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SEASONS OF CHANGE

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# WORDS FROM THE CEO

## A NEW SEASON

Dear ADRA Family,

As we begin to enjoy the wonderful summer season, I am reminded of the importance that each season brings. The special thing about seasons is that each one is needed for growth, and each new season requires change.

Right now, ADRA is experiencing a season of change. I am excited to share with you, that ADRA New Zealand and ADRA Australia are being integrated into an alliance commencing on January 1, 2021. The alliance's primary focus is to reach more vulnerable children, families and communities in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, in Australia, and at home in New Zealand. With increased capacity through combined resources, we will have a greater impact on the people and communities we serve.

As an ADRA friend and supporter, please pray for us as we step forward and embrace this challenge. Throughout this uncertain year, we have really experienced the benefits of prayer and invite you to keep us in your daily prayers.

I also want to take a moment to reflect upon the season that has been. During this year, we have constantly reached out for your support, and you have responded amazingly. You have volunteered time to deliver food packs to kiwi families in need, donated to families in Beirut after a destructive explosion, or after a cyclone in Vanuatu and Fiji. Your regular giving has supported our long-term projects in countries like Vanuatu, Timor-Leste, Myanmar, and Cambodia, and because of that thousands of families are thriving. This has happened because of you — thank you.

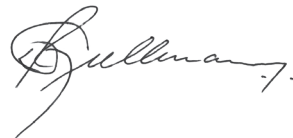
As we begin to celebrate the holiday season, I pray that you

and your families have a wonderful time, that you keep safe, and that we all take time to remember the amazing change that Christ's birth brought to this world.

I wish you all a wonderful and festive summer season!

Blessings,

**Denison Grellmann**  
ADRA NZ Chief Executive Officer



For the full statement about the ADRA Alliance, please visit [www.adra.org.nz/alliance](http://www.adra.org.nz/alliance)

# HAERE MAI

## AND HAERE RA

**“For everything, there is a season, a time for every activity under the sun.” Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Our team at ADRA is currently going through a season of change, and part of that change is welcoming Anna Downing into our team, and farewelling Virginia Pycroft.

Virginia joined our staff team in 2016 as a Programme Manager. Earlier this year, she was called to serve as the ADRA Country Director for Timor-Leste. During her time at ADRA, she managed multiple international projects including our projects in Myanmar and Timor-Leste. Virginia also coordinated multiple emergency responses, ensuring people were able to quickly access emergency supplies when needed.

We would like to thank Virginia for the years she served at ADRA New Zealand and wish her all the best for the adventure in front of her, we will miss her as both a colleague and friend.

We would also like to welcome Anna who joined our staff team in September. Anna is taking on the role of Programme Manager and will be managing multiple projects in Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, and Timor-Leste. Anna is currently working from her hometown in Queensland, Australia and will be joining our team when able to travel internationally again.

We are grateful for the expertise Anna brings, having previously worked for multiple ADRA offices, and are excited to have her part of our team.

At ADRA, our mission is to serve humanity so all may live as God intended, and during seasons of change, our mission remains the same.

Each member of our team is a piece of a greater picture, and we pray that in each season we are in, we can continue to live out God's will.

**“God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Ecclesiastes 3:11**



# A LITTLE ABOUT

## TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste is an island country in South-east Asia. It shares a border with Indonesia and is north of Australia.

It was recognised as an independent country in 2002 and is currently in one of its longest periods of post-independence peace. However, previous national conflicts have resulted in destruction of infrastructure meaning many years of rebuilding.

In the Viqueque Municipality, where ADRA is currently working, 40% of the population live below NZD\$2 a day.

ADRA New Zealand's project in Timor-Leste is supporting farming families by growing the rural economy and improving food security. We achieve this through connecting small family farmers to larger markets. By having access to these markets, farmers can receive a higher price, meaning they are able to make a higher profit and provide more for their family.

Through connecting farmers to the right markets, they can almost double their income!

You can learn more about our work in Timor-Leste at [www.adra.org.nz/timor](http://www.adra.org.nz/timor)



*Changing* THE WAY RA'S FATHER PLANS AND MANAGES THEIR CROPS HAS MEANT HIS YOUNG BOYS CAN STAY IN SCHOOL AND RECEIVE THEIR EDUCATION. P4-5



BRAND NEW WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN CHANGING SOMEONE'S LIFE FOR THE BETTER. LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR *Will* OR *Trek* YOUR WAY TO LIFE-CHANGE. P6



ADRA IS *implementing* A PROJECT IN CAMBODIA WHICH FOCUSES ON INCREASING NUTRITION AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE IN 5 PROVINCES THROUGHOUT PURSAT. P6



VIRGINIA HAS WORKED ALL OVER THE WORLD, INCLUDING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA WITH VOLUNTEER SERVICES ABROAD, AND WITH ADRA IN BOTH FIJI AND SAMOA!



