

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a group of young children in a rural setting. In the center, a young boy with a joyful expression holds a metal plate filled with white rice and a sausage. He is wearing a bright green short-sleeved shirt over a white t-shirt. Other children, also in green shirts, are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The scene is outdoors with trees and a clear sky in the distance.

STORIES OF CHANGE

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Cover Image: Student from Emmanuel Children's Centre enjoys a meal provided by the school

Above: Woman from South Sudan at her graduation from the Aweil Midwives School

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Hear our story

GMP is so much more than reports and figures. We're about the people behind the projects, authentic partnerships and the difference we can all make. Throughout this report you'll find QR codes linking to videos that can help you discover more about our partners, and the difference their work is making.

You can download a free QR code reader from the app store, or follow the links, and watch the GMP story.

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YOUR SUPPORT CHANGED LIVES THIS YEAR

This year
your support

Reached

 **11**
Countries

supporting
International
Churches,
Aid and —
Development
and
Indigenous
Ministries
in Australia —

You helped support
more than

 **400**
Pastors,
Evangelists &
Church Planters

and helped give

15 
communities
improved
access
to safe water,
sanitation & hygiene training



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Students from
Emmanuel Children's
Centre, South Sudan



125 YEARS OF LIFE-CHANGING PARTNERSHIPS

Dr Heena Peerzade from
Ashwood Memorial Hospital

'Stories of Change' is the theme of the 2015-2016 Annual Report on the activity of Global Mission Partners (GMP). It is an important theme as we acknowledge those who have gone before us and those who are currently involved in, or have been impacted by, our life-changing partnerships around the world.

2016 marks 125 years of overseas mission activities by Australian Churches of Christ. Much has changed since the first Australian missionary sent by the Churches of Christ, Mary Thompson, left for India on May 23, 1891. It was in October 1891 at the second Inter-Colonial Churches of Christ Conference that the first Federal Foreign Mission Committee was formed. The colonies agreed to pool their funds to support foreign mission.

In 1899, the Colonial Churches of Christ took up an offering for famine relief in India. This was the first of many such offerings, which eventually led to the registration of Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA) with the Australian Government in 1972.

Discussion about a formal Australia-wide Indigenous Ministry program began in the 1930s and led to the establishment of the Federal Aborigines Board in 1942. This program became part of GMP in June 2013.

During the years of Mary Thompson we were colonies. There was little structure. Communication and travel took time and the pace of life and decision-making was slower. Today we have States, organisational structures, rapid communication, faster travel, programs in Australia and more international partners. Our mission activity, however, continues to be 'people dependent' though now we rely more on local leaders rather than sending missionaries.

At the heart of what we do, little has changed. Our motivation is found in God's mission to the world – inviting people to faith in Christ and responding to the real needs of people living in poverty.

As we look back we can see a strong history and a dynamic of hope. This basis of hope and history encourages us into the future and gives us confidence as we go forward. Our future is built on strong foundations.

STORIES OF CHANGE

In the past year several new aspects of the work of GMP have become stronger and will assist us into the future. The work of COCOA has developed and been renewed such that now GMP-COCOA is accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) at a Base Level Accreditation. This enables COCOA to receive DFAT grants and opens up new opportunities for our partners. This is the culmination of five years of hard work.

Along with COCOA's development we are also focused on the strengthening of the GMP International Church Partnership (ICP) program. Some staff and management changes are helping this, as is our desire to tell the stories of our partners in new ways. Compared to COCOA, ICP has less income and, as with COCOA, has growing opportunities. We are exploring new ways of connecting with churches and supporters.

The development of Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA) continues. Churches are being supported and income is growing. The recent initiative in Port Hedland is part of this new future for Indigenous ministry, as is the development of the Community Centre in Dareton.

Behind these positive aspects lie some serious challenges for the future, which the GMP Board is committed to addressing as creatively as possible. They include:

- Increased levels of compliance and expectations of GMP to fully comply with what is required. The shift to a Company Limited by Guarantee will simplify some of this.
- The costs of administration, communication, postage and rent are having an impact on GMP. We continue to send printed copies of our monthly newsletter *In Partnership*, and are aware that many supporters do not have access to electronic forms of communication.
- Addressing patterns of dependency in some partnerships, created by years of support, is a priority for GMP. This means face-to-face meetings with partners and working with them to explore ways for them to become more self-reliant.

- The fragile economic environment of both Australia and the global economy has had a direct impact on GMP. We are determined to maintain our budget commitments, even with the fall in value of the Australian dollar. Our income has not increased to match this fall and so we have financial challenges.

We see signs of hope and opportunities for the future.

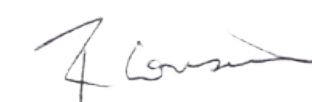
- The development of embody and its connection with young adults is shaping how we understand the connection between advocacy and mission.
- GMP has a deep commitment to our partners and to see them led by local people who are creative, gifted and resilient.
- Churches of Christ have a collective desire to listen to and stand with the Australian Indigenous community. This is a priority for the healing and hope of our nation's future.
- When we meet partners we hear stories of people whose lives have been changed. People have found faith in Jesus, churches are planted and there is a change in expectations for the future.

We also see changes in people's physical and emotional circumstances through development projects being implemented and, as a result, life needs being addressed.

Thank you for your work and support of the partners of Churches of Christ.

We appreciate it very much.

Yours in Christ,


Rod Cousins
Chair, GMP Board


John Gilmore
Executive Director



Proud Beginnings

Pictured left is Mary Thompson, the first missionary sent by the Churches of Christ to India in 1891. In 1901, in response to reports from missionaries, the Famine Relief Fund for India was established. This was the first collection for Overseas Aid undertaken by the Churches of Christ. £1150 was raised, which is the equivalent of over \$160,000 today. In *The Jubilee History of the Churches of Christ* the following comment was made.

"We never knew until this called it forth how much Christian sympathy could provide for the needy in a distant land. We honestly believe the Australian brotherhood were never so rich as they have become by this labour of love."

From the very beginning GMP has been driven by the compassion and generosity of people like you. Thank you for being a part of our 125 years!



House Mothers from Khayelihle Children's Village, Zimbabwe attend church

HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES

2015–2016 has been an exciting year of growth for GMP. Throughout our different partnerships and projects it's been so encouraging to see the difference GMP has been able to make with your help.

A number of years ago GMP began the process of preparing for an Assessment of GMP-COCA for DFAT accreditation. Two years ago when we applied we were unsuccessful – by a narrow margin. In June 2016, we were advised that our recent application was successful. This means COCA can partner with DFAT in funding some of our projects. More than this, it is an affirmation of the standard and quality of our work.

We are seeing a growing number of climate-related disasters, the most recent being Cyclone Winston (Fiji). A number of church agencies, including COCA, are partnering with Uniting World in providing relief and rebuilding community infrastructure. A total of \$98,000 has been provided.

During the past year we supported the rebuilding of schools and churches in Vanuatu. Support has been provided through COCA and ICP. It was encouraging to see the rebuilt Sarabetu Church in Vanuatu. We have also had support from South Australian based teams for our partners in Vanuatu.

During the year a number of visitors from GMP partners were welcomed to Australia. These include Hery Susanto (Indonesia), Sugiato (Indonesia), Prasit Tongtuswattana (Thailand), Pastor Chart (Thailand), Vana Bawm (Bangladesh), Boniface Mpofu (Zimbabwe), Philemon and Shalini Pawar (India) and Fiona Briers (Vietnam).

The development of activities and ministry support through IMA is continuing. We have commenced a process to determine the potential for re-engaging in ongoing ministry in Port Hedland. Following an initial visit, it was agreed that Remy Sese would spend some months in Hedland as part of launching a new ministry there.

John and Ruth Saulo concluded ministry at Dareton (NSW) after eight years of serving the local Indigenous community. Their work and care of people was highly affirmed at their farewell. Kevin Tucker, along with his wife Debbie, has been welcomed as the new Indigenous Community Pastor in Dareton. Kevin had been the pastor of the Norseman Aboriginal Fellowship.

Following the approval of a new constitution at the 2015 Annual General Meeting to restructure GMP into a Company Limited by Guarantee, the process is well under way. It has taken more time than anticipated and we expect it to be finalised before the end of 2016.

An important part of the work of the GMP Board is the development and appraisal of policy. Two important policies were approved in this past year. One relates to the culture of GMP and the other is a policy on advocacy.

The GMP Board meets twice a year face-to-face, and five times a year by teleconference. The Board Executive also meets on a monthly basis. There is a sub-committee of the Board for Finance, Risk and Audit matters, as well as COCA and IMA reference groups. The people who make up the Board and Committees are an important part of the work of GMP, providing wisdom, guidance and encouragement to our staff and partners.

Over the past several years GMP has sent a team to work with the leaders of the Melanesian Evangelical Church of Christ to set directions and plan for the future. The most recent visit explored the theme of sustainability and leadership. The PNG leaders

expressed a desire to become increasingly self-reliant and self-sustaining.

Looking to the Future

What of the future? Immediate future priorities for GMP include:

- Implementing new ways to develop partner capacity
- Increasing the quality of COCA Projects
- Supporting new Indigenous Ministry opportunities
- Continuing exploration of new ways of connecting with younger people

Our focus with our Australian and International partnerships is on project planning and design. We want to ensure that what is planned can happen, and in ways that empower people. IMA is building networks of influence in the eastern states as well as in the west and we can see new opportunities emerging. GMP also supports wider ministries in Australia. We engage with Micah Australia, Surrender, Christian Youth Ministry Connection, Stop the Traffik, The Justice Conference and the Australian Council for International Development.

STAFF CHANGES

GMP has staff scattered around Australia and changes take place from time to time. During the past year Craig Brown was farewelled from his role as Vic-Tas Mission Mobiliser and Director of Communications, Roger Burton concluded as COCA Project Worker and Cristy Loader concluded in the Adelaide office. We have welcomed Jenny Mountford to the Adelaide team and Suzanne Hayes to the COCA team.

With the focus of GMP being on international partnerships as well as partnerships in Australia, travel is part of the rhythm of GMP. GMP staff continued to visit international partners on a regular basis. The focus of

these visits is the monitoring and evaluation of projects. Very often they also include a review of the partnership itself. During the year a major review into our partnership in India was undertaken. The goal was to address issues of the past to make the partnership more effective into the future. Several of our international partner's settings where we support – including South Sudan and the Chittagong Hill Tracts – carry greater travel risks. Care is taken to ensure that partners and staff are not unnecessarily put at risk. The Board has adopted a policy to guide GMP staff when they travel, which includes seeking guidance from our partners.

