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It is with great joy and a deep sense of thankfulness to God that we present the 2008 Annual Report for Mission World Aid Inc.

In today's world, where we are confronted by so much negative news, it is easy to feel overwhelmed in the face of a myriad of humanitarian tragedies. Our world faces new and unexpected challenges as a growing number of disasters, both natural and man-made in origin, cause immense suffering. In the midst of so much hopelessness it is good to pause and consider what has been achieved by Mission World Aid over the past 18 years. While some are discouraged by the magnitude of the needs of our world, seeing countries struggling under unjust regimes and innocent citizens suffering, and think there is no answer ... we have hope!

Although only a small group compared to many other aid organisations, Mission World Aid is nevertheless making a fruitful contribution towards the relief of poverty and the support of those in need. As demonstrated by our work during 2007-2008 we are making a lasting difference in the third world. Health clinics and schools have been established and equipped, small business ventures have been commenced and hope has been brought into the midst of seemingly hopeless situations.

Since packing our first container in 1992, hundreds of tonnes of aid have been collected and despatched. Mission World Aid has now sent out in the order of 90 shipping containers providing practical support and assistance to orphanages, hospitals, schools and medical clinics in 24 nations. As an organisation we are committed to the provision of short-term relief aid and long-term training and support of those in need.

Every shipment has demonstrated a new aspect of God's provision and faithfulness. In the face of difficult situations and seemingly hopeless circumstances we have repeatedly seen God's intervention—obstructive bureaucratic doors have unexpectedly swung open; the financial support required to cover shipping commitments has flowed just when needed, and specific equipment or supplies requested by recipients has been miraculously donated as preparations are made to pack containers, to name but a few examples.

We continue to praise God that despite obstacles and difficulties along the way every shipment has reached those in need. We are encouraged by feedback showing that our aid does make a difference. We rejoice in the wonderful reports from recipients telling us that short-term needs have been addressed and that we are contributing towards the establishment of long-term programs and micro-economies.

We can join with the psalmist to proclaim,
Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Psalm 117:1-2

Highlights of our 18th year of operation include:

- The despatch of 13 shipping containers of aid to overseas destinations.
- The distribution of clothing and household equipment to many Aboriginal communities in outback Australia.
- The successful operation of The Mission Shop.

During 2007-2008 Mission World Aid maintained membership of ACFID (Australian Council for International Development). We value this membership and on behalf of the Mission World Aid Board, are pleased to confirm that the organisation is committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Time and again throughout 2007-2008, God has strengthened our team and deepened their compassion for His suffering world. Through the dedicated efforts of our volunteer workers and the generosity of our sponsors, the Goals and Objectives of the organisation have been successfully implemented.

As new opportunities arise for the provision of humanitarian assistance and support, it is the prayer of all at Mission World Aid that God will use our team to bring hope to those who have lost hope and to make a meaningful difference in individual lives and wider communities.

Anthony Moore
Chairman

Jenny Hagger AM
Director

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5

Special Acknowledgement

On the 9th June 2008 Jenny Hagger, Founder and Director of House of Prayer for All Nations – Adelaide Inc. and Mission World Aid Inc. was conferred with the honour **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** in recognition of her work in relation to the prayer movement and the provision of humanitarian aid. The official citation reads:

For service to the community, particularly through executive roles with the House of Prayer for All Nations – Adelaide and Mission World Aid.

Jenny is recognised as both a pioneer and respected leader of the Christian prayer movement across Australia. House of Prayer was established to support and resource the prayer movement and to provide a base from which to conduct training and ongoing education. Mission World Aid operates as the mercy ministry of House of Prayer, demonstrating in very practical ways the link between intercession and the provision of care for those in need.

The award was presented by the South Australian Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce.

In accepting the honour Jenny has acknowledged the contribution made by many individuals who have supported and encouraged her and tirelessly worked towards achieving her vision for both the House of Prayer for All Nations and Mission World Aid.

Congratulations Jenny.

Mission World Aid has sent Containers of Aid to the following Nations:

Albania	Malawi
Burundi	Mozambique
East Timor	Namibia
Fiji	Papua New Guinea
Gabon	Philippines
India	Siberia
Indonesia	Solomon Islands
Israel	Sudan
Jordan	Tanzania
Kenya	Uganda
Liberia	Vietnam
Madagascar	Zambia

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of Mission World Aid Inc. are established on the Christian principles outlined in the gospel of Matthew 25:35-36
I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (NIV)

The objectives of Mission World Aid Inc. are:

1. To assist, promote and work in co-operation with other like-minded organisations for the relief of poverty, starvation and disease amongst the people of the world.
2. To secure financial and other assistance for the preparation, packing and sending of goods, medicines and other necessary aids to underprivileged

peoples and to any country in the world which needs assistance for the relief of poverty, starvation and disease amongst its people.

