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LETTER FROM
THE DIRECTOR

Dear supporters and partners of OMS NZ,

I trust this letter finds you well. As the director of our organisation, I write to you at an exciting point in our history, as we prepare for new change and growth.

Inspired by the Biblical story of Nehemiah leading his people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, we find ourselves also facing a 'Nehemiah moment.' We are on a mission to find a new, fit-for-purpose location to call home, one that will meet our growing needs as our organisation progresses.

As we prepare to navigate this transition, we prayerfully ask for the continued support of our dedicated community. We are looking for 400 generous individuals who can contribute \$10 a week. These funds will help support our staffing needs and new building requirements, which assists us in sustaining and growing our current and upcoming fields and projects.

This is not only a financial endeavour, but a communal one. Like Nehemiah, every contribution either large or small, pushes us one step forward in our journey. Together, we can secure a new home for OMS NZ. But as well as this, we can continue to meet the challenges of an ever changing society.

If you have any suggestions, queries, or ideas, or wish to be one of our 400 supporters, please feel free to reach out. You can contact through any of the ways listed in our contents page. Your involvement, be it through ideas or donations, is a core part of this initiative.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to advancing the Kingdom of God, and for being such an integral part of our community.

Stephen McCurdy

Executive Director
OMS New Zealand


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PHILIPPINES

Empowered by the Holy Spirit!

“But I promise you this - the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will be seized with power. You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces - even to the remotest places on earth.” **Acts 1:8 TPT.**

This was a verse very much fulfilled as our team of six spent two weeks in the Philippines in July! All that was achieved would not have been possible without the power of the Holy Spirit. We give God all the praise for the work He did through them, and through our team on the field.

The Holy Spirit not only enabled our team to do so much, but was also the topic of many sermons the team delivered to the people. We are certain this is an amazing reminder that no matter where we are in the world, we all deal with suffering and downfalls in some way. The only way we can get through them is by submitting to God, and letting the Holy Spirit work His power through us.

A message very much seen in action on this trip! Enjoy reading about all that happened!



Team member Peter with Pastor Toto in the village in Bulalacao



Physical Work

The biggest need in the Bulalacao village was to work on digging out a new well so the village could have a clean water supply. The contaminated water has caused sickness in the village, with some even passing away.

Assisting the locals, the team helped to remove rocks and boulders from the well site. Team member, Stefan, got right in on the action and enjoyed squelching around in the mud! On the first day, they hope that they would dig deep enough for a spring to be discovered, but there

was none found. However, through prayer, the team returned to the village two days later with the news that water had begun spouting through! Praise God!

The team also assisted the locals with installing two solar light panels, the first light system the village has had! We are thrilled to see another village have their physical needs being met, and believe this is just the beginning for them. God is doing a new thing!



The Power of Prayer

While the main purpose of this trip was to help dig out a well for a clean water system, God also had other plans for some incredible ministry! In each place the team visited, Malolos, Bulalacao, and San Teodoro, the team prayed about many miraculous things and were able to witness God's healing and power through many people.

One of the team members began the trip with the pain of a kidney stone. However, when he made his pain

known, another team member prayed for him, and within a day, he was healed of his kidney stone!

Another story of healing in the San Teodoro village, was when our team prayed for an older gentleman called Johnny. He had been suffering from abdominal pain on his right side for several months. After praying once, he didn't feel much of a difference, but after the team prayed again, he shared that the pain had become much less! To make this story even more thrilling, is that the next day was Sunday where Johnny ended up attending church for the first time! Praise God!



Breaking New Ground

As the Bulalacao village grows in their faith, there is a need to build a bigger church. They currently have church in a small building but this will soon be used as a community centre. Pastor Toto and his wife Eva, selected a space of land close to their house where the new church will be built.

The team was able to gather with them at this site, and break the ground for this new church venture. Pastor Owen spoke on Ephesians 4:11 in preparation for this

new church venture, and Ps Toto and Eva were prayed for as they begin this new journey. We're excited to see more growth in the future!



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We are here
to serve
and must
expect the
unexpected.

