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HELP THE HOMELESS P4K (Paradise for Kids)

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

What is homelessness? What I had in mind was a shallow understanding of what it means to live this way: to be without a permanent address, a life without love but only a constant battle for survival.

When the opportunity came to care for this community by serving a hot meal once a week, we didn't think twice. Our aim was that we wanted to offer a hot meal just like we would serve our family, with the same love and care to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

We serve this home-cooked meal without judgment or questions, but ask for suggestions of what they would like us to cook. "Mum's beef stew" was one of the requests.

A new volunteer recently commented "they really love us!" And we love them too.

In the middle of the Covid crisis, a small group of like minded Christians heard of a food van for sale suitable for serving hot food. They found the funds required through P4K.

After looking for the area of greatest need, St Albans in Brimbank was selected, as "Brimbank has the highest incidence of homelessness in

Melbourne's west, and the largest number

of people accessing specialist homelessness services in Victoria" (Brimbank City Council).

Amazingly, our submission for a permit was approved by Council in less than 48 hours. And Council advised us to use the area where most other charitable services are provided.



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At 7pm on the 25 July 2021 our first service began in the car park across from the St Albans Station. About 20 people turned up on that day and the numbers slowly increased. Now, looking back, as we approach our second anniversary, even apart from numbers, there has been huge growth and changes.



Service was moved forward to 6.15pm because of the cold and darkness of winter. The recent rise of inflation has seen a rapid increase in the number of families. A cup of hot soup in the colder months, or a bottle of cold water on hot nights, was added. Bread is now distributed, but clothes, shoes, blankets, hygiene products and

other useful donated items are distributed when available.

A very welcome change is the start of local businesses now providing help. This includes meat and vegetables from the local IGA store and delicious buns from a local bakery.

We are all volunteers. Our greatest need is financial sponsorship to keep going due to the rapid increase in people needing help. Increasing costs are currently being met by the volunteers — but we do need help.

~ Jane Pallot

Donations to this project, AUS-550, will be greatly appreciated.

REACHING VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

SOUTH AFRICA

A glimpse into the world and work of My Father's House

My Father's House was established by an Australian as a vehicle through which to reach vulnerable children and young adults in so-called "coloured" (mixed race) communities in the town of Worcester, South Africa. Many are born into a reality of drugs and alcohol, disintegrated families, domestic violence, teenage pregnancies, gangsterism and the rest. Often, as I enter into their world, the psalmist's cry comes to mind: "A Father to the fatherless and a defender of widows — this is God in His holy dwelling" (Psalm 68:5).

In this tension between the consuming reality of a fallen world and the potential that yet exists for

reconciliation and restoration, we find our purpose and labour in that “the love of Christ compels us”.

We are fighting against a strong, firmly rooted culture of

seven of the 10 boys who are now back on track. The other three have regrettably been suspended.

The program, “The World Needs a Father” is now being presented at the Toevlug Drug Rehabilitation Centre near Avian Park. This is for adults (19 years of age and older). Recently we covered the first module showing the percentage of harmful crimes and behaviours perpetrated by men who grew up without a father. We proceeded to the overview of childhood development. “In the home: until the age of six the mother plays the dominant role, but then the focus shifts to the father.

The presentation then continued: “The second phase from about the age of ten or eleven is called the exploratory phase. The child moves out and begins to encounter the wider world. His friends become the focal point as he learns from his exposure to life and all its varied experiences.” Then more time to contemplate. “What happens if the child enters this exploratory phase without the grounding he needed from the father?” More contemplation.

“Any questions?” is asked.

A hand goes up: “Is there any way to make up for what I missed before the age of eleven?” A second hand: “My son is going on to eleven. Is it too late for me to start giving him what I have neglected up to now?”

neglect and abuse, drug dependency, etc. No matter how much we do, it always feels like a drop in the ocean. In faith we believe that the drop will serve as a catalyst and bring about lasting and far-reaching change.

Visits have been made to Roodewal Primary School, at first once a week, then twice a week, to work with a group of ten boys who faced permanent suspension or expulsion from school. One meeting is devoted to Bible study and the other to academic support. Several of the boys have learnt to read for the first time. In the current South African system, they have been pushed through to Grade 6 without meeting the most basic criteria for advancement. The intervention has borne fruit for



The father delineates right and wrong, imposes a loving discipline, exhibits healthy authority and respect for rules and boundaries, offers an example of responsible and wholesome living.” A pause here is made for the men to reflect on the implications, which happened — as usual — in a time of stark, yet uncomfortable silence.

From here we moved on to an enthusiastic discussion of grace, reconciliation, restoration and redemption. One of the men asked for a Bible.

~ Kevin Daley

Donations to this project, ZAF-500, will be greatly appreciated.

BANGLADESH PROJECT LEADER VISITS AUSTRALIA

Kalyan, who oversees five HADA projects in Bangladesh, visited Australia to update and thank the organisations that support the vital work. Kalyan met with members of the HADA board and outlined the enormous impact that the work is having in people's lives through adult education and the schools' program. It was an evening of great fellowship. His report on the boys in the orphanage was very encouraging as they develop into fine young men. Two boys did the School Certificate

(S.C.) last year and achieved Grade Point Averages of 4.71 and 4.87 out of a possible 5.0. Five boys will be sitting the S.C. this year.



Kalyan visited several schools and was able to share with the students what life in Bangladeshi schools is like and the challenges that face many of the families. Kalyan detailed the significant benefits many communities have received through the provision of high-quality education that has been made possible through the generosity of many people in Australia. The question-and-answer sessions with the students were a highlight.



In the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, **First Hope Association** responded promptly, assisted by contributions through HADA which amounted to \$64,000.

