steadfast support of the Walk For Hope campaign, for example, raised \$36,198, which was well above its target.

Let me give you some examples of the impact of what you give:

In Bangladesh, we have continued to engage in training the next generation of leaders.

In Fiji, it has meant that our small churches there have been able to continue ministering above and beyond their scale and have taken new steps towards long-term sustainability.

In South Sudan, church buildings were improved so that worshippers can meet even during the rainy season and engage in training and evangelism.

In the Philippines, students were trained to spread the good news and to have another vocation to ensure their financial viability.

In Zimbabwe, pastors have been received motorbikes so that they can travel and minister to their scattered congregations.

In Thailand and Indonesia, our partners reached out to the marginalised in their communities during the worst of the pandemic and showed Christ-like compassion.

You, through your faithfulness and generosity, are a part of these ministries. Our partners regularly express their gratitude for your support. You may have felt somewhat contained or restricted over the past few pandemic years, but your generosity has rippled out. You may think you are 'just' supporting the ministry of house churches in Vietnam, for example, which of course you are, yet your support does so much more than that. It means that a local pastor can meet with people during a crisis, pray with them and show them Jesus' nature and love. It means connection and hope. That's what your support does – not only in Vietnam, but across our partners, from Zimbabwe to India to the Philippines to Indonesia to Vanuatu.

Let me add my thanks, and encourage you that your support lands across nations, across communities, across churches and across dinner tables, as people meet and gather to express the love of Jesus in a thousand different ways in a myriad of settings.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

MEET PASTOR FREDDIE

In 2021, when the Londua Technical College was moving back to Ambae (post the volcanic eruptions), many qualified people did not want to apply for the vacant positions. Pastor Freddie Bani, who has a Diploma in Theology from the Joy Bible Institute in Port Vila, did apply – and he was appointed to the important role of chaplain.

Londua and its students have benefitted from this appointment. Besides his chaplaincy role, Pastor Freddie teaches Religious Education and Agriculture. During his free time, he gives counselling to the students. He has commenced some special assistance to the students, through generous free-will giving, that helps young people with a single parent or without parents.

Sundays and Fridays are the days scheduled for spiritual programs at Londua. On Sundays, during the school term, the school conducts communion services. The sharing of communion, and often the preaching, is conducted by Pastor Freddie. Other responsibilities are allocated to students and staff.



"Pastor Freddie is excellent at working with the students"

Pastor Freddie also actively participates in sports and other school-organised activities.

Principal Neyava Philip says, "Pastor Freddie is excellent at working with the students – both socially and spiritually. He is gifted in leading the students in singing, helping them to explore their spiritual gifts and he is very hard working."

The school, after seeing the importance of his contributions to the life of the students last year, has extended his contract.

This year you helped ICP projects achieve:

Church Partnerships in **11** Countries

52 Students attending Bible college in Indonesia

13 graduates from Bible college in Indonesia

396 people baptised in South Sudan

or further **281** people baptised in Indonesia

and **43** people baptised in Bangladesh

LIFE-CHANGING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CHURCHES OF CHRIST OVERSEAS AID

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA) is the international community development program of Global Mission Partners, working to overcome poverty through accompanying communities living in poverty toward realising their aspirations for wellbeing.

COCOA works in Asia, Africa and the Pacific, focusing on clean water, primary health care, quality schooling and productive livelihoods. We partner with local civil-society organisations that are part of the communities that they serve, letting their aspirations for wellbeing drive our projects.

Image: Working in a vegetable garden, Zimbabwe. Showers of Blessing Trust's (OSBT) project is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



MEET ZIBUSISO

Zibusiso, born in 2002, was sadly abandoned by his mother because he was a sickly baby and his mother had little hope that he would live. He was brought to Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) in 2003. KCV is literally his 'home'. He views his house mother and the other children as his relatives. Indeed, it is normal for the children to call each other 'brother' or 'sister'. Zibu, as he is fondly called by his KCV family says, "KCV is home, and my life in Khayelihle has been wonderful." Zibu has a charming smile. He finished his O and A levels with merit. He is noticeably confident in himself. Zibu said, "I realised that I have great potential in me and so I motivate myself to achieve great things." He acknowledges that KCV has helped him become who he is today. "Now I can stand as an individual and say,



"I am happy with who I am. There is so much that I have learnt; so much that I have been taught in regard to my life." His hope is that such support is accorded to others who are vulnerable. "To discover the fact that it's not your vulnerability that's going to determine your future, it's from within that you exert the power that you have." Zibu's desire is to study intellectual law.



Giving supplies to community members at the ceremony for the installation of latrines in Ruma Upazilla, Bandarban Hill District, Bangladesh. Bangladesh CAF - Community Sustainability Program is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS ACROSS NATIONS

Reflecting on all the stories from the last year, the theme of improving livelihoods continues to be a strong focus, as it has for several years. Half of the projects also focused on community building – the ability of a project to catalyse people to work together and to try new possibilities. This is an encouraging trend because it speaks about empowerment within communities which has the potential to outlast the project.

Development really happens when projects stop being a set of activities and become a stimulus to local people that takes off with an energy of its own – like the tiny Mill Project in South Sudan.