Baptisms and Dedications

In the Bulalacao village, a lot of ministry happened in the short time the team was there. In a day, eight babies were dedicated, eight people were baptised, and team member Olivia, led a woman to Christ with our missionary Ruth translating.

What a joyful day this was with both locals and visitors feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Purchasing Land

A need that was shared with the team in the Bulalacao village was for the students. As the village is quite wide spread, some students need to walk an hour to get to school. Not only is time an issue, but if it has rained during the night, the walk would be too muddy for them to be able to go.

So there is an important need for a dormitory to be built next to the school where students are able to stay a few days a week so they can attend their classes. By God's goodness and provision, some land was able to be purchased next to the school so this project can begin!

Graduation

While in the San Teodoro village, the team was graciously invited to participate in the graduation for the tribe's preschool kids! Our team loved being a part of celebrating these beautiful children and being able to pray over their next school year.

This was certainly a life changing trip for so many people and it assures us how important it is to carry out the Great Commission!

Will you join us on our next trip?



The NZ Team (L-R): Lois, Peter, Owen, Stefan, James, and Olivia

NEW ZEALAND

Saying Goodbye to our Office Building



Above: Our office building at 6 Lissette Road being built in the late 90s.

Right: Previous OMS Directors, Denis and Joan Shuker with missionaries and office staff.

Opposite page: Our office building in 2019.



For 23 years, we have been in our wonderful building in Lissette Road. It has been a setting that has hosted many laughs, many prayers, and the hearing of many stories of God's goodness!



OMS Directors, Denis and Joan Shuker, were incredible leaders of OMS NZ from 1992-2007. After taking up the mantle of leading OMS NZ, their wisdom and passion for missions and sharing the gospel took our organisation into a whole new direction!

In the 8 years that Denis and Joan were directors before purchasing the Lissette Road land, they had to move offices in Hamilton twice to have enough space for the staff and missionaries that were rapidly joining OMS NZ. Over their entire time as Directors (15 years), 50 new missionaries were recruited, trained, and sent out around the world by OMS NZ!

During this time, Denis and Joan travelled around NZ, sharing about OMS and the work of missions through many churches. A number of incredible missionaries came from overseas to also bring awareness, with Denis assisting them in obtaining interviews on Radio Rhema and in-person speaking engagements.

In 2007, Denis and Joan passed on the title of Director to Pastor Chunillal Pema where he led OMS NZ for the next 6 years. He recruited new missionaries and continued to support those out on the field. He also worked with Pastor Owen Brown, who began heading up short term teams for OMS NZ.

This brought Owen and his wife Avalon into the Directors role in 2013. A lot was achieved during their 8 year stint, not only recruiting long term missionaries, but their passion to give people a taste of missions resulted in 85 people going on short term teams in 6 years! This number would have been higher but of course, covid arrived.

In 2021, Owen and Avalon turned the Directors role over to our current Director, Stephen McCurdy. He is a 'big vision' type of Director who wants to see OMS NZ go to new places, but not lose our rich 119 year history. So, while we're unsure exactly where our next office location will be, we are believing God is going to open the right doors with the right people to see His work progress even further!

This office building has seen a lot of people pass through it. We want to send a deep appreciation to all who have supported us either a year, 20 years, or even beyond that! Your support and prayers have been the catalyst for all the work God has been doing through our organisation! Whatever building we end up in next, we pray for many more years and impacted lives to come!

NZ/RAROTONGA/AUSTRALIA

God is doing a new thing... but am I ready?



An exciting thing has been happening the last few months. More people have expressed interest in HOPE61, our human trafficking prevention ministry! It's curious why this is suddenly happening because during the time I have been a HOPE61 trainer for NZ, it's been difficult to get more than a few people to interact with the information about this dark topic. It's very much a subject that people shy away from, either they don't believe it happens here, or the reality is just too much to handle.

But our God is a God of justice. He cares about freedom and equality for all of His children. If this is something God cares so passionately about, then we should definitely also care about it.

Isaiah 1:17 NLT

"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed.
Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows."

