

MISSION WORLD AID INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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by

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It is with great joy and thanks to God that I present this, the thirteenth Annual Report of Mission World Aid Inc. Mission World Aid is the mercy ministry of House of Prayer For All Nations – Adelaide Inc.

Board

The Board of Mission World Aid Inc, all of whom work in a voluntary capacity, this year comprised:-

Chief Executive Officer Director and Public Officer	Jennifer Hagger - Registered Nurse (retired), Author Deputy Chair of Pray SA Leadership team – Australian Prayer Network
Governing Body	Comprises a Board made up of the following persons: Chair: Anthony Moore – Certificate IV Bus. Man. (RE), Manager Property Services, Elderly Citizens Homes of SA Inc. Members: Brian Hagger – A.U.A. Dip T., M.A.C.E., Headmaster Temple Christian College, Adelaide Andrew Hagger – B. Ec. M. App. Fin., Partner in Charge Investment Banking Pamela Hagger – B. App. Science., Physiotherapist Gael Harrison – MESP.ONC, Physiotherapist (retired) Doug Lloyd – Retired builder Dawn Lloyd – Home duties Christine Moore – Dip. App. Science (Nursing), retired, Certificate IV Bus. Man (RE) Dr Andrew Lothian – M.Sc., Dip. Tech., PhD., Consultant Environmental Policy Solutions Cynthia Lothian – LLB., A.L.A.A. (retired) Bill Pole – F.A.I.F.S. Tech. (retired) Esma Pole – Home duties
Staff assisting the Board	Graham May – Aid Administrator. Retired builder Claudette Morris - Financial Administrator

This past twelve months has seen remarkable growth and blessing upon the work of Mission World Aid, in contrast to the previous year which was one of extreme challenge and difficulties. Our God is faithful and we are surely learning perseverance.

Occupation of ETSA site

Our biggest breakthrough came with the Adelaide Hills Council finally approving our use of the old ETSA site opposite our previous premises. It had been a year long battle to persuade the Council to grant us a temporary change in the zoning regulations.

On 26 October the team began to move in to clean up the new site. Interestingly, it was ten years to the day that we sent our first shipping container out in 1992. On

Wednesday 30th we were ready for the volunteers to begin work at the new premises. We still have use of the old shed but are winding down our storage use there in anticipation of the Council reclaiming it.

On the 31st October the House of Prayer team went around to pray there and thank the Lord. (To us it was significant that it was the anniversary of the Australian Light Horsemen's charge of Beersheba in 1917.) Our rent for the shed is \$735.85 a month which was a great reduction on the original price requested by ETSA.

The occupation of the new premises has enabled us to increase our productivity, and as you will see we have been able to send out six shipping containers in the last year, four of them being the big 40ft containers – that would be equal to ten x 20ft ones! I find that amazing, and a testimony to the hard working team.

The containers dispatched, with the corresponding sailing dates were:

- 20ft to East Timor to YWAM's Australian Relief and Mercy Services in Dili – sailed 31 July 2002. Included 32 bales of clothing, 95 school desks and 150 chairs – 142 boxes of aid.
- 40ft to Bishop Evans Chibesakunda in Zambia – sailed 28 September. Included 21 hospital beds, 16 bales of clothing, food, clinic supplies and household goods – 769 boxes of aid.
- 20ft to East Timor to YWAM's Australian Relief and Mercy Services in Dili - sailed 16 November. Included 22 bales of clothing, 46 desks, 104 plastic chairs, 43 pallet chairs, clinic supplies and household goods – 200 boxes of aid. This was the first container to be packed on our new ETSA site. We felt as though we were in a dream with all the new space we had.
- 40ft to Fiji to the Director of National Disaster Management, Ministry of Regional Development – sailed 17 March. Included 54 hospital beds, a large quantity of hospital supplies – 103 boxes of aid.
- 40ft to Solomons to Pastor Matthias Eddie of South Sea Evangelical Church at Honiara – sailed 9 April. Included 32 bales of clothing, 58 tents, 1.2 tonnes of fine iodised salt, food, household goods, and pharmaceutical supplies – total of 650 boxes.

- 40ft to East Timor to ARMS for Soraya Nepomuceno's Kid's Ark Ministry – a shelter for the homeless. Sailed 16 July. Included 2 bales of clothing, 4 refrigerators, 1 stove, 57 desks, 150 chairs, 16 beds, and blackboards/whiteboards – a total of 337 boxes.

To sum up – we sent a total of 75 hospital beds, 104 bales of clothing, 2201 boxes of aid and many many other items throughout the year.

On April 9th the team began three months of preparation to send a 40ft container to the Joseph Storehouse in Israel, to assist both Jews and Arabs in need. It was finally packed on 19 July, just outside the confines of this report. It was the most challenging container ever sent, partly because of the detailed documentation required in each box by the Israel Customs. It is a tremendous tribute to the team that they all pulled together and rose to this challenge.

Team

It has been a very demanding year for our aid administrator Graham May as he has steered Mission World Aid through each container. He is full of enthusiasm and faith, and has a big heart given of God for the needs of the third world. Each container demands of him countless phone calls and paper work as he seeks the goods required (we only send what is requested by our overseas partners), deals with shipping and customs agents and foreign embassies, and arranges pick up of all the supplies. His wife Coral has been a valued member of the shed packing team and she has written over sixty letters of thanks to our donors who have given goods in kind.

