

# New Hope International Ltd

## Newsletter



Based on our Annual Report: Sue Skuthorpe CEO

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*Psalm 78: 1-8 "Tell next generation the praiseworthy deeds you have done."*

Once again NHI has worked beyond its means. Our footprint is huge because our heart to serve God's people through Christian Education is huge. And as we teach teachers we know that lives are transformed when these teachers recommit their lives to Christ and make first time decisions to be followers of Jesus. As a consequence the lives of students and their school communities are also transformed.

Our committed and Godly team, bound together by Christ through the Holy Spirit, has worked extremely hard despite personal challenges and the pressures of distance, and have continued to serve God in this bountiful ministry. Every year, financial constraints aside, God has encouraged us to keep moving forward to fulfil His purposes.

### Directors

Many thanks to our Board of Directors: Rev Dr Bob Frisken (Chair); John Frisken (Deputy Chair); Grahame Kerr; Alex Boland; Catriona Wansbrough; Mark Bensley; Wendy Moran; Craig Murison and Richard Warren.

### Executive

I must express my deep appreciation for my senior co-workers Bob as President and Chair, David Ferguson as Director of Finances and Community Development, and Helen Blanch as Director of Education and Leadership. Together we take much of the responsibility for the forward momentum of the ministry.

Bob has had a difficult year after a major operation which has slowed him down somewhat. However, we rejoice in the fact that he is still enjoying his role as President. Please continue to pray for each one of us.

### Staff

Without our volunteer and paid staff we would not achieve all that God desires of us. Lynnette Hester (with Peter) Neville Pollard (with Sylvia); Beth Boland (Regional Coordinator Indonesia); Debra Ferguson (Development Officer); Anne-Maree in Francophone Africa; Juliet Galiwango (with Tom) and Timothy Mubiru serving in Uganda and beyond; Johnny Albert (Vanuatu); Joash Maneipuri (Solomon Islands).

## Effective Teaching and Learning Series 2

Book Two of the Effective Teaching and Learning Series (ETLS), "Approaches to Effective Teaching and Learning" is almost completed. Unfortunately, it has taken some time to complete. Lynette Hester and I trained with it in the Philippines and were able to provide helpful feedback. Helen and I also used it with Training of Trainers in Myanmar and have had a few more thoughts. The Journal is almost complete as well. Many thanks to Helen, Bob, Lynette and Beth who have given many, many hours of their time to ensure this new iteration of Book Two is up to date as well as reflecting Christ in its entirety.

The leadership training will be completed next year. Thank you to those who have offered to help. Our Foundational Course is almost complete. The newly trained trainers in Myanmar will use it as their first training practice. The Bible Foundations Course has been written and is currently having illustrations added.

Bob continues to work on completing his commentary on Ephesians.

## Training in Australia

This year Helen has been training staff (both teaching and non-teaching) at Pacific Hills and its associated schools, many of whom have been training with her for the three Series. She is also using Zoom for training internationally.

Helen has worked with the Excellence Centre to ensure that all of our material is now accredited with NESQA for approved hours.

## Overseas Activities

### Indonesia



Ruth took some time out this year to do Leadership Training in South Africa. She found this very beneficial. Since her return she has set up an Indonesian Foundation with a new Board of Management.

She has already planned many opportunities for training next year.

## Uganda

Juliet and Timothy are continuing to work diligently and vibrantly in Uganda and in Kenya. A recent bus accident which occurred on their return from Kenya is a serious reminder of the need to cover both of these servants in protective prayer. Both are married with children but are prepared to step out of their comfort zone to serve God. A big thanks to their spouses for the ways in which they release Timothy and Juliet to fulfil this task.



There are many well-trained teachers in Uganda who are requesting Training of Trainers.

NHIU is still working in partnership with Edify Uganda who are paying some of their training costs.

## Francophone Africa

Anne-Marie Mayer has reported some great reassurance about African nations being interested in training. She completed her first training in Burkino Faso and was very encouraged by the response. She also trained successfully in Mali and Cote d'Ivoire. Many of her Trainers have now been accredited by NHI as Local-Based or Accredited Facilitators. I'm sure that there are trainers who can soon become Master Trainers in that area. Finances permitting she is keen to add Cameroun to her training schedule.



## New Zealand

Helen travelled to New Zealand once more for ETLS training supporting our past ETLS Graduates. We are now connecting more closely with our New Zealand brethren and hope to attend the combined CSA/NZACS Christian Schools Conferences there next year.