I believe God is working on something big. At every 'Thinking Matters' conference we have attended so far this year, HOPE61 has received the most attention. Not only are people wanting to know more here in NZ, but with God opening the door to share with a lot of people in Rarotonga in October, and with another training scheduled in Australia for November, I can only imagine where God's wanting to take this ministry. And this is just the Oceania region! There are also a lot of exciting things happening with HOPE61 around the world!

With every opportunity that has popped up the last few months, my heart beats a little bit faster each time. Often I ask the question, 'am I ready?' Because it seems like a pretty big job ahead of me!

But I've realised that through my role as a HOPE61 trainer, God doesn't wait for us to be ready. If He knows we can do it and the time is right, then He's going to make it happen. We only need to be willing and follow His guidance.

I would definitely appreciate your prayers for the next few months. I am preparing speaking engagements with a Bible college, home groups, and a youth group. I'll also be writing articles for the Cook Islands Herald, and preparing to be interviewed for Cook Islands TV. But as well as these, I will also prepare to hold one day human trafficking prevention trainings in Rarotonga and Melbourne. Prayers for God's wisdom and guidance is definitely needed!

Thank you to everyone who supports HOPE61 in any way! If you'd like to learn more, or find out how you can support this ministry, send me an email at hope61@oms.org.nz.

Blessings,
Imogen Cook
Content Creator/HOPE61 Trainer.



NEW ZEALAND

Conference season is thriving!



Sara Kenny speaking on behalf of OMS NZ at the 'Thinking Conference' in Wellington.

Three years in as sponsors of the Thinking Matters Conference (previously Confident Christianity Conference), and three conferences done for 2023, we look forward to completing this year with the final two locations, Tauranga, and Auckland. As sponsors of these conferences, we are able to get our name out there and to connect with people passionate about understanding and growing in the Gospel. OMS not only gets our name and logo on their conference materials, but we are given the opportunity to speak from the stage and share a video about who we are and what we do. We also get space to set up a table where we can connect with those interested in knowing more and perhaps getting involved in our one mission; to make disciples of all nations.

While these conferences aren't "missions" conferences, they are focused on equipping Christians to know and understand their faith so that they are better prepared to share their faith with others. In fact, Thinking Matters' main message, "Defend Faith. Navigate Culture. Reach people.", aligns so well with ours, "We are strategically placed to serve the church for the purpose of glorifying Christ - designed to equip Christians with the Gospel, taking it to every critical frontline around the world."

All of this echoes our great commission, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

We are all called to make disciples but for many of us, we don't feel equipped to share because we haven't taken the time to learn the how or why. That's where Thinking Matters excels, equipping people in the knowledge so many struggle with. From there we can more confidently walk in the faith we have been called to, in the mission field God has prepared for us.

It's been lovely to be a part of this year's conferences in Waikato, Christchurch, and Wellington and we are looking forward to what Tauranga, and Auckland hold for us. If you would like to know more about Thinking Matters or get more information about the last two conferences for this season, check out their website at <https://www.thinkingmatters.org.nz>. The Friday night session is free so if you are in the area, come at least for the opening night preview and stop by our table for a chat! It's a great excuse to meet up with us in person and check out our cool resources, but also a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow. Be sure to share with your friends and family too! We can't wait to connect!

NOTICES FROM OMS NZ

HOPE61 "You are anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom for the captives, and release prisoners from darkness." (Isaiah 61:1). Interested in finding out how? Sign up to take a human trafficking prevention training and learn how your God-given gifts can be used to prevent trafficking in YOUR community. Email Imogen at hope61@oms.org.nz to register your interest!

Volunteer with us Do you want to be involved with OMS in another way? We're eager to chat with anyone who's interested in volunteering their time to further God's Kingdom. Bring the unique skills God has given you and let's work out how to best utilise your giftings within the OMS organisation. Contact us through the details on our contents page at the start of the newsletter to start the conversation.

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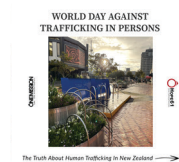
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