3. To co-ordinate the distribution of voluntary donations given to or through the association for aid objects in Australia and overseas.
4. To establish communication links with and between missionaries, missions and other aid organisations and supporters through whatever means of communication are appropriate.
5. To encourage Australians of the Christian faith to embark on any project in Australia or overseas which assists the people in that country. For example, such projects may be to assist with education, agriculture, health care and building construction projects, but not limited to those types of projects.
6. To support and encourage the training of indigenous people with a view to those people contributing their taught skills and expertise to the country's development.
7. To make available any necessary information that people require to enable the promotion of the above objectives.
8. To hold meetings at which local and overseas missionaries may speak.

During 2007-2008 these objectives were met through the commitment and effort of our dedicated team of volunteers.

Summary of Activities

Containers of Aid

Thirteen shipping containers of humanitarian aid were packed and despatched during 2007-2008. The shipments included numerous boxes of general aid, large quantities of good quality clothing (pressed in wool-bales) and assorted household equipment, as well as aid specifically targeted towards health and education programs, to be established and/or maintained under the guidance of recipient groups. Several recognised orphanages benefited from our ongoing support.

In addition to these containers a 2 cubic metre crate of computers was sent to Tanzania and we supported a group from Keith, in country South Australia, by arranging the despatch of a 40ft container to Uganda.

A summary of details in relation to each of these shipments is as follows:

Madagascar July 2007

This container was packed with medical equipment including 16 hospital beds and mattresses and a complete dental surgery. It also included 496 boxes of hospital and humanitarian aid and 16 compressed bales of clothing. The recipient had recently completed

the construction of a small hospital in a remote area which was equipped using equipment from the container.

Vietnam August 2007

This container was packed with 80 hospital beds and other hospital equipment. An Sinh General Hospital has now received 157 hospital beds from Mission World Aid. This container was requested and organised by the President of the Australia Vietnam Chamber of Commerce. Shipping costs were met by the consignee. A group of Vietnamese students assisted with the packing work.

Uganda September 2007

This was the second container Mission World Aid sent to Mbale. It contained equipment for a recently established High School and included 247 chairs, 12 computers and 15 pews. In addition there were 36 compressed bales of clothing and 575 boxes of other humanitarian aid. There were also 30 bags of birthing kits supplied by Zonta International specifically for distribution to midwives working in remote areas. This container of aid was distributed to several needy communities in the vicinity of Mbale.

Israel December 2007

In December we packed another high cube 40ft container for the Joseph Project. This aid was distributed through the thirty aid centres operated by the Joseph Project throughout Israel.

In addition to over 1000 boxes of clothing, the shipment included seven pallets of industrial safety overalls and equipment and a large quantity of household furniture. The furniture was eagerly accepted by immigrants from the former Soviet Union and from Ethiopia as well as other welfare dependent recipients for us in their sparsely furnished apartments.

Liberia December 2007

We packed a 40ft container of humanitarian aid for Liberia in December, but we were only able to despatch it to our contact in early May 2008. The pastor runs an orphanage, kindergarten, primary school and skills training centre as well as an outreach to the poor and vulnerable. This was the first container Mission World Aid packed for Liberia.

The container included 31 hospital beds and mattresses, 32 compressed

bales of clothing, school furniture, 10 computers and 354 boxes of other assorted humanitarian aid. The container had to be trans-shipped twice—once in Malaysia and then in Algeciras, Spain, adding to the difficulties associated with shipment arrangements.

Uganda January 2008

In January 2008 a 40ft container was despatched to Kampala. Packing of this container was commenced in October 2007 when our Ugandan contact visited the Mission Shed and helped to pack the first few boxes.

The container included 18 computers, 36 compressed bales of clothing, a number of bicycles, furniture, school desks and chairs and 322 boxes of assorted household and school items. It also contained 18 bags of birthing kits supplied by Zonta International to be distributed to midwives in remote areas.