The Mill Project was designed to help the community of Chelkou build a high school and be a source of employment for poorer members of the community. It did these things. Then six enterprising women used their income from the sawmill to buy goats, which they bred. With their increased capital, they grouped together to start their own local restaurant, “The Women’s Group Restaurant”. Potentially they now have a long-term income stream that the project never dreamed of.

The community and the COCOA staff chose this story as the story of the year because it showed how one small change can create much bigger changes when a community’s imagination and aspirations are engaged.

Full Accreditation DFAT

Our five-yearly accreditation review with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) was conducted in the second half of 2021 and we were very pleased to move from base to full accreditation. We received affirmation about many parts of our system: child protection, risk management, the COCOA Reference Group and our relational way of working with partners. We were most pleased that our partner-led approach was affirmed. Simply stated, this is giving partners and the communities that they serve, the lead in shaping projects. It recognises that they have the deepest understanding of

the context and the deepest commitment to it. The move to full accreditation means an increase in funding and we have worked with partners to increase their programs.

Partnering Together for Stronger Communities

Just a few weeks before the accreditation review, we conducted our training course for partners – Partnering Together for Stronger Communities – online for the first time. This represented a significant amount of work by the COCOA team to put together the 20 modules of the course, and a partnership with the Australian College of Ministries (ACOM) who provided the online platform and expertise.

Increase in Staff

We have also increased our staffing, including taking on a new project officer, Eva Ntege-Dhizaala, who brings experience from the humanitarian sector in a wide variety of countries.

The Pandemic

The pandemic has made us work extra hard to understand the situations our partners work in. We made a trip to Zimbabwe in May and are hoping that it signals the beginning of visiting partners again. There is no substitute for being on the ground to understand the nuances of their situation and for conveying the connection that we share.

The COCOA Reference Group

The COCOA Reference Group (CRG) continues without any change to its membership but with continuing energy as a different partner joins us each meeting. This year we are asking partners to reflect on their values and their future. Many thanks to the CRG for their steady commitment and to the COCOA team (Colin, Suzanne, Jan and Eva) for their persistent enthusiasm and diligence.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

MEET HILL TRIBE FARMERS

The farmers participating in the Hill Tribe Sustainable Income Project are from the Black Lahu tribal group in the northern part of Thailand.

The project provides seed funding to a farmer to purchase pigs and assist with feed and training. Experienced farmers from nearby communities volunteer their time to help these farmers in raising pigs and provide advice on what is a good price when it is time to sell the pigs. Potential buyers come to the village when they know there are pigs for sale.

One farmer said they have to raise the pigs far from the village so that the smell won’t create problems for other villagers. One group wanted to raise black pigs as black pigs are bigger, which makes them more expensive to raise. The black pig meat is considered tastier, so it is worth more. The second group wanted to raise white pigs as white pigs are smaller but are cheaper to raise and can be sold more quickly than



“We villagers are grateful because even though you didn’t know us, you helped us”

the black pigs. Each pig can bring 5,000 baht in profit if the farmer has bought and raised two or more pigs.

The farmer, who loves animals, wanted to have an occupation and increase his income. He said, “We want to thank GMP very, very much. We villagers are grateful because even though you didn’t know us, you helped us.”

This year through COCOA projects:

197 gardeners planted and cared for 4965 fruit trees

306 people took part in vocational or higher education

3874 people gained access to Safe Water

7 schools received educational supplies and training

116 households received animals to support sustainable livelihoods

1300 adults and children involved in peacebuilding activities

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES

INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

GMP seeks to partner with, and among, Australian Indigenous people, focusing on Indigenous ministry and development. Our Indigenous ministries have been developed and planned by a council of Indigenous people to allow for in-depth direction-setting from key Indigenous leaders and communities around the country.



MEET MARY AND JOEL

Mary and Joel Slabb run Juraki, an Indigenous not-for-profit community organisation committed to creating, supporting and partnering in activities, programs and sporting events that give culturally sensitive opportunities to young Indigenous people. The name Juraki (or Churaki) comes from an incredible local Indigenous man who lived on country around the turn of last century in the area now known as Tweed Heads and Coolangatta, where he, following cultural ways to care for any visitors to his lands, rescued several non-Indigenous people from drowning in the waters of the Tweed River and the nearby surf. Juraki focuses on “Closing the gap from the Indigenous perspective,” as Joel says. Changing lives through saltwater culture and faith, Joel and Mary believe that our children and



youth are our future. Juraki aims to help develop and mentor young Indigenous leaders through various cultural and sporting activities. Juraki is based on the beautiful Bunjalung country in the top corner of NSW in the Tweed Heads area, and partners with IMA through Discovery Visits.

Image: James and Jaroah Schultz,
IMA West Retreat 2021



Camping on the Norseman Discovery Trip, WA

ACROSS THE LAND, ACROSS MANY NATIONS

We count it a privilege to live and work in Australia as we learn about the numerous nations that have existed here for many millennia. Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA) has partnerships on many of these nations, based on the learnings from the wisdom held by the custodians of the lands of these nations, including the Nyoongar, Kariyarra, Ngarla and Nygadju nations in WA; the Kurna and Wirangu lands of SA; the Wurundjeri and Boonwurrung lands in Victoria; and the Barkindji and Bunjalung lands of NSW.

