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CEO'S CORNER

NEW PURPOSE STATEMENT & MOTTO

Dear ADRA friends,

ADRA has recently adopted a new purpose statement and motto, and it is my privilege to introduce them to you. The Purpose Statement is "To serve humanity so all may live as God intended". What do we mean by 'serving humanity'?

Fuelled by faith and guided by prayer, ADRA has served people, communities, and nations for over 60 years. When our pioneers started packing supplies for families in 1956, our belief in people was the same as it is now: All people were created by God to thrive.

It is a simple approach to serving humanity but one that now spans the globe, impacting lives in more than 130 countries. No matter the location, language or challenge, we strive for the same thing – a world in which all people may live as God intended. What is it to 'live as God intended'?

We believe it is to live an abundant life filled with Justice, Compassion, and Love – ADRA's new motto.

Justice, so that every action is chosen for the impact it will have on others. We are called to an understanding that every child of God deserves not only the necessities of food, water

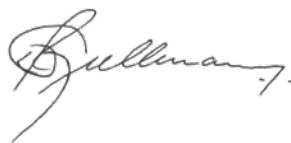
and shelter, but the opportunity to be the unique individuals they were created to be.

Compassion, because no one should carry their burden alone. In turn, a life lived with compassion realises more generosity. A commitment to serving others brings the best out of ourselves, and those around us.

And love. The God who calls us asks for a love with no limitations, a love so strong that all may see the reflection of God's character in our service, and a love that is made real through actions, big and small, worldwide and at home.

Our new motto is inspired by Micah 6:8. Join us as we live and share it, so all may have Justice. Compassion. Love.

Blessings,



Denison Grellmann
ADRA NZ Chief Executive Officer



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JUSTICE FOR THE BUTMAS COMMUNITY

The community of Butmas is located on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu. More than a decade ago, Butmas had more than 600 families, a school and a medical clinic. However, due to the challenges of accessing water on a daily basis, one by one the families moved out of the community and settled closer to the coast.

For the 60 odd families that have remained behind, along with the school and a half operating clinic, the daily routine was walking to the other side of the mountain to collect water every morning and evening. This journey took approximately 4-6 hours significantly affecting their everyday lives. Day to day responsibilities such as tending to their gardens and plantations suffered. At times the children had to miss school to help with collecting water or working in the garden and plantations. It was a highly stressful situation especially when the children were ill, as it would make it difficult for the mothers to leave them behind to collect water from the stream.

ADRA identified the need for a reliable clean water source that was close by and for safe toilet systems that would not contaminate the water. Today, the community has 20 new latrines and a water supply system. The water

supply system consists of a 22,500-litre water tank, 20 tap stands located within minutes of the homes and an additional 5 in the school and 2 at the medical clinic. The water supply uses a special pump that completely relies on the power of the water flow, which means the community does not need to put in any extra work or funds to maintain the system.

On my last trip to Butmas, I spoke to different families and they were still in awe that ADRA had come in and had been able to get water from the other side of the mountain into their community. A community leader said, “Such work is a miracle and a blessing to us as we had accepted that no one will be able to bring water from the other side of the mountain to our community due to the difficulty in doing so. But ADRA has done this and has done it successfully”.

Mary, a mother of three, also mentioned the tremendous difference

this project had made to their community not only as individuals but as a whole, “Everyone is more positive and joyous”, she said. With everyone now saving 4-6 hours daily, families can focus on other tasks such as tending to their gardens and plantations. This allows them to grow enough food to sustain themselves. The farmers now have time to expand their plantations and sell the excess produce to nearby markets or exchange for goods with their neighbours.

The Butmas community now have access to sanitation and latrine facilities; most importantly there is a secure, reliable source of clean water in their homes, school and clinic. This would not be possible without the generosity and passion for justice from our supporters and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Together, we helped children, families and a community thrive!

■ By Sahara Anae



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COMPASSION IN ACTION: ENDERLEY CREW SALVAGE PROJECT

The Enderley Crew Salvage project is a youth mentoring programme where young people are mentored through the hands-on process of restoring salvaged bicycles. Enderley is a low socio-economic community in Hamilton East, where many families are struggling. The opportunities this programme provides for young people have not only been embraced, but also really appreciated. The programme provides children with the opportunity to participate in positive, affirming activities each week after school and develop strong relationships with each other. Sound interesting? I thought so too! So, I headed off to Hamilton with a few colleagues to visit Israel the project leader, and his amazing team in action!