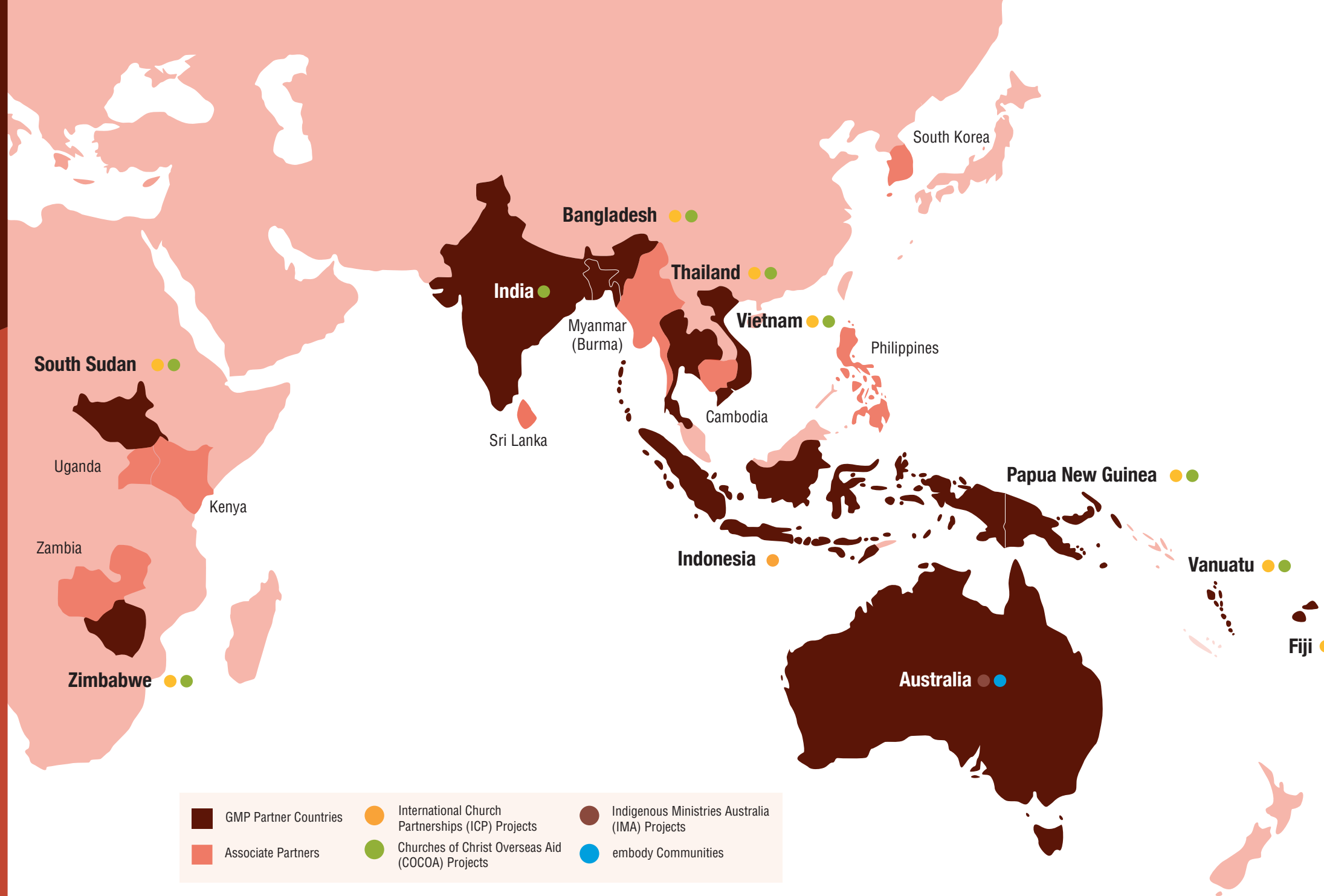


THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make a huge difference to GMP. We rely on them as they travel to serve our Partners in teams, assist in our programs and administration, serve on our Board and Committees, fold and mail material, and raise funds by selling goods on behalf of GMP. It is hard to put a value on these contributions – one could say they are priceless. Thank you for your help.

This year **34–**
Volunteers
worked with GMP





OUR PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD



Australia

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



Bangladesh

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP); access to education (COCOA)



Fiji

Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development



India

Projects: COCOA
Areas of work: Education, health care and support focus (COCOA) Welfare (GMP)



Indonesia

Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church and leadership development



Papua New Guinea

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



South Sudan

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP), education, maternal health care, agricultural development and employment, care for vulnerable children (COCOA)



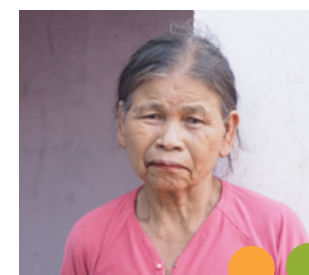
Thailand

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP), refugee support, education, and community development (COCOA)



Vanuatu

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



Vietnam

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development (ICP); employment opportunities, water and sanitation (COCOA)



Zimbabwe

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church and leadership development, supporting evangelists (ICP); agricultural development, care for vulnerable children, water and sanitation (COCOA)



Ladies from Aweil Church of Christ,
South Sudan



INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

International Church Partnerships (ICP) focused on impacting the global church by supporting our international church partners in their mission commitment. We did 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, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Thailand, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.



Martha Gibe, from the Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ, PNG

CHANGING LIVES IN THREE WAYS

During the year, we reviewed the ways that GMP is resourcing and developing the important work of ICP. We affirmed our intention to develop the capacity of our international partners towards long-term sustainability. As a result, the projects we support have clearer objectives with partner commitments to these objectives.

We clarified priorities to include a sharper focus on training and development of leaders, resourcing church planting and supporting evangelism. This shift aligns us more closely with the mission focus of our partners, encourages their journey to self-reliance and minimises the focus on administrative and institutional funding.

A restructure of the management of the programs was implemented with the appointment of Cindy Haidar as the ICP Coordinator. This decision means that ICP has a renewed focus and fresh energy and ideas. One illustration of this was the new ICP campaign launched at Easter to resource leadership development in our partners. The aim is to build capable leaders, equipping them through local theological colleges or resourcing them through skilled mentoring, thereby

increasing local leadership capacity. The presence of skilled leaders enables programs and projects in the areas of church planting and evangelism to run effectively and builds levels of sustainability.

Learn, Pray, Act

The involvement of Australian church partners is another critical part of ICP's program and focus. As we in Australia learn about the mission activities of our partners we also grow our understanding of how to think and act towards others. Our willingness to pray connects us to our brothers and sisters in Jesus, and our willingness to act results in generous giving, joy in visiting partners and discovering new aspects of our partnerships.

ICP PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

Bangladesh

ICP supports seven evangelists in Bangladesh who are passionate about ministering and serving the tribal Mru community. One of the highlights this year has been that the entire Era village, formerly Buddhists, Hindus and animists, became believers after one of these evangelists settled there with his young family in 2014. They now all worship together in church and model godly living as taught by David and other visiting pastors, setting an example to surrounding villages.



Local church leaders in Bangladesh



Vuci Road Church

Fiji

While Cyclone Winston has taken up much of the news headlines, one of the highlights in Fiji has been the continuing development of the church-to-church partnerships. These have resulted in partner visits from Devonport Church of Christ to Lautoka and Vitogo churches and Nowra Church of Christ to Vuci Road. These visits sowed into the leadership of the local churches, complementing the mentoring local leaders received from Bruce Edwards, Director of Fiji Community Churches of Christ, through his regular visits to each church and the Pastor's Retreat he conducts annually in August.

Indonesia

ICP supports the Christian Church Theological School of Indonesia (CCTSI) in planting new churches, training student evangelists and resourcing their travel to unreached areas throughout Indonesia. While students are trained and equipped during their three years of study and weekend ministry, they are also required to complete a year of practicum that involves moving to a church planting and ministry setting. These students are truly 'on fire' for God, ministering in settings where their beliefs as followers of Isa Almasih (Jesus the Messiah) are not always welcome. One of these students, Kristin, has been sharing her faith at the Karang Ombo church plant, an area with strict religious beliefs. As a result, four young people, whose parents all serve at the local mosque, were baptised at Easter.



Baptism in Indonesia

GMP supports
691 
Churches & Preaching Points
in 10 countries —

and more than
400 
Pastors, Evangelists & Church Planters


who reach over
20,000
people —

Papua New Guinea

Priorities in PNG for ICP can be grouped under two headings. One is leadership development and the other is church development. ICP supports the operations of the Gandep Bible Training College and, more recently, the Yamen Bible School. One opportunity being explored is a more direct link with the Christian Leaders Training College (CLTC) at Mount Hagen. Gandep will be upgraded to a Diploma level and become a ‘feeder’ college for CLTC, which will offer degree standard training.

The Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ (MECOC) leaders are in the process of restructuring their work around three districts and will prioritise support for the church development through these three areas. This means that resources will be provided ‘closer to the ground’ and the needs of each area will be reflected in the ministry that occurs. Less activity will be based in Madang.

Additionally, there are changes planned in the leadership of the Conference with the appointment of a National Training Coordinator and the conclusion of the role of Executive Director.



Leaders of the Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ

It is always encouraging to visit MECOC and hear the stories for new churches being developed and people being baptised. GMP is committed to encouraging the leaders to think and plan for the long term and to allocate resources strategically.

South Sudan

Our commitment is to provide the children that are part of the Emmanuel Children’s Centre with wholistic care, which includes a spiritual component. ICP supports the salary of a Chaplain (Pastor Butros) and part of the salary of the Director of the program, Paulino Malou. The spiritual input for the children includes times of singing, teaching and prayer as well as the provision of pastoral support to the children and staff. The Marial Bai Church of Christ, led by Pastor Butros, meets at the centre on Sundays and reaches out to the whole community. A growing number of adults and children from the school and the wider community attend the church. As well as overseeing the Emmanuel Program, Paulino has a wider role overseeing the training of evangelists through the Churches of Christ College.



A time of prayer at Emmanuel Children’s Centre

Thailand

The focus of our partnership in Thailand is on developing leaders and resourcing church planting. ICP supports pastors in the Church of Christ Thailand (CCT District 11 in the Nakhon Pathom Province) to support outreach to the tribal Plang community – a minority group who are not recognised in Thailand. Many Plang people work in orchid farms on minimal wages to supply markets in Bangkok. However, they are passionate for people to come to know the good news of Jesus. We also support their church planting programs and it is exciting to see the first Plang church flourishing and the planting of a second church in the province.