The last 12 months of IMA's activities has again seen some significant challenges with the ongoing COVID-19 issues affecting so many of our partners and the many programs that we run in partnership together. The words of our partners below, however, encourage us deeply to respond to their open invitation to seek healing and wholeness together 'on country' in the many and varied nations that know these lands so well.

"God speaks to us through the land. The old people, they told us, 'Don't be frightened of the bush. The bush will look after you. Everything that you need is there. Provision for everything is there. There's food, there's shelter, there's everything. God is in all of it.'

"Sometimes the world is too fast, but I always take the time to listen to what God is speaking. These trees, and the wind, it's all speaking to us. In scripture it says that His voice is heard in the storm, His voice is heard in the ocean, His voice is heard in the wind. We need to take time to listen and to hear Him.

"Indigenous people, white people, all nations that are being called to this country, we all have a place around the fire. Listen to the old people of this country and you'll start to understand the place where you fit in this big family around the fire.

"Always listen, always be watching. Open your ears and open your eyes. That ears be open, that eyes be open; that's my prayer for Australia." – Kyle Slabb, Bunjalung, Fingal Head, NSW

"As a proud Nyoongar man from Western Australia, I find that being on country is a sense of identity and belonging not only to the land that my ancestors walked but that it's a spiritual connection because it's God's country. I always look forward to going back home, taking off my shoes and walking barefoot because it gives me healing. I was born a few hours east from Perth and I find that sense of coming home to country when I walk on the huge local bare granite rock known as Merredin Peak. I feel a connection to country and it's my favourite place I look forward to returning to when back on land. It holds a special place in my heart." – Brendon Garlett, Nyoongar, Dareton, NSW

"Tarnpanyangga Kurna Yerta, the place of the red kangaroo, is right in the middle of the city of Adelaide. It's been a meeting place for Kurna people from well before the time of Adelaide's settlement, and if people are open to listening and learning, it can be a meeting place again for all cultures to humbly learn and share." – Uncle Frank Wanganeen, Kurna Elder, Adelaide, SA

IMA, together with our Indigenous ministry partners, will continue to value the many supporters that join with us in working for an Australia that honours and respects the God-given culture, leadership and gifts of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters and longs, as we do, to walk as reconciled nations within the one nation.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

This year you helped IMA achieve:

 **8** Indigenous ministry projects

Partners Across **4 States** in Australia 

3  On Country roadtrip experiences

Average of **125** Young People  accessing the Dareton Youth and Community Centre per week

IMA PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

New South Wales

Dareton

- Youth church has started up again, with Brendon Garlett leading.
- Ilker Deli, Dareton Youth and Community Centre Manager, is going well and growing the social enterprise in second-hand goods.
- The Dareton Youth and Community Centre is looking to strengthen its governance and long-term sustainability by incorporating within the next 12 months.

Fingal Head

- Juraki Discovery Partnerships for 2022-23.

South Australia

- Tjilgamooda Church, Ceduna.
- Developing Adelaide City Walk discovery experiences with Kurna Elder, Uncle Frank Wanganeen.
- Developing on country discovery experiences with Dusty Feet Mob's Robert Taylor, Kokatha and Yankunytjatjara leader.

Victoria

Melbourne Indigenous Church Fellowship

- Farewell and celebration of 13 years of ministry by Tony and Francine Riches.
- Introduction of Melbourne Indigenous Christian Fellowship's new pastor, Jongil 'Kimberley' Kim.

Western Australia

Bunbury

- New ceiling project completed with the support of church members and church partners.
- Noongar language classes continuing at the church.

Port Hedland

- Growing worship ministry.
- Baptisms.

Norseman/Esperance

- Norseman Discovery Trip with church partners.
- Several opportunities for the church to minister within the local community.

Ngaama Ministries, Perth

- Indigenous Art Exhibition at Mt Pleasant Church.
- Ni Cultural Training for several churches and Christian organisations.

CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN MISSION

EMBODY

embody exists to empower, encourage and support a national community of young people who are passionate about mission. We want to see God's Kingdom come, to be the best stewards of the resources we currently have, and to support those who are the most vulnerable and marginalised in our world.



MEET EMMA

At just 14-years-old, Emma is our youngest ever interviewee on the Mission Unplugged podcast. She talked about her early involvement with Scripture Union Family Missions (SUFMs). "I think the aim of mission is to share the good news, but also just to live with others. To talk to them, not necessarily about the Bible all the time, but to just talk with them and grow friendships. It's about growing friendships, and including people, and having fun together."

Image: Mitchell Salmon, embody National Coordinator



The Safe Water September team from Elizabeth Church of Christ, South Australia

YOUNG PEOPLE PARTNERING TO CHANGE NATIONS

The national embody community continues to grow, change and flourish as we partner with local communities and local young people to bring change here and in partnership across nations.

embody Mission Cohort

Our second cohort completed their time as part of an embody Mission Community at the end of 2021. This group was smaller than our pilot group, but no less life-giving. Across our group members we included paid ministers and volunteer leaders who were working in established kids' and youth spaces, as well as exploring launching new initiatives. We were privileged to be a part of robust discussions about discipleship and mission with, and involving, young people and to be a part of much growth and development for these amazing leaders. Due to lack of numbers, we did not start a new cohort in 2022, but look forward to gathering a crew for 2023.