ANNA IS A TRAVELLER TOO! SHE HAS WORKED FOR BOTH ADRA VANUATU AND ADRA AUSTRALIA. WE'RE GRATEFUL SHE'S NOW ADDING ADRA NEW ZEALAND TO HER LIST.



# RA'S SEARCH FOR HIS DAD

**Ra is nine years old. He loves running, playing with his younger brother Satape, and going to school with his friends.**

Almost all his friends live on a farm, just like him, in rural Cambodia. His parents are farmers and earn money by selling their crops at the local food market. The money his parents make is used to pay for food, any farming and home needs, and his school fees.

At school, Ra learns to read and write, he learns maths, history, and science. Each day when he gets home from school he runs alongside his dad as he works on the farm. He tells his dad what he has learned that day.

Ra still remembers the afternoon, two years ago, when he arrived home from school, but his father was not there. He was not working on the farm as he usually would be at that time, he was not inside the house either. Ra asked his neighbours if they had seen his father, but nobody could find him.

His father returned home much later that night, but something was wrong. Ra's father had been in a bad motorcycle crash when he was on his way to the market. His left leg had been badly twisted by an oncoming car, but the family did not have enough money to go to a doctor to fully repair his leg.

Instead, the family waited for the leg to recover, during this time Ra's father could not work, he could barely even walk.

Ra was filled with worry, what would he do if his father could never work on the farm again? Did his family have enough money to pay for his school fees? Would he have to leave school to start working on the farm?

Ra's father was determined to keep his son in school, and as soon as he could start walking, he returned to the farm. He walks with a bad limp and is often in pain but refuses to stop working for the sake of his son's education.

When ADRA came to Ra's village, both his parents started to attend a range of ADRA training sessions. Ra's father learned more about the crops he was growing, what was valuable, and what would earn him a better income. At the end of the training, he received packets of seeds, fertiliser, and farming tools to ensure the success of their new crops.

Now Ra's father and mother earn more at the market, they have a stronger income and always make sure the boys' school fees are paid. Ra no longer worries about missing school. Now he can focus more on learning and enjoying school!

Thanks to our amazing supporters, we can implement projects like this one which Ra's parents participated in, that ensure parents have a strong income and can continue to send their children to school.

Many of our project activities have an impact on a child's education, such as installing water taps at schools to ensure children have clean water all day, educating families through business and skills training, or helping grow the income of a family. Together, we can make a difference for children through education.

■ By Sarah Ryan



YOUNGER BROTHER SATAPE, WITH 9-YEAR-OLD RA STANDING OUTSIDE THEIR FAMILY HOME.



RA'S FATHER WORKING ON HIS CROPS IN RURAL CAMBODIA.



RA'S FATHER, WHO'S LEG WAS BADLY INJURED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT, WAS DETERMINED TO KEEP HIS BOYS IN SCHOOL.



WITH THE HELP OF ADRA, THE FAMILY'S INCOME HAS INCREASED WITH BETTER CROPS AND EDUCATION.

## FAST FACTS ABOUT EDUCATION

- Today's generation of young people is the largest ever
- More children are attending school than ever before
- But 1 in every 5 school-aged children are still not in school
- Poverty is the biggest barrier preventing children from attending school
- Girls with access to education are much more likely to avoid child marriage and adolescent pregnancy than girls without.
- Children with access to education have more job opportunities, safety, better health, and are more likely to break generational cycles of poverty

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Education is one of the biggest life-changers for children. Right now you can help create change through your support.



### DONATE A GIFT

One way you can help this Christmas, is by bringing light and hope into someone's life through an ADRA gift. \$30 can supply hygiene education materials to help children learn and protect children from disease. More gift options available at [www.adra.org.nz/gifts](http://www.adra.org.nz/gifts)





# LEGACY OF CHANGE

For many families living in poverty, change does not come as often as it should. Without access to clean water, healthy food, and education, the ability to break out of poverty is much more difficult. Health is affected from a young age, and job opportunities

are limited, resulting in generational poverty. We all want a brighter future for the next generation, but for families living in poverty, a brighter future is harder to provide.