## The Philippines

This year Lynette and I had the joy of training our Filipino friends at King Solomon Christian School in the draft revised Book Two. As I mentioned earlier, this was helpful in regards to editing the Book to ensure it was suitable for developing countries. Ruth flew from Indonesia to join us so that she could be trained as well. Peter Hester spoke to the Pastors and leaders while he was there.



## South-East Asia (through the ministry of Transform the Nations: TtN)

Helen and I were so pleased to join the TtN team recently to train a group which had completed the three series and wished to be trained as trainers. We were able to include the new Book Two into training which was greatly appreciated. We were particularly encouraged by the Series 1-3 Trainers who have been thoroughly creative in their approach using translators to ensure complete understanding.

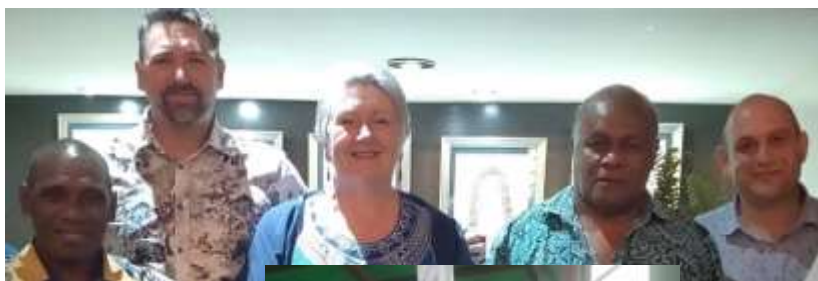
We visited Stacie and David Coates at the Promise International School in Yangon. Finding staff, including a replacement Principal and senior Maths teacher, proves to be a challenge. Both of the Christian Schools we visited were thoroughly Christian in their approach and David and Stacie are to be congratulated for their efforts, combined with leadership from the Transform the Nations CEO (our Director Graham Kerr) and his team. Helen and I were also sponsored by the Pacific Hills Group and ministry





## Solomon Islands

During March I appreciated my first visit to the Solomon Islands. It was such a joy to renew friendships and to train with Joash. There were about 30 Principals and Leaders there from across the Solomon Islands. In October I was able to visit the Pacific Leaders (Solomon Islands) Conference with 600 men and women from across the country. I was pleased to



present a short talk to a group of leaders on Transformational Leadership. My son, Chris, who also accompanied me and spoke on Critical Thinking.



Catriona Wansbrough, our NHI Director, has represented us on two occasions this year. One in the Solomons at the Christian Teachers Conference, and again in Singapore at the ACSI Round Table. I greatly appreciate her capacity and heart to serve us in this way.

## Tonga

Green Point Christian College continue to implement the five-year plan to train the Free Wesleyan teachers of Tonga in ETLS. They held training in Series 2 and Series 3 in April and are raising up a team of Tongan teachers to do training. The Green Point Trainers have been granted Master Trainer Status for their commitment and experience.

## Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)

NHI's ABCD training is currently conducted in Uganda as a part of the ongoing support and assistance that we provide to school communities where staff have been trained in series 1 and 2 of the ETLS training program.

NHI's ABCD training is expected to be rolled out to other countries, as and when the need arises. Currently there is interest being shown from the Solomon Islands, Indonesia and PNG

to access this training. We continue to seek God in where this leads NHI, and this inspiring training to be taught.

### Finances

We are continuing to seek a more reliable income through support from Australian Christian Schools. This continues to be challenging. As you can see we have such wonderful opportunities worldwide but lack the finances and personnel to continue to serve as we believe we are called to do.

The lack of personnel is slowing down our progress in terms of writing, publishing and training.

The lack of finances is limiting our capacity to travel and to support wages of overseas and local staff.

**If you do not already receive our prayer notes, please ask to be put on our mailing list. Prayer is vital if we are to continue to effectively undertake this ministry for the Lord in a very needy world.**

**If you are able to assist with fundraising please contact Beth Boland who is working with NHI advocates.** (Her Gingerbread House Fundraiser was happily attended by about 30 folk and raised important funds for the Indonesian ministry).

You can also contact David or Sue for ideas or recognition.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the work of NHI through prayer, giving and commitment to action on our behalf.

In His Service

Sue Skuthorpe

CEO New Hope International

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