Safe Water September

Safe Water September raised more than \$167,000 in 2021 to support safe water, sanitation and hygiene projects through GMP's local community partners in Zimbabwe, Vanuatu and Bangladesh. This was the second year that large parts of Australia were affected by COVID-19 during September, though many people were without some of the supports that helped Australians during 2020. Nevertheless, the Safe Water September community once again showed up in support and solidarity with our partners.

The Safe Water September community was also able to support GMP's emergency response to the crisis in Afghanistan by raising \$15,902, contributing towards water, sanitation and hygiene projects in refugee camps.

Safe Water September continues to be a valuable opportunity for young people and people of all ages to explore mission and development work together, dip their toes in the water, learn about partner countries and

what it takes to change the world through partnerships across nations. We have been incredibly encouraged by the support of local churches and schools.

Mission Unplugged

Throughout the year we have continued to expand the ways we are connecting, supporting and resourcing young people and leaders of young people to pursue God's mission locally, nationally and globally. Our monthly Mission Unplugged interview podcast has continued, sharing more stories of young people engaged in mission, and how their faith has informed and motivated them. Guests in the last twelve months included Ben Chong of the Surrender Leadership Program, Laura Weatherall of Veta Youth, and teenager Emma Cox, who has been part of the McCrae Scripture Union Family Mission (SUFM) team. It is an honour to hear and share these stories.

Reading Mission

We have also added a new podcast to our network, Reading Mission – a live book club podcast where the embody team reads through and discusses books on mission and development. People are invited to listen in and contribute to the discussion in the text channels of our Discord social media community. Our aim is to make books and resources more accessible to young people and leaders of young people to help continue conversations around God's mission and justice in the world. Our first series was on Ash Barker's Make Poverty Personal, and our second series has been on When Helping Hurts by Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett.

It continues to be a great blessing to partner with local churches, leaders and young people to spur on mission and development locally, nationally and globally. Young people are committed to making their world a better place for everyone, and we aim to assist them however we can and connect them with life-changing partnerships here and across the nations.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

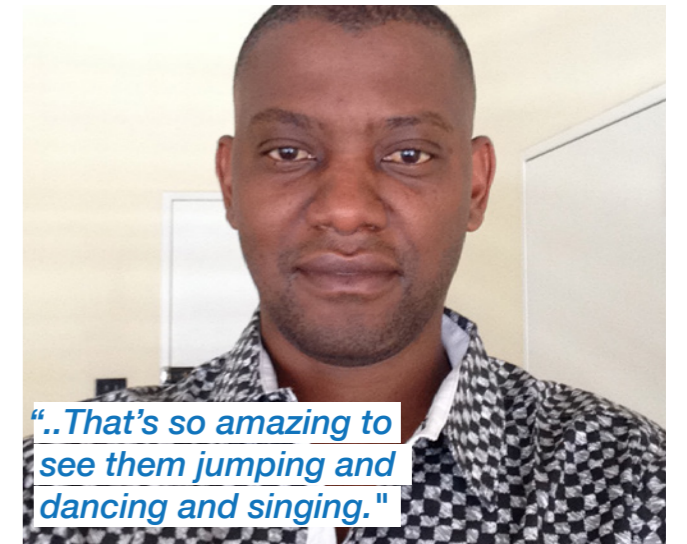
MEET NTANDO

Ntando is a major part of the Showers of Blessing team in Zimbabwe. He works with Boniface Mpofu to manage and implement borehole projects, water projects and provide education in rural and remote communities to transform lives through safe water.

"Faith is everything. My Christian walk has been everything for me. My Christian walk began when I was thirteen and became very active from there. I read my Bible – five chapters every day. I became a verse engine, memorising scripture," Ntando said.

"I came to be involved with Showers of Blessing because of my involvement with Khayelihle Children's Village. We have a network of rural churches we work hand in hand with. They go ahead of us, and they are able to give us feedback and help us find new places we can actually have an impact.

"Sometimes when we first come to a community and explain what we can do for them, people don't trust us, or don't believe we'll do the work, unless they've heard of the work we've done previously. But then that moment



"..That's so amazing to see them jumping and dancing and singing."

when the water does come out, and the women actually come there all ready; that's so amazing to see them jumping and dancing and singing."

It was a privilege to have Ntando on the embody Mission Unplugged podcast as our first international guest, and the first guest from a GMP partner organisation.

This year embody's podcasts achieve

1100 Downloads across both podcasts

22 Stories of young people exploring mission

16 chapters of mission and development literature unpacked

And you helped Safe Water September achieve:

300 people taking the challenge

41 teams taking the challenge

And **1667** donors

Raising more than: **\$167,000**

Giving approximately **6,692** people access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation

PEOPLE & PROGRAMS

People and programs are intimately linked in GMP. We don't have programs without people behind them, people sustaining them and people benefitting from them.



