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Welcome to this issue of Pulse, the magazine of CRC Missions International. 132 million children are born each year - 1 in 4 are born into a family that exists on less than AUD \$2 a day. In developing countries, 1 in 3 children are born into severe poverty and conditions of almost unimaginable suffering and need.

We understand that where we live should not determine whether we live but it does determine how we live. As followers of Christ; what should our response be to those who suffer, and to those who cannot help themselves? Our only response surely has to be motivated by a 'holy discontent' that propels us into action. A holy discontent that screams within us to care and to do something! Being compelled to care! The Bible calls this 'compassion.'

Challenge

We can't fix every problem - but the ones we can - we must!

Personal appeal from Pr Mike Groom, CRC National Missions Director...

I believe the Church is meant to be a redemptive centre that offers love, hope and faith. We are to be a community of authentic Christ followers who are committed to the Great Commandment and to the Great Commission.

I believe we have a responsibility therefore to address the issues of poverty and injustice. Yes, we must proclaim the gospel, and this will always be our primary focus, but we are also to help relieve the pain and suffering that is of plague like proportions in our world today.

As a movement of churches across the nations, I appeal to you, will we join together on a journey advancing the kingdom of God throughout the world, in our own villages, communities and cities? A journey that reaches and transforms the hearts of those who are far away from God.

How we respond matters. It matters deeply to the poor and to the vulnerable, the abused and abandoned. Our response matters to God and should matter to us! If we are to truly follow the footprints of Jesus, we will then walk across the great divide of prosperity and into poverty actively caring for others as Jesus was compelled to care!

This is why missions is not something that we 'do' as a movement of Churches but it is who we 'are!'

We are expanding our message from inside the CRC family further out into the wider community and corporate sector, using the name 'Global Reach Alliance'. You will see progressive development of Global Reach Alliance over the coming year, incorporating our missions work, training, leadership development and empowerment of the needy.

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Fiji pre-schools

Tax deductible code **J352**

Pre-schools in Fiji

Preschools are part of the national strategy of the CRC in Fiji.

To date we have six preschools in operation; one each in Suva, Savusavu, Labasa, Daku, Lakena and in Sigatoka.

Plans are underway for a new preschool to begin in

Nacavanadi, a village near Savusavu. The preschool teachers work tirelessly and provide great education and care for the children. We are currently undertaking a building project in Suva to provide suitable facilities for this large preschool and teacher training.

Sri-Lanka children's homes

Tax deductible code **J133**

Childrens' Homes

We have 2 homes in Valachenai for 42 boys and girls and one home in Vavuniya for 15 boys who have been displaced/orphaned by the ongoing civil war in Sri Lanka or the Boxing Day Tsunami in 2004. We provide quality accommodation for the

children and total care for their needs including food, clothing, education and medical needs. We employ staff to live in the homes and care for the children and we also provide ongoing training and support for these staff.

Sri-Lanka vocational training

Tax deductible code **J133**

Sri-Lanka Vocational Training

We own 17 acres in Kalkudah (Eastern Province) to develop a multi-purpose facility. Final objectives include the development of 12 acres to cover a variety of vocational training such as

