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STRONGER TOGETHER

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CEO'S CORNER

"WE ARE INDEED STRONGER TOGETHER"

Dear ADRA friends,

The theme of 'stronger together' has struck me recently. I observe the ADRA team working with each other, in partnerships and collaboration to accomplish more than any individual could. I'm amazed at the diversity of skills, knowledge, and experience that we all bring. At peak times when work demands seem unbearable, even when we as individuals are already busy, we manage to help each other and together achieve the goal.

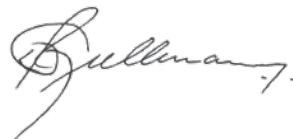
When I think of the idea of being stronger together, I think of our various stakeholders as well. I think of our supporters who are engaged in different occupations and responsibilities. I think of partners overseas and in New Zealand who represent a wide range of expertise and relationships. Among all these stakeholders, we have one thing in common, the belief that acts of compassion and generosity make our world a better place — this is our continuous motivation.

If ADRA was to work by itself, it would not reach the vast corners of this country and the world. For this reason, ADRA is grateful to work in partnership with generous supporters, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the New Zealand government (particularly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), the wider ADRA network, and other international and national philanthropic organisations. Together, we are stronger because we can leverage each other's resources and

expertise, but more importantly, we can reach more people. Through acts of compassion, justice and love, we can equip and enable people to live as God intended, free from poverty and disadvantage.

Thank you for being part of the journey. We are indeed stronger together!

Blessings,



Denison Grellmann
ADRA NZ
Chief Executive
Officer



Community TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP (CTP) IN SOUTH NEW ZEALAND BRINGS HOPE & HEALING. P4



The village OF ELIA IN VANUATU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO A CLEAN WATER SOURCE NEAR THEIR VILLAGE. P5



This Christmas KEEP JESUS' LEGACY OF JOY BY SHARING IT WITH THE WORLD AROUND YOU. P7

ENDING POVERTY TOGETHER

ADRA RUN 2019

On the 29th of September we hosted our 19th annual ADRA Run.

We want to say a special thank you to all runners, volunteers and supporters who helped make this event a success.

This year, over 400 people spent their Sunday morning walking and running along the picturesque Mission Bay coast to raise funds for families living in poverty or hardship. Through the efforts of the awesome supporters who participated and fundraised, we were able to raise over \$45,000. Funds like this enable ADRA to end poverty in the lives of people like Veronica.

Veronica is used to early morning walks. However instead of walking along one of Auckland's most beautiful beaches, she would walk through the countryside of Viqueque in Timor-Leste. She would take long morning walks alongside her daughter to a river where she collected water. Often she would make the trip three times a day to fetch water for drinking, laundry, cooking, and cleaning.

During rainy seasons, the water would often be polluted and unsafe to drink. With no alternative, Veronica and her daughter were vulnerable to disease.

Through an ADRA project, Veronica's community was able to drill wells and install 15 new tap stands making clean water more accessible to everyone. Veronica shared the impact this has had in her life, "It's much better for me and my family than getting up early and walking so far to get river water. But best of all, the water is clean."

During the ADRA Run, we were amazed by the amount of generous supporters we had. By waking up early to support the ADRA Run, supporters are ensuring people like Veronica no longer need to wake up early to walk for water.

Through fundraisers like the ADRA Run, ADRA is ending poverty for communities by providing clean water and addressing other basic needs. We're also working in New Zealand to serve people in our own backyard.

It's amazing to see how much further we can go and how much more we can do when we work together. Thank you again to everyone who supported the ADRA Run 2019.

Next year we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the ADRA Run! Together, let's continue to end poverty, more details will be made available soon.

■ By Sarah Ryan

**Names and images may have been changed to protect the identities of people sharing their story.*



STRONGER TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

This is our seventh year serving as pastors for the South New Zealand Conference (SNZC). We spent 4 years in Invercargill and are now in our third year in Christchurch. During this time, it has been a great blessing to partner with ADRA in running various community projects.

In 2012, in one of her speeches, Michelle Obama said, “Success isn’t about how much money you make; it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.” ADRA has helped us do exactly this. We have seen lives transformed and people thrive. This would not have been possible without the help of ADRA or the CTP (Community Transformation Partnership). ADRA has not just offered financial help, but they have mentored us in running these community projects successfully.