Image: Tubewell installed in Happy Hills Village, Bangladesh. Bangladesh CAF – Community Sustainability Program – is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Boniface Mpofu, Colin Scott, Eva Ntege-Dhizaala and Ntando Msimanga, Zimbabwe Partner Visit, 2022

PARTNER VISITS

COVID-19 restrictions have posed unique challenges for Partner Visits. The loss of personal connection impacts our partners as much as it does those of us eager to visit them. It was quite an exciting moment when Colin Scott and Eva Ntege-Dhizaala from our COCOA team were able to meet our partners in Zimbabwe in May! A team at Devonport Church of Christ are also eagerly anticipating travelling again later this year.

Here are some of their reflections:

“Meeting the GMP partners whom I had only been reading about was very exciting,” Eva said. “Meeting Boniface and his family and seeing the effects of people’s changed lives as a result of improved water access was great.” Another highlight for Eva was talking to the children at KCV. “Watching how confident they were was so very energising,” Eva said. “This visit demonstrated the value of in-person connection, paving the way for quality future interaction. Experiencing the realities on the ground puts a different feel to everything.”

Boniface Mpofu, Director of Showers of Blessing Trust (OSBT), reflected on this visit, “Rural communities in Zimbabwe had become so accustomed to visits from our overseas friends that it was now common to hear them asking why they were no longer seeing visitors. This made us, and our OSBT Board, realise that it was not just us missing Partner Visits but the communities as well. So, the visit by Colin and Eva was heart-warming. It felt for us like a family reunion, and we were so pleased to see and host them.”

Mrs Vimbai Vuma, Director of Khayelihle Children’s Village (KCV) said, “We were very excited to see Colin as we last met in person in 2019. Meeting Eva for the first time was a wonderful experience for us. Their monitoring and evaluation helps us to improve our performance and to share some ideas on how we can all grow going forward. When people come to see our ministry, it shows the significance of KCV in their organisations, and it strengthens relationships. We feel very honored when international visitors come. We are confident that we can do even more at higher levels.”

Dominic Piscioneri reports, “In April 2019, a team from Devonport Church of Christ embarked on a trip to Fiji to visit our partner church in Lautoka. Pastor David and Christy Reddy were very thankful for the time invested. A small part of the journey was to work through what a 10-year celebration might look like for our partnership. Little did we know that the 2020 celebration would be put on hold due to a pandemic! Achieving a milestone and not being able to celebrate together was disappointing, but the joy of the partnership has not been dampened at all. August 2022 marks the step back into face-to-face partnership in Fiji. Although we have been staying connected, nothing beats a firm handshake, a hug and a smile when you share life and ministry together. Phone calls and messages are just not the same as being able to stand in each other’s presence. The plan to reconnect after two years will enable us to continue to grow the partnership, see the changes in the church that are inevitable with moving to a new location, and work toward what the next 10 years looks like! Being apart has been hard, especially because we are built for relationship.”

PEOPLE IN MISSION

GMP continues to support locals and the sending of people into mission settings, both as volunteers and as those who are supported financially.



BJ and Chipu Mpofu

BJ continues to mentor, resource and encourage Zimbabwean church leaders. This past year he has visited many new churches to encourage them to build chapels to service their communities. Most of these groups have many members that can mould and burn bricks. BJ is on the Board of the Zimbabwean Christian College and is a key coordinator for GMP Partner Visits to Zimbabwe when they are possible. COVID-19 has brought extra challenges for each of these activities as well as for families and churches over the past year.



Brendon Garlett

Brendon is pioneering culturally relevant and relational outreach opportunities among the local Indigenous community as well as working closely with Mildura Church of Christ and Ilker Deli and the team at the Dareton Youth and Community Centre, NSW.



Fiona Briers

Fiona led the Bright Solutions program in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, giving training, employment and dignity to marginalised women for more than 10 years, as well as encouraging local leaders. COVID-19 impacted Bright Solutions significantly with the loss of markets, leading to the company’s early closure on 30 June 2020. Fiona continued in Vietnam until June 2021 to oversee the legal dissolution of Bright Solutions Vietnam as a company. She has been on home leave and deputation until May 2022 and is now working with Interserve.

ASSOCIATES IN MISSION



Jamie and Claudia Boland

Jamie and Claudia met in Sudan in 2004 while serving with different Christian organisations. Two years later, as a married couple, they returned Australia to start a family and continue theological studies. In 2013 the Bolands returned to serve full-time in the newly independent nation of South Sudan. In early 2014 they were forced to relocate to Uganda due to the ongoing civil war. Jamie joined the faculty of Africa Renewal University where he serves as a senior lecturer in theology. During their time in Uganda, the Bolands have been able to train more South Sudanese pastors than in their time in Sudan, along with pastors from Uganda and the surrounding EastAfrican nations. They returned to Australia in July 2022.



Chris and Jodie MacCartney

The MacCartneys lived and served in Bangkok’s largest slum community, Klong Toey, from January 2007 until the end of 2020. Second Chance Bangkok was birthed in 2009 with neighbours merging their passion for seeing transformation in the lives of the poor with their deep concern for the climate crisis facing our world. The project now offers employment and a community of belonging to many women and men from the local community. The MacCartney’s returned to Melbourne, Australia, at the end of 2020 in recognition of their family’s changing needs, while continuing remotely in their roles as directors. They continue to provide coaching, mentoring and strategic direction to the leadership team at Second Chance. They have concluded their link as Associates with GMP and are now supported through GMP Extend.