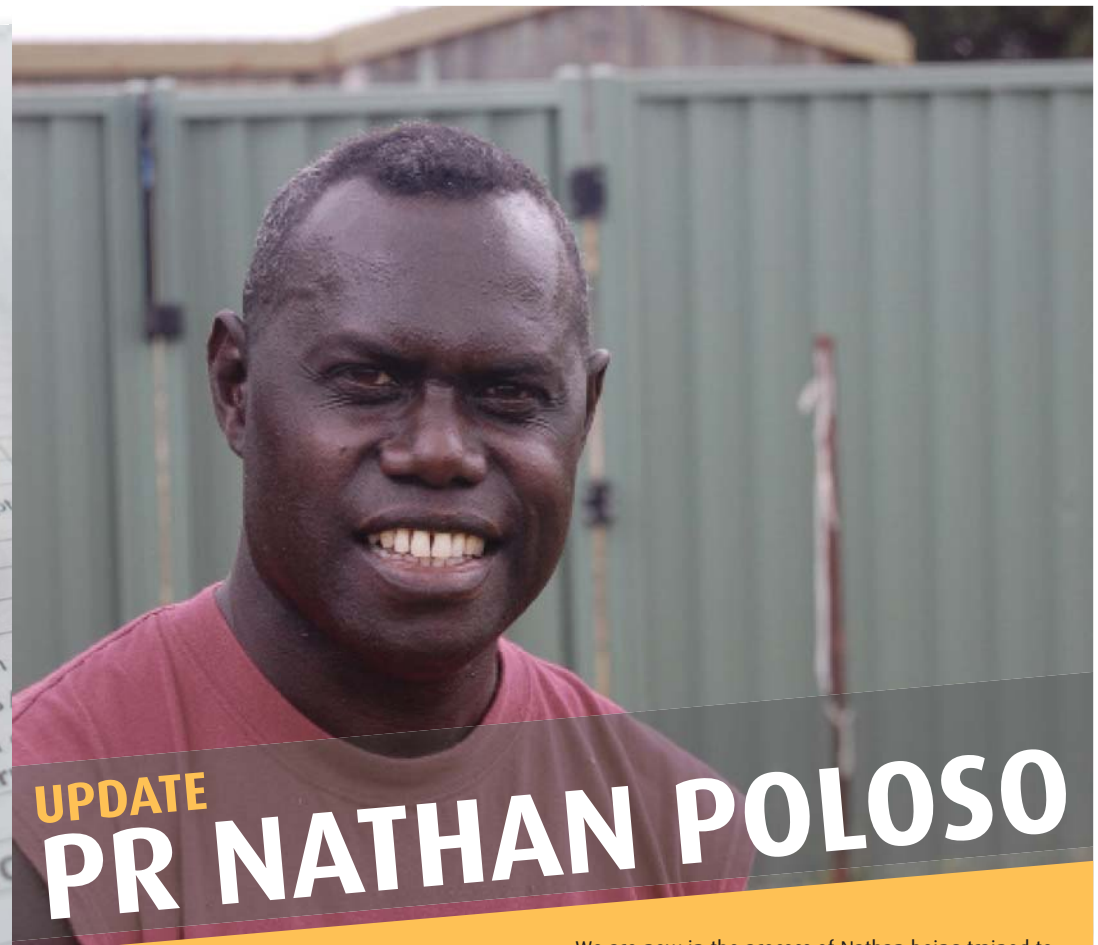
agriculture, animal husbandry, mechanical, electrical, building, sewing school and other vocational and theological training, student and staff accomodation. A farmer's house has recently been completed. The land is producing healthy harvests of rice, helping our homes.



Tax Deductible Projects

Throughout the CRC we have a number of different projects that are tax deductible for individuals and businesses.

If you wish to donate to any of these tax deductible projects, please send the donation to the CRC Missions Office and use the codes listed.



UPDATE PR NATHAN POLOSO

We are lodging the application for permanent residency for Nathan and the Poloso family on Friday 1st October. We lodge our application to the Federal Immigration Minister via the Ministerial Review Tribunal who will hopefully recommend Nathan's case to the Minister for his approval. We have had to compile a raft of information to support our application, including Nathan's prior medical history from the Solomon Islands, character references for each family member, Police checks from the Solomon Islands and Australian police and a detailed CV for Nathan and a whole lot more. We are hoping we will have a reply back before Christmas.

The Immigration Department have indicated that Nathan's case is worthy to be pushed to the top of the list for consideration which will speed up the application process. This is a just cause and we believe that God will intervene in this situation on our behalf.

We are now in the process of Nathan being trained to do home dialysis. He is an excellent candidate and this would be cheaper and better for him health wise and convenience wise as he could dialyse overnight while he sleeps. The Geelong Hospital have been fantastic and very generous in assisting us to achieve this goal. They have also supplied a machine at a very low rental which is greatly appreciated and this will lower our costs per treatment significantly.

After some discussion about how best to provide leadership and support to our Bendigo church site, Pr Nathan Poloso has agreed to take up the role of Congregational Care Pastor for Bendigo. They will be relocating to Bendigo in the 3rd week of December to take up this role under the guidance and leadership of Pr Mike Groom and the Waurm Ponds Community Church. Please pray for Nathan, Lydia and the boys as they embark on a new phase of their journey to Bendigo.



nola merritt png

Papua New Guinea celebrated its 35th anniversary of Independence on 16th September. Having first arrived in PNG in January 1975, I had the privilege of being at the very first Independence Day. This year I joined a group of people going to a few venues in Port Moresby to see how the day was being celebrated.

Our first stop was at Ela Beach where large ocean-going canoes with sails come into Moresby for the festival. We were there bright and early, but were informed that the canoes would only arrive the next day. However, there was still quite a lot happening, with the market sellers and people in their various traditional costumes or the colourful PNG T-shirts.

From Ela Beach we went to a couple of other venues, passing a colourful parade on the way.

When we had had enough we ventured into a newly opened supermarket. Apart from it being packed because of the public holiday, it was special to be in an air-conditioned, spacious and clean store, with goods set out neatly and cleanly, making shopping a pleasure. Another thing to make it interesting was that a number of the shop assistants were in their traditional costumes - even the girls who served us at the cash register!