Kenya January 2008

In January a 40ft container was sent to Nairobi. It contained 36 compressed bales of clothing, 35 school desks, 57 chairs, 12 computers, 8 sewing machines, 20 bicycles, school equipment and 618 boxes of household and school aid.

This aid was distributed to various communities in eastern Kenya many of which had been affected by the unrest following the election.

Uganda February 2008

In February a 40ft container packed with over 6,000 shoe boxes of birthday gifts was sent to Kitgum for distribution to some of the region's orphans. The 12 year war in Northern Uganda has left more than 2 million internally displaced refugees. The Childcare Kitgum Servants run an orphanage in Kitgum and some of their supporters from Australia went to Uganda to distribute the gifts.

The container also contained 36 bales of compressed clothing, 9 manual typewriters, 2 knitting machines, chairs, desks and bicycles.

Uganda March 2008

In March we sent another 40ft container to Kayunga, near Jinja. Shipping problems were experienced as a result of a railway bridge in Eastern Uganda having been washed away. Rather than delaying the container our contact decided to freight it from Mombasa by truck – this incurred significant extra costs.

The container included 90 bales of compressed clothing, 70 bags of knitted baby clothes, 250 boxes of assorted goods, 6 sewing machines, 36 rolls of fabric, 8 bicycles and assorted furniture.

Tanzania March 2008

In March we packed computers into a 2 cubic metre crate and despatched it to a Secretarial College run by one of our partner organisations – the Salvation Army. This college educates the poor at subsidised rates, thus helping them out of the endemic poverty.

Zambia April 2008

In April we packed a 40ft container with assorted humanitarian aid for an International Ministry in Zambia. Due to port congestion in Port Adelaide (South Australia) we were unable to get a booking and the shipment did not leave until 11th June.

This shipment contained 36 bales of compressed clothing, 142 chairs, 67 stools, 54 desks, 6 sewing machines, 8 typewriters, assorted furniture, 100 bags of knitted baby clothes and 459 boxes of assorted items.

Papua New Guinea May 2008

In May we packed a 40ft container with 300 copira presses developed by a long term missionary and agricultural adviser in PNG. These presses enable simpler extraction of coconut oil to enable remote communities to produce a cash crop and use it for a multitude of local purposes.

We were also able to include 200 boxes of assorted school books, 36 bales of compressed clothing, a pulpit, 3 computers, 21 hospital beds and mattresses, a drum kit, an electric organ and 518 boxes of humanitarian aid.

This container was transported free to Townsville, Queensland by Patrick Corporation and shipped free to Rabaul by Consort Shipping – for this we are very grateful. The Chief of Customs in Rabaul is quoted as saying:

We are truly satisfied. We truly praise God
for what you and your friends in Australia are doing for our country.

Jordan May 2008

In May we sent a 40 foot container with 36 bales of compressed clothing, 329 boxes of winter clothing and household equipment, 56 mattresses and 24 hospital beds for the Iraqi refugees in Jordan to be distributed by one of our partner organisations in Jordan.

This was our first container into Jordan and we were very grateful for the support of our contact who works with a missionary group in that country.

Vietnam May 2008

In May we packed a 40ft container with assorted humanitarian aid and 8 hospital beds for an orphanage in a very poor area west of Hanoi. Some members of the Vietnamese community in Adelaide, South Australia had collected rolls of fabric and sewing machines and other items for inclusion in the shipment. They also assisted with the packing work.

The final shipment included 70 rolls of fabric, 10 sewing machines, 8 hospital beds, a christening font, 5 bicycles, 16 office chairs, 8 office desks, 8 electric fans, 63 school desks, 105 chairs, 55 stools, 10 computers, 4 prams, plumbing equipment and 414 boxes of general aid.

Uganda June 2008

In June an aid organisation based in regional South Australia packed a 40ft container with agricultural equipment, including 2 tractors, 2 cultivators, 2 rotary hoes, a cement mixer, 11 bicycles, a spud harrow, household furniture and equipment and 192 boxes of humanitarian aid.

Mission World Aid advised the group in relation to packing arrangements and then despatched the container on their behalf, undertaking the paperwork and documentation. Equipment from the container will he used to establish a potato growing enterprise.

Mission World Aid avoids the temptation to simply pack items that are given by the general public. We send items requested by the recipients and adhere to strict priority lists.

We thank God for His faithfulness and on-going provision

A significant and very special part of the aid that has been donated to Mission World Aid during 2007-2008 is a huge quantity of knitted baby clothes. We have been able to send several tonnes overseas!