Dr Ash and Anji Barker

Ash has intentionally lived on the front line of diverse urban poverty for over 30 years and seen the unique potential of urban people and places released around the world. Since 2014, the Barkers have been based in Winson Green, inner city Birmingham, UK. They founded Newbigin House, a live-in community that has also started two local congregations as well as many innovative organisations. Ash and Anji are United Reformed Church Ministers of the Lodge Road Community Church in Winson Green with Anji also leading Newbigin Community Trust. A strategic focus for Ash is founding and leading Seedbeds that grows diverse leaders and communities into fullness of life. Seedbeds now also runs the Newbigin Pioneering Hub to discover, nurture, empower and release a new generation of pioneers able to see local communities around the UK flourish in God’s love and Shalom.

*Photo of Fiona Briers courtesy Ngoc Tran – Oi Vietnam



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Ukraine border, image Courtesy of ACT Alliance

EMERGENCY & WELFARE PROGRAMS

Emergency Response for Crisis and Conflict Affected Afghan Communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan – ACT Alliance Appeal

Since August 2021, following the Taliban's takeover of power in Afghanistan, GMP is working through ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance members to provide support for Afghani refugees in Pakistan. The support is through cash assistance due to the prevailing security and economic situation. This is usually undertaken through electronic cash transfers. In general, women and children are given priority in the selection process since they are the most affected by any such crisis.

The project provided monthly cash assistance equivalent to US\$90 for the Afghan refugees for food assistance in Pakistan for six months. The US\$90 calculation has been derived based on a Sphere standard food package calculation that can ensure 2,100 calories per person per day for a family of seven members.

Bangladesh Rohingya Camp Fire – CAF

A massive fire broke out at the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh on 22 March 2021. Over 15,000 pieces of infrastructure including houses, community centres, schools and camp management offices were wholly or partially affected, displacing around 45,000 Rohingya refugees.

CAF (Community Advancement Forum), and other local NGOs, were asked by the Bangladesh Government to provide emergency support to the Rohingya Refugee Camp. The emergency support was coordinated through the military.

Support was provided to approximately 400 homeless households with the following items:

- Food packages – rice, dal and oils.
- Home appliances – kitchen kits, blankets, solar lights and water containers.
- Hygiene kits – face masks, soap and bleaching powder.

Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami, Tonga – Act for Peace

On Saturday evening, 15 January 2022, a large underwater volcano erupted off the coast of Tonga, causing a tsunami. The eruption was one of the biggest to hit Tonga in the last 30 years and the explosion could be heard as far as Fiji, over 800 kilometres away. Since then, volcanic ash has been falling over the islands.

GMP is working with Act for Peace to support those in Tonga impacted by the tsunami and volcanic ashfall.

Emergency Response for Communities Affected by Ukraine Conflict – ACT Alliance

After a slow build-up, the Russian Federation launched a military offensive in Ukraine on 24 February 2022 resulting in a severe deterioration of the security situation. The intense military escalation has resulted in loss of life, injuries and mass movement of the civilian population throughout the country and to neighbouring countries, as well as severe destruction and damage to infrastructure and residential housing.

GMP is working through ACT Alliance members to provide emergency basic supplies (food, WASH, health), psychosocial support, shelter, cash and voucher assistance and logistical support.

Bangladesh COVID Emergency Response – Update

In March 2021, our local partner, CAF, provided support to 600 vulnerable households in Bandarban, Ruma and Rwangchary. These households were provided with masks, rice, soap, salt, oil, dal and a gunny bag.

CAF provided a report on the activity which included feedback from participants and the local authorities. Participants were grateful for the assistance since, with government restrictions, jobs had been lost and food was scarce. The local authorities had overseen the distribution. It was reported that CAF was highly appreciated for assistance given to the needy and vulnerable families. A letter of recommendation was provided by the local authorities.



COVID-19 Relief provided through the COVID-19 Ministry Appeal by Community Advancement Forum (CAF), Bangladesh



Ashwood Memorial Hospital, India

Welfare Programs

For many years GMP has provided care and support to people in ways that are not easily described as a development project. We have been doing this as part of our work that is not tax deductible. This area of GMP's work is moving through a significant period of change.

The children's homes in Baramati and Shrigonda, India, have cared for children and ensured that they have access to schooling. There have been changes in the way that the government in Maharashtra regulates homes such as these.

During this past year the Shrigonda Girls Home's licence to operate was not renewed. There are various reasons for this happening, connected to both the home itself and changed government priorities. The resident girls continue to be supported through a process of transition to other schools, homes or a return to living with their family.

The Baramati Boys Home has continued to provide accommodation and support to a much-reduced number of boys. This change in number also reflects the new regulatory environment in which the homes operate, particularly the staff to children ratios. The boys continue to attend local Churches of Christ schools. Most of the boys return home in the school holidays.

The Gnyan Sampada School in Lasina, India, has ceased to operate due to the impact of COVID-19 and changed government controls and rules. This has been a very difficult decision for Kiron and Nalini Gaikwad. The children have been supported in returning to their village homes and being enrolled in local schools. This has included the provision of uniforms and school fees.

There are many changes in the regulation and operation of the two homes India. In consultation with the Churches of Christ in Western India support from GMP will end in June 2023.