As some of you know, I was unable to go online for a few weeks as I was unable to get the updated version of the anti-virus program installed on my laptop.



PARTNER FIELDS hopeinternational

Australia HOPE International provides:

HOPE International's purpose is to alleviate the devastation and humiliation imposed on the poor, the war weary, orphans and AIDS widows in Uganda and beyond.

They bring hope through the generosity of Australian individuals, businesses and churches.

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- Education assistance
- Child education sponsorship
- Medical assistance
- Building materials for schools
- Teachers sponsorship
- Training and sponsorship for AIDS Widows

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PARTNER FIELDS the2hproject



Well finally, after trying lots of things, we were able to get the AVG people to have remote access of my laptop to find what the problem was. This proved to be successful and I now have protection – and I didn't have to go to an IT specialist where I would have had to pay a fortune. How good it is to be able to have email contact again.

Earlier this month Roger, who is the principal of the Sunrise Christian School which is run at the church, celebrated his 60th birthday. So a few of us went to the Airways Hotel for dinner. We chose to partake of the buffet, where one section was Japanese food. I hadn't ever eaten very much of this type of food, but as it was FOOD(!), I gave it a good try and decided that it was yummy! There were a number of delicious-looking desserts, so of course I had to try most of them. So it was with a very full, but satisfied feeling that we returned home that evening. Now I have relinquished the honour of being the only 60 year old here – but I am still the oldest Bethel Dweller!

Not long ago it was arranged for a van to come here to give us the opportunity of having the swine flu

vaccination. As it was available to other people in the area, the van parked outside the gate of the property. A couple of chairs were placed on the "footpath" and, with people crowding around, the vaccinations were administered. It was a windy day, so hopefully not too much dust got onto the sterilised instruments. Fortunately I didn't hear of anyone suffering any ill-effects afterwards.

This week our first year students have gone out to various parts of PNG for their 6-month practical time. They are under the care of the local pastors and church leaders where they have gone. They will give them opportunities to serve according to the needs of the communities. This is usually the time when the students mature, as they are given responsibilities, and learn to cope with a new situation.

I trust that you are well and enjoying the Lord's abundant blessings. Thank you for your friendship and all that it means.

Much love,

Nola

Pr Kevin Taylor of Metro East Church in Norwood, SA, Australia, oversees The 2h Project in Cambodia.

The 2h Project is focusing on the nation of Cambodia, in rural, remote and urban environments, and covers four broad areas of development; micro-enterprise, land and housing development, medical initiatives, training and education.

Along with their efforts in Cambodia, they give an equal commitment to raising awareness within Australia to the plight of Cambodia's poor. They hope that this will encourage others to think globally and act locally in making the world a better place.

for more information visit www.the2hproject.com





international STRATEGIC 2010-15 directions

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

Each Nation aims to transform villages, towns and cities for Christ by planting Local CRC Churches.

Growth:

Prayerfully develop a Spirit-led plan to plant churches that will see a minimum of 150 new churches planted around the world.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

Providing empowering training strategies for aspiring church planters.

Strategically outworking the New Testament pattern of planting churches as Apostolic operational bases for further church planting.

Establishing a CRC registered presence with operational bases in five new Nations.

PLANTING CHURCHES

Each nation aims to develop fully devoted followers of Christ who passionately outwork the Great Commandment and Great Commission.

Growth:

For all CRC Local Churches to grow by at least 25% through first time decisions for Christ

For new believers to become fully devoted followers of Christ through water baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit, personal devotion habits and ministry/missions expression in and through the local church.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

All of our local church Pastors and Leaders modelling, teaching and promoting evangelism with a heart conviction that inspires action.

All local church Pastors providing training for their people to become more effective in sharing their faith.

All local churches prayerfully planning specific strategies and suitable outreach activities into their community.

All local churches developing and outworking a disciple-making strategy to lead people in becoming fully devoted followers of Christ.

MINISTRY TRAINING

Each Nation aims to equip people to live meaningful lives of service through implementing teaching and training programs in local churches, communities and the world.

Growth:

Each Nation to appoint and develop a CRC Training coordinator / Team and to increase the number of credentialed pastors by 25%.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

Developing facilities and establishing Teaching and Ministry Training programmes with a Bible-based, Christ-centred, Holy Spirit empowered curriculum taught by trained Christian leaders.

Implementing a credentialing system into the Nations that reflect their unique cultural diversity.

One of the primary goals of the CRC in Fiji is to reach out to the marginalised Fijian-Indian community with the love of Christ.

They have discovered a very effective form of evangelism; Preschools. The Fijian-Indian community places a huge importance on education, and even from a very early age, encourage structured learning for their children.