Over these seven years, we have run various community projects such as 'Discover your Missing Link', 'Turning Point', CHIP, Depression Anxiety and Recovery, 'Accelerate' workshops and a conference, Welcome Baby, and 'Random Acts of Kindness'. ADRA has always encouraged creativity, innovation and imaginative thinking. Running these projects has helped us make new friends, learn new skills and most importantly, give back to the community.

Each one of us yearns to have a sense of purpose and direction. We all know that helping others does not only better other people’s lives, but it also has a positive impact on our own lives in making us happier, more balanced, and instilling in us a greater sense of purpose. Running these community projects didn’t only help us personally, but it helped our churches become more focused. It also offered an amazing opportunity to the team of volunteers to use their gifts and talents to give back to their community. These projects proved beneficial for the attendees and the volunteers’ mental health and wellbeing by reducing stress, improving their emotional wellbeing, and even improving their physical health.

In the wake of the devastating Christchurch attacks, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in South New Zealand has offered their full support to the Muslim community. It was rewarding to serve our Muslim friends by organising a vigil of Christian churches, connecting with Imams,

and visiting at the family centre. We also helped the youth department in running a kids club, women’s ministries in connecting with widows and victims, and taking part in organising the food hampers that were generously donated by ADRA, Sanitarium and the South New Zealand Conference.

As I [Younis] look back, one thing is very clear to me — that we cannot undermine the power of connecting and serving our community. We don’t have to wait until a crisis occurs to connect and start making a difference now.

We encourage pastors and churches to get involved by attending a Community Champions Workshop and partner with ADRA to run a CTP initiative that meets the needs of your community. Now is a good time to build friendships and trust with your community, so you can respond during times of need and be stronger together!

■ By Younis and Romina Masih



PHOTO TAKEN AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOLLOWING THE CHRISTCHURCH TERROR ATTACKS IN MARCH 2019. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PR JESEL ROYOKADA, PR STEPHEN WILSON, PR MIKE SIKURI, PR BEN TIMOTHY, PR SIAOSI KEI, PR LIMONI MANU, PR YOUNIS MASIH, PR BEN MARTIN.

TOGETHER, BRINGING WATER FOR ALL

Sahara is one of ADRA’s international programme managers. Earlier this year Sahara travelled to Vanuatu where ADRA is implementing a water and sanitation project. This project will mean people in the village of Elia will have access to a nearby clean water source. Sahara shares reflections of her trip below:

“One of my most challenging and memorable experiences of my Vanuatu trip was doing a 9-hour hike alongside a young boy named Emmanuel.

Emmanuel is 8-years old and was one of the four crew members that led us to each water source we were inspecting that day. He hiked with ease and grace next to me while I crawled my way up the mountains. After two hours of hiking, we made it to the first water supply source in Elia.

If you could see what I had seen, it would have broken your heart too. The community of Elia were drinking from an irrigation channel. The water was dirty and contaminated making the

local community vulnerable to disease, but there was no other alternative.

We spent 4 hours walking to the next water source. I had thought many times of turning back. It had been pouring with rain since we started walking, I was soaked, tired and weak. Every muscle and bone in my body was aching but every time I turned around to see how far we had walked, I would see Emmanuel, right there behind me. Sometimes smiling and sometimes looking concerned.

As we were walking I asked Emmanuel, “Which of these men is your father?” He replied, “None of them, my father died when I was 6 years old”. After

learning this I was reminded of ADRA’s purpose and of why I was on this 9-hour trek through the bush — so that children like Emmanuel could have clean water and live a healthier life!

I am proud to be part of an organisation that is serving where it’s needed most and creating change for entire communities. Thank you to all our supporters who help make projects like this possible.”

Together working alongside the local community, ADRA is able to make a difference in the lives of people just like Emmanuel.

■ By Sahara Anae



STRONGER TOGETHER ADRA APPEAL THANKS

We are all called on to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and this means stepping in when we see a brother in need. This past September, the pastors, church champions and supporters came together with ADRA to do just that. Throughout the ADRA appeal month, people shared impact videos during announcement time in church to show the transformation that your generous donations have helped ADRA achieve.

ADRA would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported the appeal and shared the material for everyone to engage in truly transforming the lives of those in need. Together we are stronger and can achieve much more. We would also like to thank our donors and volunteers, without you none of these projects would be possible.