This means that the India-based Child Sponsorship Program operated by GMP is ending. The Gnyan Sampada School program has closed, and its supporters have been notified. The programs linked to Shrigonda and Baramati will close on 30 June 2023. We have made these decisions with the involvement and full understanding of our partners in India. We are inviting current sponsors to support children in Zimbabwe and South Sudan as from the dates of closure.

The Ashwood Memorial Hospital continues to provide medical care to people regardless of their ability to pay. The Ashwood Hospital Board is now governed by a competency-based board and is planning a renovation of the hospital buildings. This project is now linked to GMP Extend.



From top left: Mitchell Salmon, Elise Andrews, Gavian Chan, Craig Brown, Colin Scott, Suzanne Hayes, Melissa Parkinson, Nick Wight, Lisa Szepessy, Val Zerna, Sheree Crouch, Jan Bayliss, Colin Battersby, Remy Sese, Rachel Conteh, Emily Wood, and Melinda van Vuuren

MEET THE TEAM

*Most GMP staff are part-time.

STAFF MEMBERS*

Executive Officer _____ John Gilmore
Deputy Executive Officer _____ Craig Brown

Partnership Coordinators (all roles concluded April 2022)

Partnership Coordinator (NSW) _____ Colin Scott
Partnership Coordinator (SA/NT) _____ Val Zerna
Partnership Coordinator (VIC/TAS) _____ Samuel Curkpatrick
(Concluded July 2021)
Partnership Coordinator (WA) _____ Colin Battersby

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA)

COCOA Director _____ Colin Scott
COCOA Partner Education Officer _____ Jan Bayliss
COCOA Program Officer _____ Suzanne Hayes
COCOA Program Officer _____ Eva Ntege-Dhizaala

International Church Partnerships (ICP)

ICP Director & Program Hub Lead _____ Craig Brown

Indigenous Ministries Australia

IMA Coordinator (East) _____ Nick Wight
IMA Coordinators (West) _____ Remy Sese

embody

embody National Coordinator _____ Mitch Salmon
embody Network Developer (NSW) _____ Emily Wood

Finance and Administration

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COCOA and Partner Finance Administration & Support Hub Lead Melinda van Vuuren
Administration Assistant & Supporter Care _____ Sheree Crouch

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Media and Communications Manager _____ Rachel Conteh
Digital Content Manager _____ Melissa Parkinson
Graphic Designer _____ Eli Minuz
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(Concluded October 2021)
Copy Writer _____ Zach Blackmore
(Concluded December 2021)

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Church Engagement Coordinator _____ Val Zerna

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Director of Marketing and Fundraising _____ Gavian Chan
Database Coordinator _____ Terence Ng

BOARD MEMBERS

Barrie Yesberg

Chair and Executive Member, WA

Ordained Minister of Churches of Christ, Chaplain to Returned Services League WA, Retired Australian Federal Police Chaplain and Royal Australian Navy Reserve Principal Chaplain. Indigenous missionary experience with the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. Involved in Warnbro Community Church in Western Australia. Married with four children, and nine grandchildren.

John Gilmore

Executive Officer, VIC

Master of Theology. Executive Director of Mission and Ministry for Churches of Christ VIC/TAS for 10 years. President National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), Past Act for Peace Director and Chair of the Board, former Micah Australia Director. Ten years active involvement in Christian Conference Asia.

Roger Bawden

(Concluded December 2021)
Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee, Member GMP Review Group, QLD

Diploma of Business, retired missionary, and businessman. Worked in senior management roles for 40 years including Vanuatu, national retail business, aged care, and state-wide retirement villages. Actively involved in the life of the Bribie Island Church of Christ through worship leading, music and other activities.

Naomi Beames

(Elected December 2021)
Treasurer, Chair, Finance Risk and Audit Committee, SA

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) CPA, over 20 years' experience in accounting, tax and risk management including churches and not for profit organisations. Her latest paid role was heading up the Tax Team at BHP Billiton in SA. At the moment as well as being a mum, Naomi is a Tabor College Student and is due to complete a Masters of Divinity at the end of 2022. Naomi worships at Unley Park Baptist, however she regularly preaches at smaller churches in a variety of denominations.

Gordon Buxton

Member COCOA Reference Group, Member Finance Risk and Audit Committee, NSW

Established Yooralla Youth Ministries and Yooralla Overseas Development Fund, which is a registered aid and development fund. More than 30 years' experience as a consultant in customer focused operations and human resources management.

Claire Egan

Member of Board Executive, Member of COCOA Reference Group, Member of the Policy and Governance Group, VIC

Working for Churches of Christ Vic/Tas for the past 14 years. Involved in various leadership positions in local churches including boards, committees, and youth ministry. Studied communications and worked in para-church organisations for most of her career.

Symon Pratt

Member of Board Executive, VIC

Graduate Diploma of Divinity, Masters in Arts (Ministry Practice), Bachelor of Business (Marketing) and a Graduate Diploma in Business (Travel and Tourism). Executive Pastor at one2one Church of Christ, Ballarat, and previously at Bundaberg Church of Christ. Formerly Associate Pastor at CrossCulture working with children, youth and university students including ChildSafe Training, leadership development, and leading local and international mission trips.