Children after a service in Thailand



Church leaders from Sarabetu Church, Port Vila

Vanuatu

The development of leaders in Vanuatu is supported through the Mobile Bible College and Australian College of Ministries (ACOM) in Vanuatu. The first graduation of Mobile Bible College students occurred in August last year. These students have now gone on to serve as pastors and leaders of their local churches. We have also seen the major reconstruction of Sarabetu Church this year following the extensive damage caused by Cyclone Pam in March 2015, with smaller repairs awaiting completion at Leneai, Bangor, Imarap and Ikuningen churches.

Vietnam

A number of years ago Global Mission Partners entered into a partnership with a network of unregistered house churches. These groups of Christians are deeply committed to reaching out and to supporting each other in their faith journeys. The churches are found in Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta, central Vietnam, and around Haiphong in the north. The churches vary in size from a handful of people to around 60 or so. Some are reaching out to ethnic minorities who are also living in significant poverty.

This network is led by a group of committed people. One of them is Doan. She lives in the south and her ministry is nation-wide and focused on supporting and developing leaders. These churches and their pastors benefit greatly from leadership development as most have had very little training. While strong in evangelism, the challenge is that of building community



Church leaders in Vietnam

and developing a further network of leaders. Doan is responsible for these programs. ICP provides support for the pastors, training and prayer days in the north, centre and south of Vietnam.

MEET SALMON

“My name is Salmon and I’m from Nabiré, West Papua. After completing my basic classes at CCTSI I departed this past March for Sulawesi to start my one-year ministry practicum. It made me truly think about loving people for who they are, no matter what their tribe, their language, their religion. Based on these experiences, I realise that I need to show them the love of Christ and that I should be salt and light to their community. Please pray for this ministry so I can fulfill the Great Commission wholistically and faithfully.”



Watch the interview with Salmon at goo.gl/9osWfe



MEET THE BANDA FAMILY

ICP supports student Augustine Mahlangu through the Theological College of Zimbabwe. He has been sharing the love of Jesus with the Banda family. Here is their testimony:

“Augustine has been an encouragement to us. We used to walk close to 25km to and from church, so being introduced to a church close to us allows us to be part of a community of believers with whom we worship and share our problems. I have come to understand that the Bible is not meant to be tailor-made to suit my needs but is a way of getting to know God. As a family we have been taught – and are applying – conflict resolution; how to be able to forgive each other and gain family cohesion through Scripture. At church we have been given the opportunity to discover our gifts and talents and, through exercising them, this has led us to grow. Mrs Banda



has now memorised many verses and loves praying in the evenings. As the man of the house I am now learning how to study the Bible. I hope to get one soon and be able to also lead the Bible studies in my home.” – Kenneth Banda.



Zimbabwe

The ICP program in Zimbabwe involves resourcing evangelism by supporting the work of seven evangelists and resourcing the travel of evangelists in remote, rural areas. We also develop strong leaders by supporting BJ Mpofu in his work as a key resource in the mentoring and training of evangelists and other church leaders and by supporting the training of students at the Theological College of Zimbabwe and Zimbabwe Christian College. Despite the challenges of ministering in Zimbabwe, we have seen a steady increase in church growth.



Learn more about evangelists and motorbikes in Zimbabwe – goo.gl/mVXrnb

In Zimbabwe, ICP helps support

36
Pastors

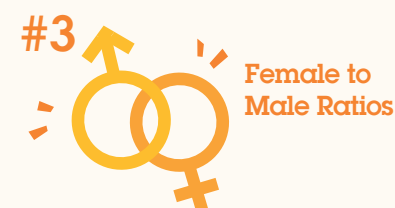
and

8
Evangelists

Many pastoring

Multiple
Churches

Some of the biggest Challenges they face are:



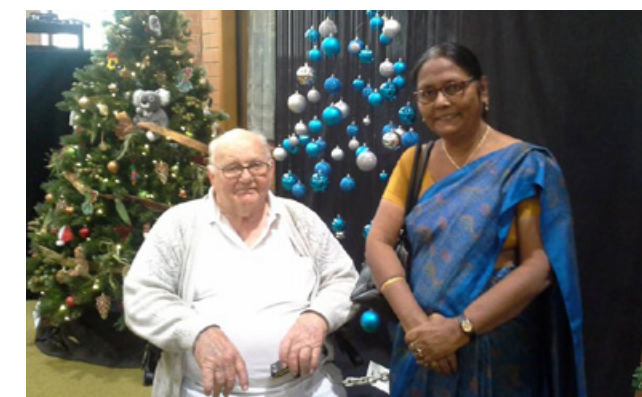
ICP ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

One of the ways GMP supports mission is by making available practical administrative and financial support for ministries that do not have an Australian presence or the systems required for operational support.



Reaching Hands (Orissa, India)

Reaching Hands was founded by Dr Iris Paul over 40 years ago and is now run by her son Remo Paul, Executive Director, and daughter-in-law Dr Susan Paul, Medical Superintendent. Their work focuses on reaching the villages in the district of Malkangiri in Orissa State, India, with the love of Jesus. They provide medical care and health education and plant local village churches.



Mother's Love (Daltongani, India)

Mother's Love Welfare Centre in Daltongani serves to bring light into the dark experiences of India's disabled, disadvantaged and destitute people. The focus of their program is on helping vulnerable women and children of all creeds and races through the provision of pre- and post-natal care support for women experiencing abuse and the care and education of orphaned and abandoned children.



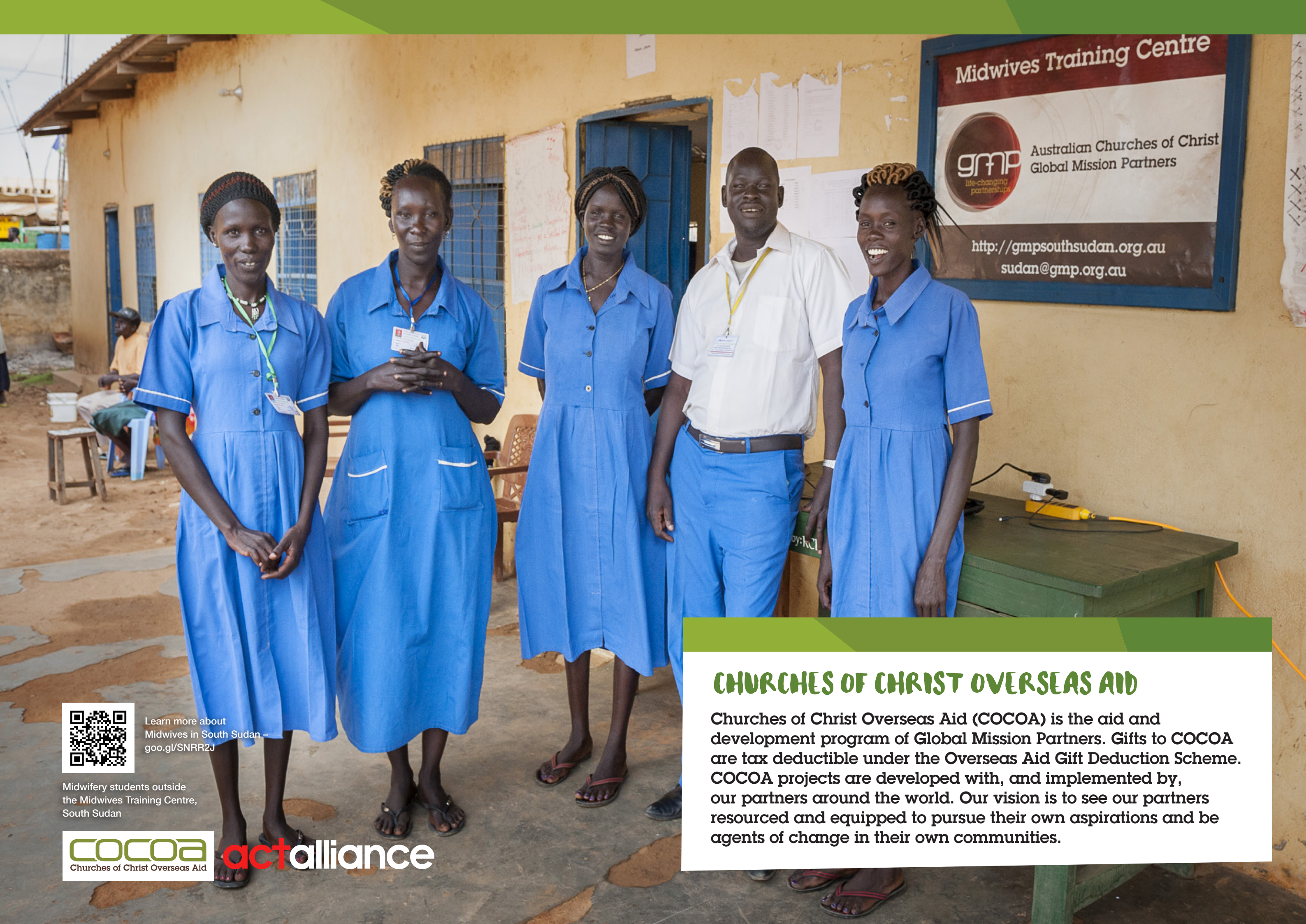
Geon Homes and Asia Gospel Mission (Seoul, South Korea)

Geon Homes had its beginning in the reconstruction of South Korea after the Korean War. Initially it focussed on orphaned children; today its focus is on children and the ways that care, support and education can be provided. This includes residential and non-residential programs. Asia Gospel Mission supports local church activities in rural settings with few resources. This ministry is led by Dr Yoon Kwon Chae, a pioneer Churches of Christ leader.



Newbigin School for Urban Leadership (Birmingham, UK)

The Newbigin School for Urban Leadership is based in Winson Green, Birmingham, UK. This multiracial, inner city neighbourhood is where some of the first urban industrialised neighbourhoods began over two hundred years ago. The centre is led by Dr Ash Barker and seeks to cultivate seedbeds for neighbourhood renewal, raise up diverse streams of urban leaders and be part of shaping our new urban world.



Learn more about
Midwives in South Sudan –
goo.gl/SNRR2J

Midwifery students outside
the Midwives Training Centre,
South Sudan

COCOA
Churches of Christ Overseas Aid

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST OVERSEAS AID

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA) is the aid and development program of Global Mission Partners. Gifts to COCOA are tax deductible under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme. COCOA projects are developed with, and implemented by, our partners around the world. Our vision is to see our partners resourced and equipped to pursue their own aspirations and be agents of change in their own communities.