This clothing is ideal for filling all those little spaces that are left around other more bulky items when a container is packed. Recipients are delighted to have new clothing with which to clothe vulnerable babies: how wonderful it is that even the smallest spaces can be filled with useable packing! Knitted good has been received from all over South Australia and many interstate locations, including Darwin. We are aware that so many of the donors who provide these precious knitted items are in fact house-bound of living in nursing homes—despite a lack of mobility they have found a meaningful way to contribute to our ongoing work and make a difference for small children and babies in need.

It is an ongoing challenge to find the safest and most cost effective means of sending aid to developing countries. We praise God for the safe arrival of aid despatched by Mission World Aid during 2007-2008 continue to pray for those shipments still in transit.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us ... (Galatians 6:9)

Aid to Local Communities

Mission World Aid continues to donate clothing, household goods and some food items to remote, disadvantaged Aboriginal communities in outback Australia during 2007-2008.

Many tonnes of aid were distributed through Helen Murray and Ian Hopton. Transport arrangements have been made at no cost to Mission World Aid and on some occasions groups have come to the Mission Shed to select the items that they require.

Mission World Aid has also helped some refugee groups in Adelaide with the provision of warm clothing, blanket and furniture. Other aid groups have been given clothing to distribute to Vietnam, Cambodia and India.

There were no direct shipping costs in relation to distribution of this aid. Various community representatives have collected aid from our Stirling depot or third party groups have met the transport costs.

Mission World Aid is seeking opportunities to partner with other organisations to facilitate the distribution of further aid to needy local communities, both Aboriginal and refugee groups, during 2008-2009.

Special Event

During 2007-2008 as well as packing and sending more containers than in previous years, a special event was held in March 2008, when we cleared surplus equipment from a 132 bed decommissioned residential aged care facility in the Adelaide Hills.

Two high cube containers and a 40ft tray truck were packed with equipment, including over 70 hospital beds, assorted medical aids (such as walking frames, over-way tables, lifters etc.), tables, filing cabinets, bedside lockers and several hundred chairs. This equipment will be progressively sent to a range of destinations as it is required.

Feedback

During 2007-2008 feedback report forms were received from overseas partners and aid recipients. It is a condition of sending aid that recipients provide reports in relation to distribution arrangements. Report/feedback forms must be signed by the senior partner of the recipient organisation and countersigned by a senior official from a separate organisation e.g. World Vision or sometimes a government official. In this way Mission World Aid is able to vouch for the integrity and accountability of the work.

We have continued our policy of declining to send aid to countries where we do not have experienced partners on the ground. We need to have an established relationship with recipient groups before aid is sent. We also request feedback from Australians we know have recently visited any organisation with whom we have partnered.

Feedback forms not only confirm that our aid is reaching intended destinations but also provide insight into the impact that each consignment has within the recipient's community. We are pleased to report that aid not only meets immediate

needs but provides opportunities for long-term training, development, health care and employment.

Our overseas partners must have infrastructure to support the importation, storage and distribution of aid to those in need. Our aid is sent to needy people of all ethnicities and religious beliefs. We seek to alleviate suffering at grass root levels and establish platforms for long-term sustainable development.

Comments from Recipients

This is to thank Mission World Aid for the generous gift to the people of Uganda. We received the container safely and cleared it immediately it arrived without any problems.
We have distributed a good portion of the donation. We are still distributing the remaining clothes. The children of our Impact Child Care will receive toys and uniforms next week and will send you photos. We have also transported the beds and medical supplies to the medical clinic.

Patrick, Uganda

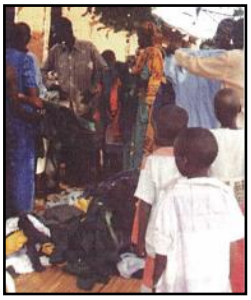
The miracle of the oximeter! Before I left Oz in February I checked out the possibility of getting one of those gadgets to bring with me. They are very expensive and decided there was no way I could afford one. Lo and behold, amongst the medical equipment in the container that came from Oz a month ago, there was an oximeter! Thanks be to Father and to whoever put that oximeter in there!

Margaret, Jordan

Attached are the pictures of the hospital beds ... sorry for late reply. I want to have all the information to send you. This few days all the beds are full and it's not (been) convenient to ask or patient's acceptance of taking picture.

Thanks for everything. Best regards.