Mark Riessen

Member of the Policy and Governance Group, SA

Masters in Theology, currently studying for a Doctor of Ministry. Mission and Ministry Director with Churches of Christ in SA and NT. Director of the Tabor Churches of Christ Study Centre where he lectures in Effective Community Engagement, Leadership for Ministry and Churches of Christ Identity.

Vandana Thavare

Member Finance Risk and Audit Committee, Member ICP Reference Group, WA

Degree in Physiotherapy. Graduate Diploma in Divinity. Associate Pastor (part time) at Lifestreams Christian Church Karawara. Visiting (Churches of Christ) Chaplain at Curtin University, Perth since 2021 and Prison Fellowship WA Volunteer since 2021. Has worked in far north WA and in the NT with several Indigenous communities. Born in India to Bhimrao and Kanta Thavare, she moved with her family to Fiji where they served as missionaries with OMB (now GMP) from December 2001 until 2006.

Janet Woodlock

Deputy Board Chair, ICP Reference Group, VIC

BSc, Dip Ed, MDiv, Cert IV in Workplace and Business Coaching. Teacher and ordained Churches of Christ minister. Janet works as a coach and trainer with Arrow Leadership. She has worked for the National Council of Churches, Churches of Christ in Australia, and Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas. Janet is working as the chaplain at Kilvington Grammar School.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finances are important - they put into action the compassion, care and desire to make a difference for those who support GMP.

The following financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at www.acfid.asn.au.

The full statutory financial statements are available on our website at www.gmp.org.au/annualreport

Image: Women and children nearby as a borehole is installed, Zimbabwe. Showers of Blessing Trust's (OSBT) project is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

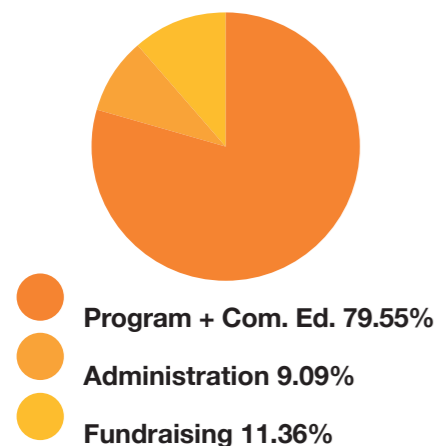




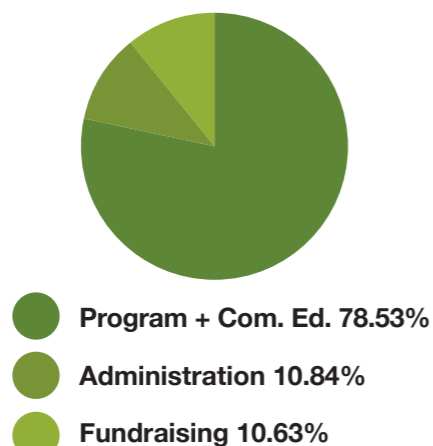
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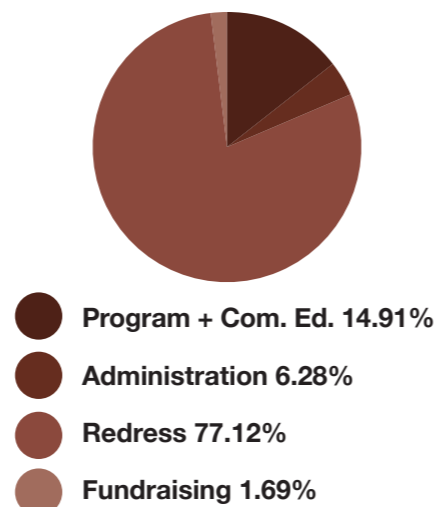
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Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA)



Comments

Global Mission Partners operates with three distinct funds. Each is managed and accounted for separately.

International Church Partnerships (ICP)

The International Church Partnership fund supports church projects with a priority on evangelism, church and leadership development as well as investing in programs that care for adults and children. In 2021-2022 \$614,785 was made available for program implementation, support and community education.

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA)

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid is an approved fund under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme, and satisfies the requirements for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Full Accreditation.

COCOA has policies and priorities that guide the use of funds in keeping with such requirements. In 2021-2022 \$831,288 was made available for program implementation and community education. This figure represents those funds fully acquitted as being spent on activities as at the end of June.

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA)

Indigenous Ministries Australia is supported through the Indigenous Partnership fund. In 2021-2022 \$462,778 was made available for specific projects, program implementation and community education. Specific giving in excess of \$9,424 in support of the Indigenous Pathways project was received and this, and similar specific giving, is quarantined from the Redress matters outlined on pages 10-11.

Our full Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements can be found at www.gmp.org.au/annualreports



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Churches of Christ established the Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners (GMP) in 1891. Our strong history is evident in the quality and values of our partnerships, both internationally and in Australia.

Our Vision:

Every Church Partnering in Global Mission

Our Mission:

Linking People, Churches and Resources across Nations

Our Expectation:

Life-Changing Partnerships

GMP Values

- Gospel Centred
- Committed to Sharing
- Respecting People
- Meeting Human Need
- Working for Lasting Change
- In Partnership
- Seeking Independence and Maturity
- Demonstrating High Standards of Practice

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