Midwives visit local communities to check up on mothers and babies, South Sudan

LIFE-CHANGING VENTURES

Several new ventures began this year for COCOA. Following the graduation of the first group of midwives in South Sudan, a new and bigger government-backed health training institute was established. It is exciting to see the government taking over responsibility for critical training that COCOA initiated.

While the previous school had capacity for only 20 midwives, the new institute will train 40 midwives as well as 40 nurses and 40 clinical practitioners. We have been developing a partnership with this new school, Aweil National Health Training Institute, and our first project together will begin soon.

A second new venture was engaging with the Vanuatu Church Partnership Program. The Australian churches working in Vanuatu, and their Ni-Vanuatu partners, are continuing the network that they established in the first two phases of the program – working for collaboration and training, and to pursue funding opportunities together. We will work with the Churches of Christ Conference in Vanuatu to enable them to participate in the network and to develop projects of their own.

The COCOA Reference Group continues to bring development expertise to the review of COCOA project designs and COCOA policies. It consists of GMP Board

member, Gordon Buxton, alongside Doug Walladge, Ben Thurley and Kelly Hayduk, who joined during the year. Many thanks to each of the people who put in lots of hours of reading, as well as contributing in the meetings, to make sure COCOA projects are the best that they can be.

Life-Changing Highlights

The highlight of the year was receiving base level accreditation for the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). This means that we will receive a grant from the Australian government each year. At the same time the program gives us a rigorous set of industry standards so that we know that our projects are up to scratch. Many thanks to Roger Burton who brought his specialist expertise to help us get there, and the various GMP staff, particularly Jan Bayliss, who also made vital contributions.

This year we have focused on the further development of our evaluation and acquittal processes. We have made significant changes and piloted some of them, but still have some more work to do.

The Partnering Together for Stronger Communities training workshop was another highlight this year. This training invested into building the skills of 15 project managers participating from our associate partners. Input was given from Scott Higgins of A Just Cause (<https://ajustcause.com.au/>) and Boniface Mpofu from Showers of Blessing Trust (Zimbabwe), as well as COCOA staff. The group looked at the project cycle and key issues such as gender equality and disability inclusion, as well as issues of culture, and power difference. There was a new appreciation of the importance of starting with the ideas of the local community, rather than our own. Partners also improved their understanding of project documentation. The workshop was a great learning experience for the participants who we trust will implement more effective projects because of it.



Boniface Mpofu (Zimbabwe) speaks at the Partnering Together for Stronger Communities workshop

Over the last year COCOA Projects have provided:

approx
800
Children with
care and education

approx
10,000 people
with health screening —
and primary medical care

15
communities
with improved
access to safe water
sanitation & hygiene training

COCOA PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

Bangladesh

BHCOC Hostels – Thlaituah Income Generation

The Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ (BHCOC) hostels rejoiced this year with 13 students passing their ten standard public exams with good grades! The year began with a flood and COCOA was able to help with some emergency support and repairs. Thlaituah, the new farm initiative, is underway and ginger, turmeric and mangos have already been sold during the year. About 80 children are able to access high school education through the two hostels that BHCOC operates. Thlaituah will create income to support the hostels. Thus far, this income has helped BHCOC to be more flexible with fees for children with a disability. The children have also been making and selling handicrafts. In addition, this year staff and children have taken part in child protection training. A sanitation project has brought piped water and simple toilets to one ethnic minority community. An evaluation of the previous project was conducted in which residents pointed to improved facilities, record high school graduations and

a deeper recognition of the rights of everyone, particularly children and women. Protection, care and love were the most valued changes for them. The evaluation shaped the new project, in particular the focus on income generation, development of management systems and an increased focus on child rights.



Hostel Managers, Bangladesh

India

Ashwood Memorial Hospital

Ashwood Memorial Hospital extends primary health care initiatives to poor rural communities surrounding Daund, Maharashtra. The hospital is at a critical point in its growth, requiring a new structure to ensure its work can continue. A new organisational strengthening project is underway, aimed at enabling the hospital to better plan for the renewal of key capital equipment such as their ambulance and their building facilities. An earlier evaluation was conducted for the ultrasound project which showed better management of maternal cases and better diagnosis of diseases like liver abscesses and arterial occlusions. The learning from this project pointed to the need for an embedded strategy for resource maintenance and replacement which the organisational strengthening project seeks to address.

Hosanna Ministries – Gnyan Sampada Residential School 2

The Gnyan Sampada Residential School is now ready for the next stage of development to allow for the occupation of their newly constructed school building. This year the hostel received an excellent residential care standards report and the school has adopted a new process for parents choosing a religious education option for their children. Currently there are 23 children (four orphaned) in the hostel and 99 children in the school.



Patient at Ashwood Memorial Hospital



Children in acrobatic display at
Gnyan Sampada Residential School

India
was our
**First
Partner
Country**

Ashwood Memorial Hospital
was established in
1927
almost 90 years ago

Learn more about
Ashwood Memorial
Hospital at –
goo.gl/eGNrRD



Justin and Gwenyth at the
Pioneer Bible Translators office, PNG

Papua New Guinea

Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ, Pioneer Bible Translators and La'o Curriculum Development

Research indicates that children who learn to read and write in their mother tongue learn more effectively and become more proficient in languages they learn later on in life. Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ working with Pioneer Bible Translators have produced basic literacy materials (Elementary Prep) in the La'o language. Term Four of the elementary curriculum remains to be completed, as well as final training for teachers. Schools have only been open intermittently and there are reports of some closing down so supervision of the implementation of the materials has been difficult.

South Sudan

Aweil Midwives School

Aweil Hospital celebrated the graduation of 15 midwives from an original cohort of 20, in November 2015. This is a fantastic outcome for a school that was started from scratch and borrowed teachers from here, there and everywhere. The graduates have a strong sense of calling to be part of changing the appalling maternal health statistics in their country. Prompted by the success of the school, the national government and the United Nations have begun a new and bigger school on the edge of Aweil. The Aweil National Health Training Institute has 40 midwives, 40 nurses and 40 clinical practitioners in training. This is a fantastic outcome which sees the national government putting money into health and an expanded cohort. COCOA is currently negotiating a new project that will contribute to the new school.

Christian Mercy International – Emmanuel Children's Program

Many exciting things have happened this year within the Emmanuel Children's Program. There is now a local Church of Christ organisation, Christian Mercy International, which oversees this program and has many more projects in mind! The school buildings also took shape and an agreement was brokered with the Ministry of Education to take over the staff salaries and the World Food Programme to deliver the feeding program for Emmanuel School. The school has also begun a program of upskilling the teachers. Community members have donated posts for a fence while COCOA has supplied the panels. This should keep the livestock out and make way for a school garden. There are now 390



Midwives make visits to local communities

children (who have lost their immediate family from the civil wars) who receive primary school education and a midday meal while the community continues to arrange the children's accommodation with local families. The security situation has made finding an external evaluator difficult.

Bongibot

The Bongibot project has been renewing agricultural skills in four rural communities in the southernmost part of South Sudan. There has been no input from COCOA this year, but the team is hopeful that there will be enough peace to complete the last activity of the project – a shed for the tractor.

Thailand

Urban Neighbours of Hope (UNOH) – Klong Toey 2

Klong Toey is Bangkok's largest and most notorious slum. COCOA has supported the team living there as they create employment opportunities for people. This year the biggest and most well-known business initiative – Cooking with Poo – separated from UNOH. The Munjai Café closed but some of the staff began their own catering service called 'I'm Tasty'. Second Chance Bangkok, Upcycled Wares and RoyRak Jewellery continue to move people from unemployment to greater opportunities. Of the 21 people involved in these three initiatives, 18 are women. Each initiative is covering its costs and has reached the foreigner to local staff ratio target of 1:6.

CCT Chickens – Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT)

A new project has just begun working with the CCT to extend a pilot chicken-farming project in one location, which will include breeding chickens and preparing



'Cooking with Poo' business initiative

them for market. Chicken farms will also be established at six new locations among ethnic minority communities near Chiang Mai.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu Church Partnership Program – Community Development

For a number of years the various church development agencies in Vanuatu have been working together to coordinate their efforts to upskill their staff. COCOA has just negotiated a new project to enable Conference of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu staff to participate fully in this network and to carry out an initial round of training and needs assessment in communities. The theme is 'The Least of These', focusing on the most needy in each community. From this, further projects will be developed.



Women from Imarap Village, Tanna



Receiving a new toilet

Vietnam

Binh Phuoc Association for the Disabled, Poor and Orphans

Working with the provincial association for disabled persons, Binh Phuoc Association for the Disabled, Poor and Orphans, COCOA South East Asia has provided sanitation systems and health workshops for more than 15 households of people living with disabilities. The target communities are rural, isolated and from an ethnic minority group. Toilet facilities mean that people are healthier, safer and more independent in their daily lives. Particularly in the wet season, recipients are glad to be saved from arduous and slippery walks into the jungle. An external evaluation during the year found that the installations were of good quality, well targeted and appropriately customised. Recommendations will help shape the next project, which is currently awaiting negotiation of a new partnership, which will see the local organisation take greater responsibility for the project.

Bright Solutions

Bright Solutions trains marginalised women to achieve financial independence through a handicraft business. Participants take part in an internship with regular reviews of their goals and skills. A management team of four women was established in 2015, gradually moving the business toward local ownership and control. An external evaluation found that 100% of women reported improving their expense management. The project has stabilised the income of 12-20 marginalised women each year. All of the women interviewed reported a new vision for life, with values including trust, respect, self-esteem, confidence and 'sharing'. Ms. Hue, a participant, shares, "We now know that although we are very poor, there are some people who are still poorer. So we try to do something to help them when we can."



The Bright Solutions' Team

MEET HUYNH THI DIEM KIEU

My husband and I worked hard but could not support our two small children of primary school and kindergarten age. I was lucky to receive a job at Bright Solutions which was such a big change in my life! The company's head, Ms. Fiona, taught me to do my job in every small detail. Our co-workers were friendly and caring. The initial earning was small but has increased with my improved skill and company's revenue. I love the job that gives me flexible working time and learning about love, forgiveness and sharing. It has been five years since I started in the company and now it is time for me to begin my own sewing job at home and give this great opportunity to other women



who are less fortunate. My recent plan is to teach handicraft works to a group of women from the ethnic minority of S'Tieng. We together will produce handicrafts for our livings.