John, Vietnam



I am arranging to distribute the clothes, shoes and other things to the people and as soon as all the exercise is done, I shall send you the report ... I have to organise the people in different villages. However, people are very excited and eager to receive the clothes. This week I have been in one of poorest villages giving people clothes but they could take everything that I took to the extent of even fighting for the paper bags! People are still crying for more and more things and I have told them to pray for another container next year.

We are so grateful and everyone here say MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

Fred, Uganda

Last week I was so surprised that on a wet, rainy day in Israel to see a Russian immigrant friend of our warehouse manager ... he was wearing a short sleeved shirt. I mentioned to (the manager) that he should remind him that he needs a long sleeved shirt in this kind of weather. (The manager) told me 'He doesn't have one'.

We had just received a fantastic container form Mission World Aid in Australia containing lots of new sweatshirts and (the manager) provided him with one. Joseph Project Friends – it is still a reality – so many Israelis don't have the funds to buy warm clothing in winter. Isn't it a great feeling to participate in helping them?

Jo, Israel

Most of the clinic equipment will be used at the YWAM clinic. It includes the 2 dental chairs, some beds and chairs, (and) glasses. The doctor in charge of the clinic is my wife.
Thanks again.

Faly, Madagascar

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. Oh! What a mighty God we serve, the God that answer prayers by fire, the God that answer prayers in the days of trouble, the God that make a way out of no way. We are so much grateful and so overwhelm with joy for what God has done for us, the less fortunate children and the poorest of the poor through your organisation.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you and your Board of Directors for your humanitarian assistance to us and the poorest of our country. We believe that God will not forget

your good work as you continue to help His people. We pray that this relationship and your assistance to us, the poorest of the poor and the needy will continue.

Solomon, Liberia

The Mission Shop

The Mission Shop, located in the Aldgate Shopping Centre, had a good result for the 2007-2008 period, raising in excess of $45,700. A total of $36,020 was put directly towards the work of Mission World Aid—the balance was used to cover shop operating costs including rental, power and telephone costs. Considering the size of the shop and the limited floor space and display areas, this is a wonderful achievement.

The shop is staffed by a devoted team of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that visitors feel welcome.

There is however an ongoing need to find additional workers to ensure that current hours of operation cab be maintained

During 2007-2008 profits from shop operations were used to:

- Enhance and improve the quality and content of containers.
- Assist with the purchase of containers.
- Facilitate the purchase of items not readily available in recipient countries and rarely donated to Mission World Aid, such as school books and stationery.
- Support ongoing aid operations such as the purchase of wool-bales for the packing of clothing.
- Make donations to overseas partners to support their hands-on work with the needy and under-privileged.

The ongoing success of the Mission Shop venture continues to encourage us to seek opportunities for a second shop elsewhere in metropolitan Adelaide.

The Mission Shed

During 2007-2008 Mission World Aid continued to lease the former ETSA Utilities depot at Stirling East. The facility, known as the Mission Shed, continued to provide a secure base for the collection, sorting and storage of aid and was used as the venue for the packing of most containers.

Volunteers – about 50 in all – have been regularly involved in the work at the Mission Shed. On a weekly basis a core team has collected, sorted and packed aid items into boxes and wool-bales. Other supporters have come on weekends to assist with the packing of containers.

The generous, fully fenced compound makes it possible for additional shipping containers to be kept on the property. These have provided most valuable short-term, overflow storage and supplement the capacity of the main shed and other ancillary buildings. It is a constant challenge to store items until they are requested or required by a recipient organisation. It is likely that additional storage and sorting space will be required in the near future to meet anticipated needs.

Networking

Mission World Aid belongs to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and also to the Yeshua Network, an Australian organisation that networks Christian aid organisations. It is felt that these relationships enable the work of Mission World Aid to be more effective and accountable and open opportunities for networking with the aid and development sector.

We also relate to many overseas churches and mission organisations including YWAM (Youth with a Mission), the Salvation Army, World Outreach and Australian Baptist World Aid (ABWAID). The strength of our partnerships with those to whom we despatch containers is excellent, reinforcing the confidence that we have that all aid is being distributed to the most needy.

Mission World Aid is called upon by other organisation and individuals, both local and interstate, to give advice in relation to the packing of shipping containers and to help with practical assistance and advice with the paper work that arises during the shipping process. Mission World Aid is pleased to provide this type of support and encouragement.

May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful ...
until you become a community of peoples (Genesis 28:3)

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9)

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