One practical way you can help make a difference is by giving a bequest to ADRA. Your decision today could ensure that children and families can break the cycle of poverty. Your legacy will be a brighter future for the next generation.



To learn more about making a bequest with ADRA, please contact:

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# NEW TREKKING ADVENTURE

Looking for a challenge in the season ahead? Next May, a group of like-minded supporters will be trekking New Zealand's renowned Tongariro Alpine Crossing for an incredible cause — to give people around the world a hand up out of poverty and hardship.

The team will spend 3 challenging days trekking through the fragile, volcanic landscape, over old lava flows and around ancient craters. Following the tussock lined trail, they will marvel at the snow-capped mountains, exposed ridges and blue lakes. As supporters soak up unforgettable views of the

North Island, they will revel in the knowledge that their incredible journey has served others by helping to end poverty and injustice. Want to find out how you can save your place on this once-in-a-lifetime trip? Visit [www.adra.org.nz/Trek](http://www.adra.org.nz/Trek) or contact our team today.



# A CANCELLED CHRISTMAS



“ [ADRA] has helped significantly in obtaining the everyday basic needs in bulk, that we would typically need money to purchase almost daily in smaller quantities. With that out of the way, there are less things to worry about... ”

As the Christmas season approaches, I am reminded of the unprecedented change that has happened all around the world this past year. In April 2020, the Cambodia New Year was cancelled by the Government of Cambodia. This was done to combat COVID-19 by reducing physical contact and limiting travel. This was a big decision to make; in the Western sense — it is like cancelling Christmas! People were unable to leave their provinces to travel home, they could not spend this special time with family, and all large gatherings and festivities were cancelled. While this was disappointing for many, a lot of people were also concerned about the economic impact that COVID-19 had caused. ADRA is currently implementing an agricultural development project in Cambodia which focuses on increasing nutrition and economic resilience in 5 provinces throughout Pursat. When travel restrictions were placed, many activities were put into a temporary hold to ensure the safety of everyone.

Due to restrictions, ADRA was unable to enter communities to gather the information needed to respond to the immediate needs and gauge the impact of sales to the farmers. As a solution, ADRA used the village chief and farmer leaders in the communities to collect this information, with all correspondence done online and via telecommunication. After gathering this information, ADRA responded to the communities worse impacted by COVID-19 through food distribution and economic stimulus packages. These packages included agricultural tools to help farmers get back on their feet with production and sales. “It is a difficult and confusing time for us as farmers because our livelihood is being able to see our produce in markets. With restrictions in place, travelling and human contact makes it impossible to operate as normal. And because of that, our ability to earn money has reduced significantly. Buying simple things like cooking oil, eggs, canned foods and meat to name a few was going to be harder than usual and for some families, it was looking

very worrying. With the food distribution by ADRA, this has helped significantly in obtaining the everyday basic needs in bulk, that we would typically need money to purchase almost daily in smaller quantities. With that out of the way, there are less things to worry about daily, while we focus on the long terms plans of planting for domestic use, and on top of that how to get our commercial produce back out to sales.” - Farmer While the Cambodian New Year looked very different this year, ADRA was able to embrace the season of change to find solutions to best help those in need. The Christmas season in front of us may also look very different from what we are used to, but I want to encourage you to find ways you too can embrace change during this season. On behalf of our programmes team, thank you for your support in this season of change. Merry Christmas and God bless. ■ By Sahara Anae, Programme Manager



# COMING UP

## MAKE A NOTE OF THESE EVENTS IN YOUR CALENDAR



### 13 FEBRUARY 2021 · Disaster and Famine Relief Offering

A special ADRA offering will be collected in all Adventist churches throughout New Zealand. This offering will help ADRA respond to disasters around the world, helping when needed most.



### 15 MARCH 2021 · CTP Funding Applications Due

Want to make a difference in your community? Partner with ADRA to implement a project designed to help a specific community need through our Community Transformation Partnership (CTP) Programme. [www.adra.org.nz/CTP](http://www.adra.org.nz/CTP)



### 2-4 MAY 2021 · ADRA Trek

Take part in the first ever ADRA Trek! Join us as we take on the Tongariro crossing and explore other scenic hikes nearby on a three-day journey. All funds raised will ensure children and families have better access to education. [www.adra.org.nz/trek](http://www.adra.org.nz/trek)

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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

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

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Amount: \$

Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ One-off

☐ Enclosed is a cheque for \$

(make it payable to ADRA New Zealand)

☐ Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Amex

Card Number:

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Signature

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CVV#:

For more information visit [www.adra.org.nz/donate](http://www.adra.org.nz/donate)