Zimbabwe

Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV)

Currently Khayelihle Children's Village is home to 74 children from difficult backgrounds who lack family support. KCV has started a program of identifying the relatives of children and, where it is safe for the children, beginning a process of reintroducing children to their families. More than a dozen children have been able to move back to live with their families. This is the reconnecting project. It is the beginning of the process of KCV operating as a service which helps identify the best outcome for each child, reuniting them with their extended families where it is possible and safe for them and seeing residential care at KCV as the last option. Research indicates that there are many benefits for children living with their families compared to living in an institution. Mrs. Vimbai Vuma, previous KCV Board Chair, was appointed as the Director. The Board has restructured the staffing and worked through the difficult task of making some staff redundant. KCV farm is developing with the completion of reservoirs and guttering on buildings in order to make the most of rainfall. Unfortunately, there has been little rain to catch this season. Grey water usage and a wider drip irrigation system have been implemented, again to make the most of scarce water. Staff attended a beekeeping course, exploring another way to diversify the farm's produce. While the farm made a loss for the 12 months to April, it was one eighth of the previous year's loss. 2017 should see the farm contributing to the operation of the Village without external assistance. Two solar-powered borehole pumps are to be piloted as part of the renewable energy project. Kiwilink, our New Zealand counterparts, have agreed to send a team to install them.



Children from KCV, ready for school



Watering the KCV gardens

MEET ZIBUSISO

Zibusiso was abandoned by his mother after she had taken him to the hospital for treatment because he was ill. His mother left the ward on the pretext that she was coming back, but she disappeared. Efforts to trace her were fruitless as she had given a fake address. Zibusiso stayed at the hospital from 24 November 2003 until July 2005, when the Department of Social Welfare referred him to Khayelihle Children's Village. Presently he is living at KCV, attending school and is positive about his future. His aim in life is to be a lawyer and he is working toward that goal. Zibusiso says, "Being an orphan didn't mean that it was the end of my life. I got a chance to go and learn. I used it wisely. The KCV Home has made me achieve more in life and gave me friends who encourage me in times of sorrow. I would like to thank the Almighty for taking care of me. I know that without confidence I would be nothing. God bless the KCV Home."



Learn more about Khayelihle Children's Village and meet more kids like Zibusiso – goo.gl/nZvTmO



Borehole in Rupemba

Showers of Blessing Trust

Showers of Blessing has completed seven new boreholes in the first half of the year helping rural communities to access drinking water, eradicate waterborne diseases, grow vegetables for better nutrition and provide water for livestock. The communities organise the labour for construction of the concrete apron around the borehole and form a management committee to manage the use of the borehole. As it is most often women who fetch water in Zimbabwe, they dominate the membership of the committees. The Board took the initiative to nominate a female Board member this year.

Water is a precious resource. At Chomubhobho the walk to fetch water was so long that people were borrowing water from their neighbours, keeping track of 'water' debts as small as five litres. A mini-projects scheme was begun in 2015. Communities can apply for a small grant to develop further the access to water that they have received. At Rupemba, a pump to bring water up from the river has helped the garden grow to include 40 participating families and it appears it will continue growing.

THE COMMUNITY OF CHOMUBHOBHO

The community of Chomubhobho in Mberengwa had lost hope after years of empty promises from the government which had said it would supply them clean water by drilling a bore. The community had to endure an approximately 6km walk daily to access water from the Ngezi River which is infested with crocodiles and has contaminated water. The task of fetching water

was mainly the responsibility of women and children, so every day they embarked on this journey in groups to avert danger. However, Showers of Blessing installed two bores in this community, easing the burden for this population of over 500 and bringing hope for a better future.

COCOA ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

Many Church of Christ churches and organisations have strong relationships with international communities. COCOA facilitates these groups to operate development projects with their international partners by providing a design and quality assurance service. The Associate Partners manage and fund-raise for the project.

Churches of Christ in Queensland

Medical Santo has been working with the Ministry for Health. They have now visited more than 20 communities over the year to identify the prevalence of key health risks such as diabetes, high blood pressure, yaws and malaria across the island of Espirito Santo, Vanuatu

COSMOS Health Care (WA)

Sizolwethu Mobile Health is making a difference in rural Zimbabwe through health education, clinical care and community development. On request from local councils, activity has been increased to nine clinical and three health education days per month. This year COSMOS sent another two medical teams from Australia and facilitated skills transfers through monthly training conducted by Australian doctors over a video link with Sizolwethu staff. They, in turn, are helping build the capacity of the council nurses and village health workers.

Elizabeth Church of Christ (SA)

Elizabeth Church of Christ, with help from Victor Harbor Church of Christ, has been working with the Isla Primary School in Tanna to increase education standards. This year they constructed a house for the principal as well as assisting in repairing other buildings damaged by Cyclone Pam. Other components of the project include teacher, health care and livelihood training. The school has grown by 50 children this year and expects to increase again as new classrooms are completed.

Hartwell Church of Christ (VIC)

Arising Life Ministries in Zambia provides health and education services for children and carers affected by poverty and HIV/AIDS. Last year Hartwell completed the fence and cottage, and a suitable caretaker was found, completing the first stage of the school development. The evaluation highlighted the positive impact of the employment created by the project.

HumeRidge Church of Christ (QLD)

Working with the Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ, HumeRidge aims to increase access to trade, education and health resources by constructing an airfield at Tumba and a 17km road between the Ramu and Keram rivers. These facilities will assist the Gandep Bible Training College and surrounding communities in the remote Ramu River region. The plant is 70% assembled and planning is underway for the transport of the equipment and other logistics, such as fuel. Please visit the website www.gandepproject.org to find out more.

Live Connection (NSW)

A project has just begun, working with a new local NGO developed by Live Connection, to establish a Skills Training Centre in the Sonadi area of Lusaka. This will initially provide agriculture and other livelihood training to the community of Sonadi, before extending to other districts in Zambia and surrounding nations. The current Bor Agricultural Centre in South Sudan continues in caretaker mode because of civil unrest.

Sonlife International (WA)


Sonlife International (now Initiate Australia) invests in local initiatives in education, health and livelihood. They are assisted through projects with Cornerstone Academy in Kenya. The pre-school prepares children to start in local primary schools with 15 of 35 successfully transitioning into Standard One this year. The new library is very popular and has improved students' motivation and achievements. The project runs some income-producing activities to help fund other programs. Sales of clean water, for example, created enough income to cover the cost of the primary school tutoring program.

The Avenue (Surrey Hills) Church of Christ (VIC)

Si a La Vida (SALV) cares for at-risk children in Nicaragua. The Surrey Hills Church of Christ project aims to build the income base and governance strength of the organisation and increase the skills of the staff. This year a chicken farm, as well as fruit trees, was established and plans are underway for a guesthouse and cattle. The residential program has been transitioned to a day prevention centre with 75 children registered. They enjoy a wide variety of classes and home visits from trained staff. Mentoring around governance issues has opened up a variety of new and more effective ways to run the organisation.

Urban Neighbours of Hope (UNOH)

UNOH's workers live in Klong Toey, Bangkok, among the people they serve. The UNOH project consists of small enterprises designed to build local employment opportunities. There are a variety of other initiatives such as family support, women's empowerment, young men's leadership programs and kids' club activities. The women's empowerment program has been run in conjunction with UNOH micro-enterprises, coordinated by two local female staff. These initiatives build community strength through working with families and advocacy.



IMA attended the SURRENDER:16 Conference (VIC) in March. Pictured are dancers from the Dusty Feet Mob, leading some children in dance at SURRENDER:16.

Photo by Matthew Deutscher.
www.oakandink.com.
Instagram @oakandink, for SURRENDER



INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

GMP launched Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA) in 2013. IMA is building on a long history of Churches of Christ involvement in Indigenous ministry, while seeking to encourage new directions for Indigenous ministries and communities. From small beginnings, IMA is hoping to grow ministries that make a difference in the lives of Indigenous people.



Kevin Tucker and John Saulo in Dareton

LIVES CHANGED THROUGH COMMUNITY DREAMING

After its launch in 2013 and a period of facilitated planning for the future, IMA has just seen its first full year with its two Coordinators in place, Remy Sese in the West and Nick Wight in the East. While it has been a year of change there has also been the emergence of hope-filled projects and new dreams for some of the established ministries. IMA is currently working with communities in Bunbury, Norseman and Port Hedland in Western Australia, Dareton and Lismore in New South Wales, Footscray in Victoria and in Ceduna in South Australia. In each community and with each project we have been guided by a commitment to support locally led community 'dreams' for ministry and development. This is both culturally consistent and offers the best chance for local ownership and sustainability in the long term.

The last 12 to 18 months have been characterised by the emergence of some exciting new project areas as well as the consolidation of a number of the longer-term ministries. In each case, it has been locally held dreams and passions that have fuelled these important initiatives. Meetings with their respective Reference Councils have guided both the East and West Coordinators, endorsing the relational approach that IMA is focused on. The Coordinators were advised to

give considered attention to two main areas of activity, namely advocacy and education in the wider church around issues specific to Indigenous ministry and also the critical need for leadership development pathways. A big part of the first focus will involve further development of exposure opportunities, forums and resources for learning and cultural awareness.

Dareton

The deeply significant work pioneered by John and Ruth Saulo in Dareton is being carried on by Kevin and Debbie Tucker after an emotional but ultimately celebratory ministry transition this year. This ministry is an incredible and much needed work in one of NSW's most disadvantaged communities. Its future is filled with a hope and passion that Kevin brings, combined with his long term, personal experience of growing up on the Norseman mission. Kevin's heart is for the old government mission community of Namatjira, adjacent to Dareton. He and his family are pouring themselves into local relationships, trusting that God will continue to bring about the healing and transformation experienced during John's ministry.

Port Hedland

An agreement was initiated to investigate the potential for re-establishing Churches of Christ ministry with an Indigenous focus in the Pilbara region and Port Hedland, delivered through Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA). Currently foundations are being established through past connections in the area, as well as developing new partnerships to build for the future. Remy Sese moved with his family to Hedland and will continue to meet with the community members, assess the church building and prepare a development plan. Maintenance is already underway on the church building and fellowship has begun at the manse. This will take an investment of time, energy and resources. We thank God for the commitment of John Edwards, Moses and Margaret Martin and Basil Snook.

