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DARE TO ENGAGE IN GOD'S MISSION

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LOOKING BACK on 2020 I feel so satisfied by all that we have achieved, together with you. This issue is all about showcasing the huge difference we have made to people's lives in Asia this year. Thank you for the part you have played in that - be it taking an interest in our work, praying for our missionaries and projects or donating funds. We value your support and input so much! We know this year has brought its challenges and disappointments. A major one for me was not being able to travel with teams into Asia - something I thrive on. But the interruptions to our agendas have forced us to become more adaptable and reliant on God. As a result, we as an organisation, have definitely upped our commitment to prayer. And whatever 2021 brings, we will be praying blessings over

you (our supporters) and over our partners in the mission field, who've continued to run the race of faith through difficult situations this year. Their devotion to God's kingdom earns my deepest respect. So I will leave you with some of their key-takeaways from 2020 - evidence of God's steadfastness amidst uncertainty.

Merry Christmas,

Glenn Carter, AONZ Director



JARED AND EMILY REID
AOC staff waiting to return to Cambodia

“2020 has certainly forced us to take a look at who God is, but trust in His ongoing love and presence.”



PISEV HENG
Director of Asian Outreach Cambodia

“I choose to love the Lord my God and trust him every second of my life because I know that I can only see a little bit down the road but my God can see around every corner.”



BADMAA TSOGOO
Director of Asian Outreach Mongolia

“God is relational in his nature and wants His children also to experience the power of relationship in unity. This year he's shown me the power of connections and prayer via digital tools with my co-workers in New Zealand and other parts of the world. We feel connected to each other more than ever before. Our mutual prayers have had tremendous impact, opening new opportunities, and expanding our work.”



DALE AND ANTHONY
mission-partners in Southeast Asia

“We are living in a time of world crisis; the world pandemic, political, and economic problems are everywhere. But our faith rests assured that 'The God we serve is able' (Daniel 3:17). While the means to reach out has changed to Zoom and Facebook, the message remains the same. People are being saved, people are receiving encouragement and comfort, and greatest of all, love.”

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM – THE BEST



MONGOLIA

\$14,000 was raised for Asian Outreach Mongolia's Winter Kits project. **150** children from impoverished Mongolian families are now staying warm through the freezing winter with their cosy **new jackets and boots**. Now they and their families have also experienced and heard about God's love for them.



We've enabled the expansion of the **LifeSkills Values Education programme** to a wider audience in Mongolia this year. When these biblical values lessons were put on hold due to 'lockdown', we invested in taking the programme online! The setup costs were fairly steep – **\$8500** worth of technical equipment and expertise. But through the new virtual platform, **hundreds** more schools and **thousands** more families will hear biblical truth!



An additional **\$10,000** has also funded LifeSkills staff to teach in a new territory: Erdenet - a mining town desperately needing the influence of God's light and love.



\$11,180 paid for around **200** food-boxes for Mongolian families who were unable to earn an income during the Covid-19 lockdown. The Asian Outreach teams delivered bulk items like flour, oil and rice to struggling families and shared about Jesus' love at every opportunity.



The **4WD vehicle** we funded last year has been busy. **Thousands** of kilometres were clocked up, traversing Mongolia's vast and rugged terrain for the purposes of church-planting, discipleship and community-outreach missions. We sent **\$2288** to cover vehicle maintenance and running costs and **\$2200** to buy bibles and audio-bibles for new believers in rural areas.

INVESTMENT OF 2020

CAMBODIA



\$4339 was used to help Asian Outreach Cambodia (AOC) sustain wages for their staff over the Covid-19 lockdown. The Hope Centre was forced to close and overseas team-visits quickly dried up, leaving AOC short on budgeted-income. Employment hours were temporarily reduced so that the whole team could be retained. And, in place of regular duties, staff got busy educating rural communities about precautions to take during the pandemic.

We were excited to raise **\$20,000** for Cambodia's new Family Empowerment Project. **175** girls and **60** women will be equipped with knowledge about important topics including **puberty, pregnancy and human trafficking**. They'll also each receive a kit containing reusable sanitary pads and knickers (a luxury item)!



\$8400 went towards ACTS (Assisting Children to School in Cambodia). This holistic programme prioritises kids' education, health and family-wellbeing.





SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

The absence of short-term mission trips this year, left us craving overseas adventure. So, we launched a new series on social media called **'Back when we could travel'** – a collection of photos and reflections from past-trip participants. Read the full testimonies on [facebook/asianoutreachnz](#).

WARNING THIS SERIES MAY AGGRAVATE ITCHY FEET.



"Being so close to one of these magnificent creatures was breath-taking and it gave me more insight into the powerful biblical references to the eagle, especially Isaiah 40:31"

Jenny Snelgrove (Mongolia 2018 and 2019)



"One thing I will always remember is the joy the children had, even though they didn't have a lot of material things, they had a lot of joy and it showed me what is important in my life - people."

Lily Gatman (Cambodia 2018)



"For a modest cost, a well allows up to 30 families to have a vastly different quality of life. We turn the tap on at home and take for granted clean water!"

Ian Lamont (Cambodia 2019)



"I was particularly touched to meet a special lady who God had pre-arranged for me to meet. I only knew she was going to be wearing a red coat - this was a prophetic word from a trusted friend before leaving. God wanted to touch her with a message of His love."

Angela Carter (Mongolia 2019)

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