Some of what was accomplished:

- Support for the search and rescue efforts
 - Establishment of 7000 shelters
 - Play tents were set up for children with tables, chairs, toys, books, clothes, cots, mattresses, shoes
 - Delivery of food and drinking water
- First Hope Association** is very grateful for the generous gifts of the Australian people through HADA.

Tax-Deductible Gifts

HADA has Gift Deductible Recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) so we offer donors tax-deductible receipts for donations to approved projects, which is all the projects listed.

If you do not know which one to support, then you can donate to "where most needed" WMN-010 and these funds are distributed by the board as specific requests come in.

By donating to tax-deductible projects, you are able to claim back on your personal tax return and the ATO will return to you a portion of the funds donated.

HADA is run by volunteers and our operational costs are minimal. All funds donated are sent to the project, less bank and accountancy fees.

If you have been thinking of donating and haven't got around to it, now is the time, and you can include the amount in this year's tax return.

Either use the donation form that comes with the *Inspire* or go to the web site www.hada.org.au and make the donation there.

Current HADA Projects

All projects listed are approved for tax deductibility



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AFRICA and ASIA

Medical Training in Africa and Asia

Manager: Dr Judith Goh

- Training African and Asian doctors in treating women with genital tracts fistula [AFR-500]

AFRICA and FIJI

Library Aid International Inc

Manager: Peter Cunningham

- Providing books for schools to improve educational outcomes and life opportunities. [AFR-011]

AUSTRALIA

Food Plants International Inc.

Manager: Bruce French

- Researching edible food plants suitable for growing in various regions of the world [AUS-500]

AUSTRALIA

P4K - Elias El-Khoury Orphan & Education Fund. [AUS-530]

Manager: Louis Tombas

AUSTRALIA

P4K -Help the Homeless

Food vans [AUS-550]

Manager: Louis Tombas

BANGLADESH

New Hope Ministry Bangladesh Trust

Manager: Warwick Lloyd

- **Multi-Purpose Educational Buildings** Building multi-function education facilities [BGD-012]
- **Orphanage and School Self-Sufficiency Project** Provides high-level schooling and gains funds for the orphanage [BGD-013]
- **Savar School Property Purchase Project** [BGD-014]
- **Orphanage and Schools Benevolent Project** Provides self-sufficiency projects for communities, training to gain employment and adult education [BGD-500]

BANGLADESH

Manager: Zainul Abedin [BGD-531]

- **Rohingya Micro Business Start-Up Fund** [BGD-530]

CAMBODIA

Siem Reap

Manager: Jun Kim

- **Bridge of Hope:** Working with families and communities to prevent children at risk becoming street children (or sold/ending up in prostitution) [KHM-530]
- **Good Neighbours Community Development — Preschool:** Preschool in Tria [KHM-501]

FIJI

Education and Orphan Care Program:

Manager: Dr Eleni Athinodorou

- Assisting orphans with education [FJI-500]

INDIA

Ashir Children's Home

Manager: Ashirvadam Mylaram [IND-520]

Assistant Manager: Kunal Vasith [IND-521]

- Home for orphaned children [IND-500]

INDIA

Maxton Strong School Kindergarten Upgrade

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- Kindergarten Upgrade: to provide suitable education facilities for early learners [IND-019]

Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission

Manager: Clifton Shipway [IND-015]

- The care and protection of orphaned children [IND-501].

KAZAKHSTAN

HADA, Astana

Manager: David and Tirzah Pichotta [KAZ-013]

- **Alcoholism and Addiction Help:** Education, literature, and support groups for alcoholics and their families [KAZ-010]
- **Community Centre and Health Education Project:** a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents [KAZ-500]

MONGOLIA

Sergelt Ood

Manager: Corrie van der Esch [MNG-019]

- Assist homeless people in Ulaanbaatar [MNG-500]

Dream Library (Good Neighbour Society) [MNG-530]

Manager: Okhee Kim

- Small libraries to assist underprivileged children

NEPAL

Nepali Health, Development & Disaster Response (ACN)

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln [NPL-011]

- Providing access to safe drinking water and toilets, improve knowledge of hygiene/ sanitation, nutrition and preventable diseases [NPL-500]

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Haus Pikinini P4K Orphanages Development

Manager: Donna Harvey-Hall

- Building orphanages to create a positive, loving environment for abandoned and neglected children [PNG-010]

SIERRA LEONE

Education Community Care Program

Manager: Dr Themis Adamopoulos

- Providing school canteen, medical clinic, and toilets [SLE-500]

Orphan and Community Sports Program [SLE-501]

Manager: Louis Tombas

- Education and sporting opportunities for marginalised youth

SOUTH AFRICA

My Father's House

Manager: Kevin Daly

- Programs for vulnerable youth [ZAF-500]

UGANDA

Grace Care Child Program Secondary School

Manager: Emmanuel Kanuli

- To build classrooms for orphaned/ disadvantaged children [UGA-022]

Grace Care Child Sponsorship Program [UGA-500]

UGANDA

Manager: Dr Geoff Holt

Kichwamba Children's Foundation

- Caring for orphaned children [UGA-530]

VANUATU

Victory School of Hope

Manager: Zebedee Tanga

- To build new classrooms for school in Blacksands community [VUT-010]

ZAMBIA

P4K Zambia Education and Community Care Program

Manager: Joyce Chimbila

- Community care and education [ZMB-500]

DISASTER RELIEF

- Bangladesh floods [DIS-000]
- Turkey earthquake [DIS-100]
- Help for Syrian Refugees [DIS-010]
- Ukraine Refugees [DIS-101]

WHERE MOST NEEDED

The board will allocate these funds to projects in most need [WMN-010]



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