New Directions

The focus during 2015-16 has been continuing to build partnerships with other innovative Indigenous ministries. IMA takes seriously the charge to encourage and support new directions for Indigenous ministries, as well as looking to support emerging leaders in this area. IMA looks forward to continuing to collaborate with local Indigenous leaders dreaming big about transformation in their communities. IMA has been working to deepen connections and support with the Aboriginal and Islander Christian Fellowship (AICF) in Queensland and, in particular, with key leaders in Vincent Mathieson, Cedric Burns and Lyle and Hazel Morris. The AICF has a position on the East Reference Council. We are also



NewDay's Senior Minister, Brett Gottle, with the recently retired pioneer of Sunraysia Indigenous Church Ministry, John Saulo. NewDay Church in Wollongong is one of the churches walking in solidarity and partnership with the Indigenous ministry at Dareton in NSW.

currently working on a number of partnership projects with the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship (AEF), the Melbourne Indigenous Church Fellowship (MICF) and SURRENDER.

The IMA Coordinators are also promoting opportunities for individuals and churches to be engaged in Indigenous ministry activities, to represent IMA in key Christian and other Indigenous networks and to support and promote the overall work of GMP. The IMA website www.imaaustralia.org.au and Facebook pages are up and running and are great ways to stay up to date with the ongoing work of IMA.

MEET DONALD

I originally come from the Strelley/Warralong Community in Western Australia. Both communities live as family groups. In 2004 or 2005 I became a Christian. God brought us out from our Aboriginal people's way of life – the traditional witchcraft, alcohol drinking and other things. We got sick and the Lord pulled us out from there and gave us the desire to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, we saved what money we received and went to the Aboriginal communities. It takes God's grace and commitment to go on with limited resources. The Lord encouraged us by providing us with equipment such as musical instruments, amps and pamphlets to hand out. We visited communities and travelled long distances, like 680km. We also continued Bible translation into the Nyangumarta language and prayed for young people to come alongside us to help in this. Pastor Ross Norling was our encouragement. He prayed for us, encouraged us to save up and then we went out. It was in his



Donald Thomas

heart that God would raise up many of our mob to do ministry. He was here a long time and we want to be an answer to his prayer. God has a purpose and a plan for every one of us.

embody attended State Youth Games VIC 2016, connecting with young people who are passionate about global mission. Photo courtesy of Youth Vision Vic/Tas



EMBODY

embody exists to empower, encourage and support a national community of young people who are passionate about aid, development and 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.



Kristin Hansen, embody Relationships Manager NSW, Mitch Varcoe, embody National Campaigns and Resources Manager, Natalie Oakes, embody National Coordinator, and Maddi Tweedie, at SURRENDER:16 (VIC)

YOUNG PEOPLE CHANGING LIVES

This past year has been a season of change and growth for embody. We welcomed a number of people to our growing team.

Kirsten Gray came on staff as Queensland Relationships Manager, Beth Ferguson as New South Wales State Co-coordinator, and Abbie Alabaster and Bek Haynes as South Australian State Co-coordinators. We have continued to connect with young people across Australia.

“My aim in this first year was to get the 'embody' name out around Queensland and to introduce the campaigns we run to as many people as I could.” – Kirsten Gray

It has been wonderful to connect with youth and young adults who are passionate about global mission and development. embody was present at SURRENDER conferences in Victoria and Brisbane, State Youth Games in Victoria and South Australia and National Youth Ministry Convention (NYMC) in Queensland. We were present at youth and young adults' camps, including Illuminate in Victoria, Fuse, Drastic Camp and the Uprising Conference in New South Wales.

“I am so thankful to have received the opportunity to volunteer for embody. I believe this is one way I am able to serve God and reach out to the South Australian community.” – Abbie Alabaster

The embody campaign, Prayer Matters, grew significantly in May 2016. Almost three times the amount of people signed up and we were able to get back to the basics of prayer together. We had a really successful Safe Water September campaign, eclipsing the 2014 result by \$40,000. Over 5,000 people were able to gain access to safe water in rural Zimbabwe through this campaign. We positively engaged people with our Christmas Choices campaign in December, encouraging them to think wisely about the choices they make at Christmas time and giving them some great ethical options.

“There is a depth to compassion so powerful that it compels us to act. Action is what gives compassion its substance; action is why compassion leads to impact.” – Mitch Varcoe

Although we are only in our third year of embody, we continue to pray and hope to see more young people engaging and participating in global mission. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Prayer Matters 2016

189 people
spent the week praying
Almost three times the number of participants in 2015

Over **40** Churches —
were represented
Double the amount of churches involved in 2015

Almost **50%** of participants came from Queensland Churches

Safe Water September 2015

269 people
in **32** teams
took the challenge


Over **\$105,000** was raised meaning that more than **5000** people gained access to safe water

We received **2000** donations from more than **1700** people

MEET KIRSTEN

My name is Kirsten Gray and I am 19 years old. I attend Southport Church of Christ on the Gold Coast. Mission is my biggest passion – always has been and, I believe, always will be. The Bible has it written so clearly that loving others and loving the poor is very close to the heart of God and is what we should also be about. I am so excited to be blessed with this opportunity to be given the job of 'Queensland embody Relationships Manager'. This role is all about empowering and encouraging young people to get involved, to look beyond themselves and love the less fortunate all around the world. My role with embody is about creating and building relationships with different youth pastors and kids around Queensland and getting them involved in the campaigns run by embody and, in the bigger picture, getting them to really see and understand the heart of God and to live out their everyday lives in light of it.



A photograph of an elderly man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a light-colored jacket over a blue shirt. He is holding a large, weathered wooden post. In the background, there is a brick building with a blue roof and several green windows. The ground is dry and dusty.

Man at Emmanuel Children's Centre, helping to place the new fence posts

PEOPLE & PROGRAMS

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



Vietnam Church Leaders with Mark Stevens, Happy Valley Church of Christ (SA)

PARTNER VISITS

Partner Visits open people up to a wider sense of the life of God's Church. It is transforming for those who take part and encouraging for those in the settings visited.

Such experiences usually take team members well outside their comfort zone, but the results are a richer appreciation of God, life and each other. While there may be many items on the planned agenda when going, the most valuable, lasting and treasured benefit is the relationships that are formed in a mutual partnership. God is found at work in the local setting, in individuals and the team, and there is a development of strong connections with the wider family of faith. Such visits are not exotic! They typically include hard work, much prayer, a refining of personalities and a growing awareness that God is at the centre, not people.

This year teams and individuals from Australian churches have visited partners in Fiji, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Zimbabwe. These are just a few of their reflections.

Bruce Edwards commented on the Nowra (NSW) team's visit to Fiji. "It was great to have some familiar faces back, with the opportunity to continue building on the fledgling relationships established during the last visit; and also have some new friends join the team. The deepening connection with Pastor Raj Deo and his wife Nirmala was evident and encouraging to see. The team

and the church were both encouraged by the shared ministry and testimonies of God's goodness and power. Those working with the children at Vuci Rd Church were especially encouraged with some intentional investment in equipping with ideas and resources as the team joined them in putting on a special children's outreach activity afternoon. Both guests and hosts are already looking forward to the next partner visit."

Debra Evelyn who was part of the Nowra team reflected, "Accompanying Raj on his visits to local families was a highlight and one of the team added physiotherapy tips to prayer. Strengthening bonds through food and fun, laughing in warm, muddy waves or on roller coaster bus rides, together we shared the joy of God's plans to build partnership among His people."

In Vanuatu, Philip Neyava, Tanna Island Conference President, commented on the Elizabeth (SA) team's visit. "We were greatly encouraged by your team coming. It wasn't just about the buildings, but people in community seeing the light of Christ and feeling connected to the wider Church of Christ family – being part of a bigger picture."

PEOPLE IN MISSION

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



Bruce Edwards

Bruce Edwards, Director of Fiji Community Churches of Christ, has been living and working in Fiji for the past three years. He plays a key role in the development and mentoring of local pastors Raj and Nirmala Deo, David and Christie Reddy, Muneshwar and Stella Gaunder, Vipin and Irene Narayan. Bruce's work enlarges the capacity of church leaders and helps local churches move towards self-reliance.



Dr Ash and Anji Barker

After 25 years of urban mission in Melbourne and Bangkok, Ash Barker is now immersed in the multi-racial and multi-religious inner city neighbourhood of Winson Green, Birmingham (UK) as the Founding Director of Newbigin House. Together with his wife, Anji, they founded the Newbigin School for Urban Leadership which aims to mobilise, form and equip Christian leaders.



Gwenyth Beale

Born in Papua New Guinea to pioneer missionaries, Frank and Win Beale, Gwenyth has returned to the country of her birth as a Literacy Specialist to equip national teachers of elementary school and adult educators to teach literacy in their own language. She will help nationals learn to read and write in their own language and also train and mentor literacy workers to educate others.



Martin Reilly and Margaret Nixon

Martin Reilly and his wife, Margaret Nixon, commenced ministry with Si a La Vida (SALV), Nicaragua, in April 2015. They are working in community development programs caring for street children and building capacity for the SALV staff.



Fiona Briers

Fiona Briers leads the Bright Solutions program in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, giving training, employment and dignity to marginalised women. She is also an encourager to local leaders.



BJ and Chipo Mpofu

BJ and Chipo resource and encourage Zimbabwean church leaders. BJ is on the Board of the Zimbabwean Christian College and is a key coordinator for GMP partner visits to Zimbabwe.

Last year
21
teams

 went on
Partner Visits
with **GMP**



The community of Leneai say 'Tangkyutumas' (Thank you), for your support after Cyclone Pam



Our friends in Vanuatu say Thankyou for your support—
goo.gl/69SvkF

EMERGENCY APPEALS

Thank you again to our faithful supporters who continued to give to the recovery efforts stemming from disasters in 2015-16: Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, the Nepal earthquake, Cyclone Winston in Fiji and the ongoing refugee crisis in Syria.

Cyclone Winston

Tropical Cyclone Winston was the worst disaster experienced in Fiji. The Category Five Cyclone unleashed fury on the Fiji Islands. Thousands of homes were destroyed, and tens of thousands of people made destitute. Fiji Community Churches of Christ responded with support for people within their reach, but the bulk of the devastation was in the north of Fiji. COCOA worked with Uniting World supporting the relief efforts of the Methodist Church in Fiji (MCIF). Churches in Australia gave generously to the GMP Cyclone Appeal and COCOA sent \$98,000 to MCIF. This enabled a quick response to the 24 divisions of MCIF that were most affected. Distribution included essential supplies of clothes, toiletries, bedding, emergency lighting equipment, kitchen utensils for cooking and eating and providing supplies to communities not being assisted by other groups. Basic gardening tools and planting materials were also distributed in the same locations to help people get started again with their home gardens. Materials were bought in the non-affected areas of Fiji, helping to sustain

the local economy and livelihoods of local people. MCIF continues to focus their efforts on 'the gaps', by looking after communities and vulnerable households, such as those headed by women or with disabled members who are not supported by other agencies.