Israel O'Dea did not have it easy growing up and as a result, ended up in a gang living a life of crime and substance abuse. Israel turned his life around and dedicates a lot of time and effort into mentoring these children who otherwise have very little positive influences around them. Running the project is not always easy for Israel as he has faced a number of health issues. He had cancer at a young age, and now lives with muscular dystrophy. Israel doesn't always feel well as he gets easily tired and is always in pain, but despite this, he shows up weekly to run the project. "The joy and sense of fellowship and community with these kids is literally restoring me", he says. Israel's heart or compassion and love for his community and young people sees him determined to be present weekly, along with all the other volunteers.

Israel wishes there had been a programme like this when he was growing up, as he believes it would

have had a huge impact on the way that he dealt with his problems at home. This remains a great motivation for him, alongside his love and passion for the children who are often forgotten.

Through learning about bicycle maintenance and restoration as well as road safety, youth are equipped with skills and values that can counter the negative influences within their high-risk community. Pastor Mike of Hamilton Eastside SDA Church shares that this initiative is helping high-risk youth/children by equipping them with practical skills and good relationships with their mentors, empowering them to make wise and positive choices.

After the work is done, the young people take turns riding the bikes that they've restored. Then the evening ends with a game or two, before grace and a healthy vegetarian meal together prepared by Lori (Pastor Mike's wife).

It's clear to see the solid relationships

that have formed between the team and the young people in the community. The youth feel comfortable and safe to be themselves and are having fun learning and developing new skills. Pastor Mike shares how lovely it is when they are out and about in the community, and kids run up to them and hug them saying to their parents – these are the people that give us us kai and aroha (kai—food, aroha—love in Māori).

Thank you to Israel, Joe, Pastor Mike, Lori and all the amazing volunteers whose compassion and love for their community, sees them taking quite a few hours out of their own time every week to run this wonderful community initiative! ADRA would like to acknowledge and thank you for all you've done and continue to do. Your compassion and love to transform lives and help our communities thrive is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!

■ By Sally Lavea



BIKE MAINTENANCE WITH JOE & ISRAEL

Joe (Community Centre Manager pictured here wearing a black hoodie) supervising the process.



READY, SET, GO

Project Leader, Israel (pictured standing at the back left) watches on as young people get ready to ride.



STORY BY SALLY LAVEA

Project Leader, Israel pictured here with ADRA Programs Coordinator, Sally Lavea.

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER: KHOMELELA COMMUNITY CENTRE

In July 2018, I had the privilege of being part of an ADRA Connections team with a group from Papatoetoe SDA church, serving in South Africa. I remember the first Monday when we arrived at the Khomelela community centre, the location of the new preschool we were building, there was just a handful of children present.

A group of five boys were kicking a worn soccer ball on the concrete and a bunch of younger more cautious children clinging closely to familiar faces. As the day went by, the children slowly became more relaxed and as more children arrived, their collective excitement to interact with our team grew.

While we couldn't speak their language, and many of them couldn't speak ours, we used songs, dances and games to interact. Even halfway around the world, a child's need for attention, connection and love is still the same. By the end of the week, we had 180 children turning up every day to be part of the kids club. Each one eager to be showed affection, to be played with, to share a fun handshake and be connected with.

One of the children I met there was a 13-year-old boy named Lindo. On our last day, he shared his story with

some of the group. His dad died when he was 2-years-old and his mother died when he was 10. He now lives with his uncle. Even knowing this, I don't remember him as just a child who had experienced heart-breaking loss. I remember him as clever, witty, fun and filled with joy. What is heart-breaking is that Lindo's story is not unique. It is normal to experience that scale of devastation in this community. But just like Lindo, despite their collective losses and hardship, it is still a community filled with joy, love and connection.

The greatest blessing from this trip has been growing my love for service and recognising that this love is realised in relationship and building connections with others.

Our main purpose for going to Khomelela was to help build and fundraise for a new preschool along with other developmental activities.

We were able to achieve that and much more. We were able to empower a community by letting them know that there were people halfway around the world that cared about their wellbeing. Back home in New Zealand, we were also able to empower our church community by collectively working together to raise funds for the preschool. Our fundraising efforts also provided a space for important conversations about the needs of the community and others alike.

An ADRA Connections experience helps to connect you with a community around the world, but it also connects you with your local church, school and community.

Learn more about how you could be involved in an ADRA Connections experience www.adra.org.nz/connections

■ By Sarah Ryan





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