To learn more about the transformation that we have achieve together, visit: www.adra.org.nz/transform



TOGETHER , LET'S BRING JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. When Jesus was born, He brought joy to the whole world. This Christmas, keep His legacy of joy by sharing it with the world. Through ADRA you can give a gift that will bring joy to others. Check out some of the gifts you can give this Christmas, more gifts are available to view online.



\$10 Community Meal

This gift can provide a person right here in New Zealand like Ana with a warm and hearty meal through our Community Transformation Partnerships.



\$20 Farmer Start-up Kit

Thiha received his own farmer start-up kit with new seeds and a soil test so that he was able to farm effectively and sustainably. You can now gift a farmer's kit to another person.



\$30 Emergency Shelter & Food Kit

An emergency shelter and food kit was able to help kids like Yara and Nabil to have food and a place to sleep after they were forced to flee their homes for safety. Your gift can help others just like them.



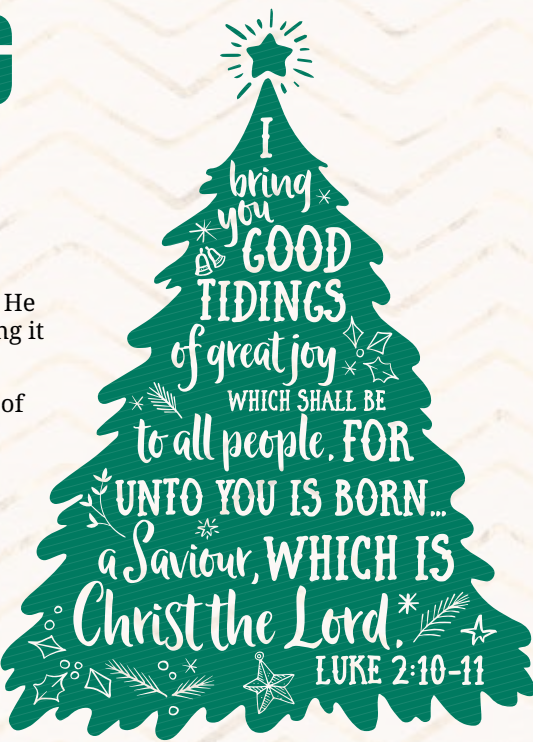
\$50 Steep Taps

A steel tap right outside Manuel's house means he no longer has to travel far every day to fetch water for his family. Now he has more time to attend school and help with chores at home. This gift can change the everyday routine for a boy like Manuel.



\$150 Latrine

This gift can give a family like Ary and Chan's a hygienic and safe place to use the bathroom. This can reduce disease and improve the health of a whole family.



Purchase a gift and spread joy today. You can give a life-changing gift by returning the gift slip on the back of this page, by visiting www.adra.org.nz/Christmas or calling 0800 477 911.

COMING UP

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE EVENTS IN YOUR CALENDAR



3 – 11 JAN 2020 | Big Camp North New Zealand

ADRA will have a special stall at the NNZ Big Camp. Come along and meet the ADRA team and learn more about ADRA projects.



5 – 11 JAN 2020 | Big Camp South New Zealand

ADRA will have a special tent at the SNZ Big Camp. Come along and meet the ADRA team and learn more about ADRA projects.



15 FEB 2020 | Disaster and Famine Relief Offering

All Adventist churches will be collecting a special offering that will ensure ADRA is prepared to respond during emergency situations.



12 – 18 FEB 2020 | Alps to Ocean Ride South New Zealand

Join this iconic ride from Lake Tekapo. You will traverse some of the most stunning scenery in the world. All funds raised to support ADRA's work. Sign up at www.adra.org.nz/ride



19-22 MAR 2020 | Murray to Mountains Ride Australia

This four-day challenge in Australia will take you from the Murray River in North East Victoria to beautiful mountains in Melbourne. All funds raised to support ADRA's work. Sign up at www.adra.org.nz/rideaus

PERSONAL DETAILS

Would you like to partner with ADRA to help transform lives of children, families and communities? Sign-up to be a regular giver or make your one-off donation below.

Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Other:

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Amount: \$

Frequency: ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐ One-off

☐ Enclosed is a cheque for \$

(make it payable to ADRA New Zealand Ltd)

☐ Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Amex

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