Photo of Koro Island provided from the Fiji government. Cyclone Winston hit Fiji between the evenings of Friday and Sunday 19-21 February 2016.

Refugee Crisis - Australian Lutheran World Service – Emergency Response

Violence continues in Syria, with over 139,764 people displaced between February and May alone. Food continues to be the greatest need for refugees, with few opportunities for employment to sustain families and savings exhausted after six years of conflict. Working through ACT Alliance member, Australian Lutheran World Service, we have contributed to psychosocial activities for youth. In Zaatari camp 240 (80 female, 160 male) people benefited from recreational activities such as music, sport, art and craft and English classes, bringing a breath of normality into scrambled lives.

Recovery Support

Tropical Cyclone Pam

Supporters were generous in the initial emergency appeal in 2015 and beyond the preliminary relief effort. GMP has been involved in a number of recovery activities. Isla Mission School and Aid Post and Leneai Women's Community Centre have been repaired and food relief has been extended to Imarap, where the nearby volcano slowed the regrowth of crops. Partnering with Act for Peace, COCOA contributed to a centre that will provide disaster and food security training. They are currently rolling out disaster risk reduction training to the local community.



Signs of the damage from Cyclone Pam, alongside pop-up classrooms at Isla Mission School, Tanna, Vanuatu

Nepal Earthquake

COCOA worked through ACT Alliance member, Australian Lutheran World Service, to deliver aid to victims of the Nepal earthquake in April 2015. A joint monitoring visit was conducted in January 2016 and, on request from the government of Nepal, assistance for the recovery phase continues. This includes restoring essential infrastructure such as water, sanitation, shelter, education and health, as well as risk reduction training for any further disasters.

WELFARE PROGRAMS

Providing health care for people who cannot afford it and caring for children so that they can access education services are practical ways whereby lives are changed.

The Children's Homes located at Baramati, Shrigonda and the Gnyan Sampada Residential School (formerly Ankoor Children's Home) near Yavatmal provide quality care for children and ensure that they have access to schooling. At Shrigonda the girls attend the school linked to the home and the boys at Baramati attend the local Churches of Christ schools. The Gnyan Sampada Residential School enables minority Christian families access to education and is also an outreach to the local community nearby. Most of the children return home in school holidays.

The Ashwood Memorial Hospital continues to provide medical care irrespective of a person's capacity to pay. GMP visited Ashwood during the year and continues to support the renewal of the governance systems of Ashwood so that the Indian Government requirements with regard to Foreign Receipt Contribution Accounts



Patient at Ashwood Memorial Hospital, India

can be satisfied. These matters continue to be critical issues for the future of the Ashwood Hospital and form the focus of our work with the hospital staff and committee.



From Left: Brian Smyth, Remy Sese, Colin Scott, Vicki Marney, John Gilmore, Rachel McIlgorm, Cindy Haidar, Nick Wight, Val Zerna and Mitch Varcoe

MEET THE TEAM*

Executive Director _____ John Gilmore
COCOA Director _____ Colin Scott

Partnership Coordination

Partnership Coordinator (NSW) _____ Colin Scott
Partnership Coordinator (SA/NT) _____ Val Zerna
Partnership Coordinator (QLD and Vanuatu) _____ Vicki Marney
Partnership Coordinator (WA) _____ Remy Sese
Partnership Coordinator (WA) _____ Brian Smyth

Indigenous Ministries Australia

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

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embody National Coordinator _____ Natalie Oakes
embody National Campaigns and Resources Manager _____ Mitch Varcoe
embody Relationships Manager (QLD) _____ Kirsten Gray

Finance and Administration

Finance and Administration Manager _____ Lisa Macdonald
Bookkeeper _____ Julie Dix
Database and Bookkeeping _____ Jenny Mountford
Reception and Receipting _____ Anne Hughes
Administration Assistant _____ Melinda van Vuuren
ICP Manager _____ Cindy Haidar
COCOA Administration Assistant _____ Jan Bayliss
COCOA Program Officer _____ Suzanne Hayes

Communications

Communications Team Coordinator _____ Nick Wight
Media and Communications Manager _____ Rachel McIlgorm
Graphic Design Manager _____ Elise Andrews

BOARD MEMBERS



John Gilmore

Executive Director, VIC

Master of Theology. 10 years as Executive Director of Mission and Ministry for Churches of Christ VIC/TAS. Member of the Act for Peace NCCA Commission, National Council of Churches in Australia Finance Committee and ACFID Code of Conduct Committee. 10 years active involvement in Christian Conference Asia.



Rod Cousins

Chair, WA

Associateship in Commerce, member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, CPA Australia and the Australian Institute of Export. Worked in management positions for 40 years including operations across S.E. Asia.



Barrie Yesberg

Deputy Chair, WA

Ordained Minister of Churches of Christ, Royal Australian Navy Principal Chaplain, Honorary Australian Federal Police Chaplain and Indigenous missionary experience with previous Federal Aborigines Mission Board. (Appointed 29/10/2015)



Roger Bawden

Treasurer, 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.



Gordon Buxton

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.



Diana Catts

NSW

Missionary in PNG for 28 years and has taught several short courses there since. Missions Promoter for Churches of Christ Conference in NSW 1994 – 2004. (Concluded 29/10/2015)



Sean Kum

WA

Real Estate executive, self employed, experience in leadership and management. He has spent some years living and working in Singapore.



Dean Phelan

QLD

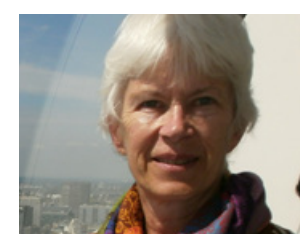
CEO of Churches of Christ in Queensland, Organisational Psychologist, many years' experience in corporate leadership, business development and governance. (Concluded 18/12/2015)



Mark Stevens

SA

Master of Ministry, ordained Churches of Christ Minister; Pastor at Happy Valley Church of Christ. More than 10 years ministry service, four years' experience in theological education, church planter and leader of teams to Vietnam.



Julie Trinnick

VIC

Qualified teacher and an ordained Churches of Christ Minister; experienced in financial administration. Served for four years at Ranwadi Churches of Christ College in Vanuatu in the 1980's; six years as Associate Director of OMB (now GMP); worked with Anglicord (Anglican Overseas Aid).



Gemma Roberts

QLD

Currently works for Indigenous Family and Child Support Service (IFACSS). Proud to be an Aboriginal woman, mother of six children, active in community and church and is very blessed to have amazing mentors and elders. (Appointed 27/02/2016)




Janet Woodlock

VIC

BSc, Dip Ed, MDiv, Cert IV in Workplace and Business Coaching. Federal Coordinator for Churches of Christ in Australia (Appointed 27/02/2016)

*Current Staff listed. Most GMP staff are part time.



Preschooler from Khayelihle
Children's Village, Zimbabwe

FINANCIAL REPORT

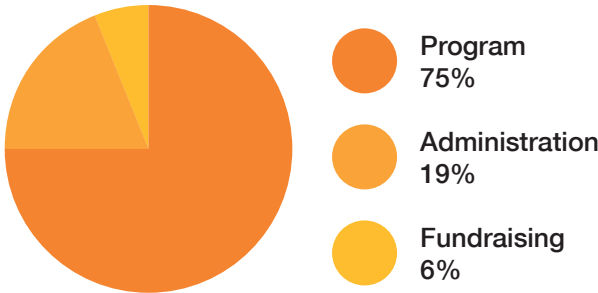
Finances are important - they put into action the compassion, care and desire to make a difference of those who support GMP.

Finances at a Glance

Global Mission Partners operates three separate funds in relation to its total program. Each is managed and accounted for separately.

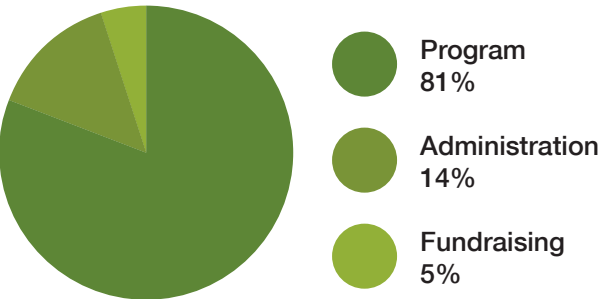
International Church Partnerships (ICP)

The International Church Partnership fund supports church projects that place a priority on evangelism, church development, leadership development and welfare programs for adults and children. In 2015-2016 \$690,205 was made available for program implementation and community education.



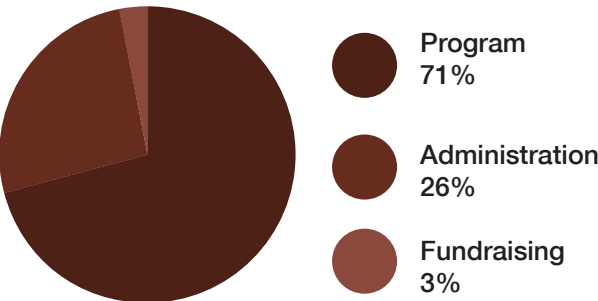
Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA)

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid is an approved fund under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme and has Base Accreditation from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. COCOA has policies and priorities that guide the use of funds. In 2015-2016 \$1,762,879 was made available for program implementation and community education.



Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA)

Indigenous Ministries Australia is supported through the Indigenous Partnership Fund. The mission statement of this program is 'Encouraging new directions with Indigenous Christian ministries'. In 2015-2016 \$278,001 was made available for program implementation and community education.