Bob and Pat Tremlett are the overseers of all the work in The Mission Shed. They have managed to keep their sense of humour when more gear has arrived than we have had space for, even in our new big premises. They have supervised all the voluntary workers and somehow have managed to meet every container deadline, working extra days when needed.

Bob and Pat, along with Graham and Coral, have also given talks to groups interested in the work of Mission World Aid.

Barb and Malcolm Morgan have given great strength to the work – in fact without their efforts, with the help of others, to collect and store donated gear – especially the hospital beds – we would not have been able to bless our recipients. This precious couple also serve in our shop each week.

Christie Moore has taken on the role as purchaser of new items for the containers. Bev Byass has packed all the medical supplies, Robyn Snell the shoes, and Trevor Ellis the school books. There are many other volunteers who assist, including Al and Joan Frick who are now our longest serving members.

Special mention must be made of Claudette Morris, our Financial Administrator. Her role has been of considerable significance and has demanded long hours of her time despite the fact she also has had a full-time job. She has also oversighted all our financial administration in House of Prayer For All Nations. Claudette has a very professional approach to all she does and as she and husband Brian ministered for

four years in Mozambique we know she's experienced first hand the needs of people in the third world. She has been a great strength in the vision. However, Claudette feels it is time to hand over the reigns to someone else so we are looking for a qualified person who would work at least one day a week at the office. We sincerely thank Claudette for her contribution. She has offered to help out until we find a replacement.

Office staff

Irene Moore and Don Baker have produced four newsletters throughout the year, and the House of Prayer office staff has contributed by taking phone calls and relaying messages.

To each person who has contributed in any way – large or small – we want to say how appreciated you are. To those who have sent finance – we could not have done it without you.

Overseas Partners

We praise God for the excellent overseas partners that we have – men and women of faith and integrity. While we in Australia are materially blessed with great comforts, these people make up in faith for what they do not possess. Their churches are growing amidst great trials and their passion and zeal for Christ is beyond what most of us have experienced. I mention this because we need to understand that whilst they are poor, they are often richer in the things of God and there is much we could learn from them.

Throughout the year these partners have expressed their thanks to us for sending them the aid they requested. It is exciting to get their joyous letters expressing what the consignments have meant for them.

Ongoing Needs

We need more men in the shed each Wednesday to assist with the heavier work, and to check and repair the bicycles, sewing machines and computers, and to organize the purchase of spare parts for various donated items. All equipment sent must be in perfect working order.

Booleroo Centre

We have a strong link with this regional country centre. For many years Gweneth McCallum and Jan Moulton have headed up the Friends of Mission World Aid at Booleroo Centre, holding regular days for the country folk to collect and pack items for our containers, including those knitted or sewn by the ladies. This is a great example of city and country linking arms to help the poor overseas, and it is so blessed by the Father. We want to thank them all for their efforts and their financial contributions.

Website

Cate Cahillane is setting up our website and we hope it is not too long before it is operating.

Logo

We have a new logo designed by Pam Hagger and it will soon be on our letterhead. It will be the same logo for both Mission World Aid Inc and House of Prayer For All Nations – Adelaide Inc as these two visions link together.

The Mission Shop

On August 20th, the day the Adelaide Hills Council finally approved our ETSA application, another amazing window of opportunity opened up to us. I felt to make enquiries regarding the empty little shop next to the Aldgate Post Office. After negotiation we signed a lease to rent the shop for \$7,020 per annum. Rosalie Lewis offered to set up and oversight the running of the shop, and she and her husband began on November 21st to build shop fittings, with help from Doug Lloyd. The shop opened on Wednesday 27 November and has been a wonderful success. A team of volunteers has enabled us to have it open Monday to Saturday. We have been selling second-hand clothing, bric-a-brac, household items and small furniture. Rosalie has put in long hours and has been an inspiration, as have her dedicated team.

Regrettably we have been unable to use the mezzanine level of the shop because the owner has not put in new stairs as promised in our contract. We are investigating the matter.

The profits from the shop have enabled us to purchase thousands of dollars worth of needed supplies to send in our containers, as well as finance sent directly to needy missions serving the poor in third world countries.

Centenary Medal

I was deeply honoured to receive a Centenary Medal from the Federal Government for “Establishing the Work of Mission World Aid Inc”. The medal was presented to me by The Honourable Alexander Downer, member for Mayo and Minister of Foreign Affairs, on July 1 at a ceremony at the RSL Hall at Stirling. I pay tribute to those who in 1992 helped me establish the vision, and those since who have continued to carry out our mandate.

Board

The Board met five times throughout the year to deliberate at length and watch over the vision. They have been a great strength to me personally and their wisdom and discernment are greatly appreciated. I pay special mention to our chairman Anthony Moore who has put in many extra hours throughout the year. He is one of God’s hidden treasures and is a key player in the daily operations of Mission World Aid.

And to the King eternal, immortal, invisible God only wise, we say thank you for calling us to such a work as this.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us each day as we labour in the love of Christ for those less fortunate than ourselves.