In each of our preschools the children wear uniforms, have set lessons and learning times, as well as times of play. At the end of the year, there is a graduation ceremony for the children who are leaving to attend school.

Our CRC preschools have an excellent name in their local communities. Families as well as government agencies see them as being providers of high quality, top calibre preschool education. Primary schools have stated that students who have attended a CRC preschool are significantly advanced in comparison to other children when they begin school.



Waurn Ponds Community Church has been very instrumental in providing a new curriculum to the preschool programme in Fiji, as well as committing to

regular training workshops with the various preschool teachers, and we are delighted that Suva are now embarking on this project to build a dedicated preschool building.

What a fantastic opportunity we have to be able to partner with our sister church CRC Suva under the leadership of Pr Alipate and Boila Yagomate.

The Nasinu Project is the new, yet to be built, preschool building.

This will be a modern facility for our preschool in Suva that will double as a vocational training centre for the Fijian preschool teachers to be trained and as a child development centre.

This new centre will also come alongside the families of our enrolled children to assist with education in health and parenting. It will also help to develop skills to gain employment.

For more information:

www.globalreachalliance.org
www.crcmissions.org

The pre schools in Fiji are one of our tax deductible projects. If you would like to donate to this project, remember to quote the Tax Deductible Code when you make your donation.

Tax deductible code **J352**



THE NASINU PROJECT



MESSENGERS TO THE NATIONS

Each Nation aims to recruit, train, send and support commissioned personnel to other Nations of the world.

Growth:

To increase our number of commissioned workers serving fulltime by a minimum of 25.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

The special training and deployment of commissioned personnel.

Creating a financially sustainable support base for these personnel.

Purposefully recognising cross cultural opportunities to share the Gospel in local communities.

Implementing 'adopt-a-nation' initiatives in local churches.

*Note: 'Messenger' means missionary

CONNECTING LEADERS

Each Nation aims to build effective and productive leadership networks within their own setting and across the Nations to facilitate the CRC International Vision.

Growth:

To gather the National Leaders annually for prayer, planning, fellowship and encouragement.

To meet at least annually with CRC Pastors and Leaders who work in Nations where the CRC is not registered as an organisation.

To recognise the natural development of regional leaders to coordinate the help our field facilitators provide.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

Sponsoring each National Leader to attend an annual gathering.

Holding an annual gathering of CRC Pastors and Leaders who work in Nations where the CRC is not registered as an organisation.

Creating a flexible and functional leadership structure that encourages and coordinates the implementation of our vision throughout the world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Each Nation aims to offer high quality Christian education that ensures students receive a firm foundation for living and learn the value of building Nations through education.

Growth:

To establish and increase the number of preschools in the Nations as is currently being modelled in Fiji.

To establish and increase the number of Primary and Secondary Schools in the Nations as is currently being modelled in Port Moresby, PNG.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

Strategically planning and developing preschools in the Nations.

Providing teacher training opportunities in early childhood, primary and secondary education in the Nations.

EMPOWERING THE NEEDY

Each Nation aims to empower the poor and disadvantaged by providing hope, relief and quality of life.

Growth:

To establish Local Community Development Centres and Children's Homes across the Nations.

To establish Vocational Training Centres across the Nations.

Strategy - we will achieve this by:

Develop relief-work coordinators who understand the needs of the regions.

Establishing Non-Government Organisations (NGO) and other relief programs that will:

1. Implement projects that empower local communities to improve their living conditions.
2. Provide emergency and financial relief, medical and rehabilitation services.
3. Educate local communities in health care, sanitation and water purification.
4. Partner with local churches and communities to create Child Development programs that assist in the spiritual, economic, social, physical and emotional development of children living in poverty.
5. Form working groups and teams to build, repair and maintain infrastructure.





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The CRC started in Sri Lanka after Pastor Earnest Somanathan connected with several CRC Ministers and with Pastor Barry Silverback, our International Missions Director, nearly 20 years ago.

Investing in a nation...

Over the years a significant investment has been made into the country with Ministry Training Schools, Children's homes, a Bible School and Church Plants. The CRC also made a major humanitarian contribution in helping rebuild the country after the 2004 Tsunami.

Building on a foundation...

In 2008 the CRC presented the first Sri Lanka project, which enabled us to purchase a large house as a worship centre and pastoral residence. The remaining funds have been designated to start our next project in the city of Colombo.

A wonderful provision...

At the request of the National Executive Pastor Neil Milne travelled to Colombo in April 2010 to fully research the next project to build a permanent multi-function ministry centre. In just a few days God directed Pastors Neil Milne and Somanathan to the right people at the right time and amazingly provided us with this choice land at an excellent price, which will enable us to outwork the vision God has given us.