The amounts and percentages above are derived from the Audited Financial Statements. The following summary report complies with the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Audited Financial Statements are available at www.gmp.org.au

Breakdown by Country

ICP Program				COCOA Program			
ICP Program	\$	Associate Partners	\$	COCOA Program	\$	Associate Partners	\$
Bangladesh	14,430	Mother's Love	7,774	Bangladesh	20,052	COSMOS Health Care	105,496
Fiji	59,127	Geon Homes and Asia Gospel Mission	11,537	India	16,052	Urban Neighbours of Hope	254,344
India	40,626	Centre for Urban Life and Mission	19,850	South Sudan	195,959	Kardinia Christian Development	5,252
Indonesia	2,400	Other	20,075	Thailand	6,146	Wollongong Projects	2,000
Papua New Guinea	54,995			Vietnam	31,171	Live Connection	2,742
South Sudan	5,126			Zimbabwe	280,830	Sonlife Africa	46,780
Thailand	3,000			COCOA Other Partners	4,519	Nicaragua Project	34,507
Vanuatu	50,916			Emergency	200,914	HumeRidge PNG	274,169
Vietnam	18,960					Zambia Arising Life	8,459
Zimbabwe	67,780					Vanuatu Medical	29,935
People in Mission	157,288					Vanuatu Education Elizabeth Church of Christ	14,010
Emergency	52,909					Other	3,243
Project Total	527,557	Project Total	59,236	Project Total	755,643	Project Total	780,937
ICP Total		586,793		COCOA Total		1,536,580	

Funds sent to IMA Programs

IMA Program	\$
Projects and Ministries	48,740
IMA Total	48,740

Note: These figures are derived from the Audited Financial Statements available at www.gmp.org.au

Overall Comments

2015-2016 was a challenging year for Global Mission Partners in some ways. We faced increased costs due to some operational expenses and fluctuations in the value of the Australian dollar. Even so we maintained our commitment to our partners. This meant that ICP and COCOA concluded the year in a deficit situation. IMA had a good financial year, buoyed in part by the transfer of the title of the Tamworth Manse to IMA.

The income from GMP's investments was impacted by the loss in value of some of the shares and so investment income is down. The investments are managed by two advisors and both invest using an ethical, conservative, balanced risk profile.

As part of looking to the future and addressing the deficit situation the Board is engaging consultants to review our fundraising and communication strategy. We remain committed to working with churches, however, the most significant decline in income is due to fewer churches giving directly to GMP. Part of our future strategy is to build a network of supporting individuals who give regularly. One of the GMP staff is working on this project at the moment.

We are also investing in new software to help improve our administrative efficiency and a new website with a simpler giving platform. This is a big project that will take some time to fully implement.

Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc.
Income Statement – Extract

	2016			2015		
	ICP	COCOA	IMA	ICP	COCOA	IMA
Revenue						
Donations and Gifts						
Monetary	581,990	2,036,049	434,628	1,217,214	2,211,948	87,740
Non-Monetary	–	–	–	–	–	–
Trusts, Legacies and Bequests	67,833	11,063	2,211	71,190	255,000	6,860
Investment Income	70,386	48,502	103,461	120,093	85,080	321,222
Other Income	27,260	16,553	13,371	29,103	1,146	693
Sub-Total International Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Revenue	747,469	–	553,671	1,437,600	–	416,515
Total Revenue	747,469	2,112,167	553,671	1,437,600	2,553,174	416,515
Expenditure						
International Programs						
Funds to International Programs	586,793	1,536,580	–	475,426	1,782,318	–
Program Support Costs	37,440	99,562	–	34,711	100,294	–
Community Education	65,972	126,737	–	49,693	97,169	–
Fundraising Costs - Public	57,953	117,384	–	47,068	117,571	–
Accountability and Administration	179,409	317,348	–	171,297	268,947	–
Sub-Total International Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	927,567	–	–	778,195	–	–
Sub-Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	–	2,197,611	–	–	2,366,299	–
Domestic Programs						
Funds to Domestic Indigenous Programs	–	–	48,740	–	–	25,625
Program Support Costs	–	–	217,839	–	–	88,502
Community Education	–	–	11,422	–	–	26,606
Fundraising Costs - Public	–	–	10,835	–	–	17,374
Accountability and Administration	–	–	108,622	–	–	104,250
Total Expenditure	927,567	2,197,611	397,458	778,195	2,366,299	262,357
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditure	(180,098)	(85,444)	156,213	659,405	186,875	154,158
Gain on Sale of Assets	–	–	–	–	–	370,455
Surplus for the Year	(180,098)	(85,444)	156,213	659,405	186,875	524,613

Notes to the Income Statement:

- COCOA funds are used exclusively for International Aid and Development activity.
- ICP Funds are used in International Religious Adherence Promotion and Welfare Programs.
- IMA Funds are used in Domestic Indigenous Programs.
- No funds are used for International or Domestic Political Programs.
- There were no grants received from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, other Australian or Overseas agencies.
- There was no expenditure under the headings 'Fundraising Costs: Government, multilateral and private' or 'non-monetary' expenditure.

Notes to the Statement of Financial Position:

- GMP has a nil inventory, holds no assets for sale, has no non-current trade or other receivables, no investment property or intangibles, no borrowings, tax or other financial liabilities, current or non-current.

Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc.
Statement of Financial Position

	2016			2015		
	ICP	COCOA	IMA	ICP	COCOA	IMA
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	863,951	10,517	130,648	1,098,342	160,017	(363,971)
Trade and Other Receivables	43,109	32,604	50,809	71,086	37,176	61,887
Prepayments	1,565	2,503	336	791	990	117
Non-Current Assets	1,878,008	1,440,090	3,221,367	1,859,135	1,460,938	3,853,683
Property, Plant & Equipment	15,447	19,904	332,092	12,547	9,217	3,258
Total Assets	2,802,080	1,505,618	3,735,252	3,041,901	1,668,338	3,554,974
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Trade and Other Payables	90,366	16,877	45,528	78,411	13,165	36,879
Provisions	19,675	37,551	9,711	25,602	37,580	11,036
Total Liabilities	110,041	54,428	55,239	104,013	50,745	47,915
NET ASSETS	2,692,039	1,451,190	3,680,013	2,937,888	1,617,593	3,507,059
Equity						
Specified Project Reserves and Trust Funds	2,302,321	912,164	3,004,331	2,215,945	895,315	3,043,301
Asset Revaluation Reserve	124,126	42,121	291,786	189,880	123,078	275,045
Retained Earnings	265,592	496,905	383,896	532,063	599,200	188,713
NET EQUITY	2,692,039	1,451,190	3,680,013	2,937,888	1,617,593	3,507,059


Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes

2016	Cash available at beginning of the year	Cash raised during the year	Cash dispersed during the year	Cash available at end of the year
Nepal Earthquake Emergency	8,927	7,429	(15,871)	485
Urban Neighbours of Hope	61,067	294,673	(254,344)	101,396
Typhoon Haiyan Appeal	500	–	(500)	–
Cyclone Pam - DGR	98,531	11,578	(61,894)	48,215
Cyclone Pam - Non DGR	90,069	3,463	(52,909)	40,623
Cyclone Winston - Fiji Emergency	–	97,301	(98,000)	(699)
Syrian Refugee Emergency	–	20,976	(18,745)	2,231
Non-Cash Items	(131,492)	58,156	–	(73,336)
Total for Other Purposes	766,786	3,139,788	(3,020,373)	886,201
Total	894,388	3,633,364	(3,522,636)	1,005,116
2015	Cash available at beginning of the year	Cash raised during the year	Cash dispersed during the year	Cash available at end of the year
Horn of Africa Appeal	170	–	(170)	–
Nepal Earthquake Emergency	–	122,600	(113,673)	8,927
Urban Neighbours of Hope	25,280	299,108	(263,321)	61,067
Typhoon Haiyan Appeal	927	5,399	(5,826)	500
Cyclone Pam DGR	–	218,531	(120,000)	98,531
Cyclone Pam Non DGR	–	90,069	–	90,069
Ebola Emergency	–	2,056	(2,056)	–
Non-Cash Items	(28,322)	–	(103,170)	(131,492)
Total for Other Purposes	1,673,387	4,072,193	(4,978,794)	766,786
Total	1,671,442	4,809,956	(5,587,010)	894,388


Statement by the Board

The Board declares that the financial extracts of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2016, as set out on the previous pages, has been derived from, and are consistent with, the full audited financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc. The full financial report is available on request. This Declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for, and on behalf of the Board by:

Rod Cousins
Chair, GMP Board



John Gilmore
Executive Director



Independent Audit Report

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Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc

Report on the Extract Financial Report

The accompanying extract financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, income statement – extract for the year then ended and the statement by the Board. The report is derived from the audited financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc for the year ended 30 June 2016. It does not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards.

Board's Responsibility for the Extract Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the extract financial report derived from the full financial report which was prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012* and the *Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct*. This responsibility includes:

- establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of the extract financial report;
- selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the extract financial report based on our audit procedures. We conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc for the year ended 30 June 2016. Our report for the year was signed on 20 September 2016 and was not subject to any modification. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

Our procedures in respect to the extract financial report included testing that the information in the extract financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the full financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the extract financial report is consistent with the full financial report.

Opinion

In our opinion, the extract financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc for the year ended 30 June 2016 is consistent with the full financial report from which it is derived upon which we expressed a qualified opinion.

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Graeme Rodda
Director
Registered Company Auditor 5525

Adelaide

26 September 2016

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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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GMP fulfills our mission through
three distinct programs:



International Church Partnerships (ICP) prioritises training leaders, planting churches and renewing church life.



Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA) is an approved aid and development program with a focus on meeting the needs of those living in poverty.



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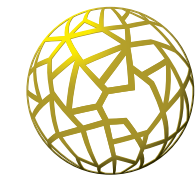
GMP was an incorporated association in South Australia for the financial year 2015-2016 and its members are people nominated by, and representing, local Churches of Christ churches and bodies. Following the 2015 AGM the Constitution of GMP was amended and applied from July 1st 2016 so GMP is transitioning to a Company Limited by Guarantee. GMP is registered in each State according to the local requirements for fundraising.

Registered Australian Body:

313 880 825

Australian Business Number:

30 455 408 814



ACFID
MEMBER

GMP is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory code of practice (www.acfid.asn.au).

The ACFID Code of Conduct describes standards of practice for its members, including a complaints procedure. Please direct any complaints regarding GMP to the Executive Director on +61 8 8352 3466. Complaints regarding breaches of the Code can also be directed to ACFID (www.acfid.asn.au).

GMP is also a member of Missions Interlink, The Micah Coalition, The Campaign for Australian Aid, and the ACT Alliance, and is accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

All photos (unless otherwise credited) are taken by GMP staff, and represent actual GMP projects or partnerships.

Based on communications with our partners, all statistics presented were accurate at the time of printing.

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Above: Students dance at Emmanuel Children's Centre, South Sudan

Back Cover: A child at a rural school in Zimbabwe

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