



Asian Outreach NZ

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Revealing God's goodness to Asia,
by partnering with adventurous New Zealanders
to create sustainable change



Thank you AONZ Backbone Supporter! Your support keeps us strong and effective.

This brief report is to celebrate the impact we've achieved together in 2024, while also providing financial transparency.

In 2024 I made three very impactful trips abroad to Mongolia and Cambodia. It was a privilege to encourage and minister alongside our partners again. We also expanded our Mission Minded Kids course, inspiring more kiwi kids to engage in God's mission.

The following pages show a breakdown of the funds we raised in 2024 for projects in Mongolia and Cambodia. We aim to keep expanding our reach in NZ, so that each year we can contribute more money to these offshore projects and impact more lives with God's love and hope. We love that you're investing in this vision with your Backbone donations to our NZ office.

As you process *the big picture* view, of what we've achieved together, would you consider increasing your support in 2025? Or could you recommend AONZ as an organisation worth partnering with, to a friend?

Thanks you for being part of our team!
Glenn Carter, AONZ Director



LOCAL IMPACT



Glenn Carter works 36 hours per week as AONZ Director and Kirsty Bond assists 16 hours per week with communications/marketing.

Together Glenn and Kirsty organise and implement fundraising campaigns and events, support local-partners in the field, liaise with and speak at supporting-churches here in NZ and create content to promote AO projects and causes. Their weekly effort with these tasks, is growing AONZ's network of supporters and increasing donor-engagement in our NZ communities.

Last year, Glenn devoted significant hours and energy to organising four team-trips to Mongolia and Cambodia. Giving kiwis the opportunity to participate in God's mission overseas, remains an important aspect of our work.

We also continue to invest in the next generation by teaching about *mission* in NZ Christian schools and churches. In 2024, two new schools (Hamilton Christian School and Elim Mt Albert) participated in our Mission Minded Kids programme. We also returned to teach children at KingsWay and Jireh Christian Schools, as well as Hamilton New Life Church and Northgate Baptist Church.



FUNDING MISSION IN CAMBODIA

\$8000 for Family Empowerment

Hundreds of women and girls have had the opportunity to attend group trainings on topics like puberty, pregnancy and human trafficking this year. A big focus has been educating intermediate-aged kids and handing out reusable sanitary pads and knickers to the girls. These gifts are life-giving - allowing girls to carry on attending school throughout their monthly-cycle.



\$70,500 for ACTS

ACTS stands for Assisting Children to School in Cambodia and it's all about breaking the poverty cycle through education. Kids, who would otherwise be working in the fields, are provided with all the supplies (clothing, stationery, bikes) needed to attend school. The benefits extend to whole families - parents access educational courses, the damaged roofs of family-homes are repaired and the message of Jesus is shared.

AONZ sponsored 110 of the 162 ACTS children in 2024. Thirty kids were gifted bikes to improve accessibility to school. Also, a feasibility study was planned to assess the need for the ACTS programme to continue assisting some children into secondary school education.

Rural Church Development

In 2023 the Elim church communities of Auckland fundraised to build several new rural churches in Stung Treng District. Last year, we saw two of those churches constructed and officially opened. Having a stable structure to gather in (particularly in the rainy season) will be a game-changer for these small groups of believers, especially as they reach out to their neighbours and make more disciples!

The AOC team has been busy supporting rural pastors and sharing the good news in remote villages, including with the Kavet tribe near the Laos border. These outreach initiatives sometimes involve screenings of The Jesus Film and giving out audio bibles, kindly funded by our kiwi supporters.



FUNDING MISSION IN MONGOLIA



\$39,180 for Winter Kits

We enabled 250 children from impoverished Mongolian families to stay warm through the freezing winter with their cosy new jackets and boots. The kids and their families also experienced and heard about God's love for them, through a short discipleship course. We took over 700 beanies with us to Mongolia last year, which were hand-made by a growing network of kiwi knitters and distributed with the Winter Kits.

\$23,600 for LifeSkills

We invested into LifeSkills Values Education which teaches Christian values in Mongolian state schools. This programme also opens a door for secular school-kids to attend holiday Bible Camps, and dive deeper into the gospel message outside the school context. We're helping fund the wages of teaching staff as they expand LifeSkills geographically into new regions.



\$7,055 for Mission Vehicle

We continue to fund maintenance costs for the mission vehicle, which we purchased in 2019. This 4WD enables teams from Ulaanbaatar to travel thousands of kilometres each year, reaching the unreached, mentoring potential-leaders and encouraging new believers.

\$22,000 for Church Planting/Growth

We funded church-planting trip expenses (accommodation, food and fuel) and purchased bibles and audio-bibles to resource the small churches in rural provinces. Plus, we've invested in the Great Commission Institute (a bible school run by Genesis Asian Outreach Mongolia) that equips church leaders with the theology and skills to make disciples and grow healthy churches.



TRAVELLING IMPACT

In 2024, Glenn made three very full and impactful overseas trips. In July he visited Cambodia with a group of key Elim Auckland Pastors and leaders. They encouraged, taught and ministered to our AOC team and helped host missionary families for a retreat at The Hope Centre. In September and October Glenn facilitated two groups of kiwis in Mongolia. The first was teaching-oriented and the second involved members from Whakatane Baptist Church participating in the Winter Kits and church-planting ministries.



In December Glenn led a team of students and staff from Elim Christian School Mt Albert, to Cambodia. This amazing school got totally on board with fundraising for our ACTS programme as well as offering students the life-changing opportunity of a short-term mission trip. The young people had an insightful time, observing and participating in AOC's ministries in Stung Treng.



We love partnering with you in this work. We really value all the encouraging messages, the prayers and the financial investment you make. While living costs are on the rise, our prayer is that the Lord will graciously retain your ability to invest in work that resonates with your heart and with God's heart! At this time of year, I always offer the opportunity to reassess your giving. Perhaps you're in a position to slightly increase your AONZ Backbone donations (e.g. by 10%) to help us with the rising cost of running an organisation. Please understand that you are never locked in long-term, to any increase you make. But If you'd like to, then please adjust your payment and notify me of the change.

If you usually give an *annual* donation, it would be really helpful to receive it before March (so we can provide you with a 24/25 tax-receipt). Or perhaps consider setting up regular automatic-payments instead.

Thank you for trusting us with your donations. We are committed to using every dollar responsibly towards the end-goal of growing God's kingdom together. Thank you for being part of AONZ's Backbone!

Blessings,
Glenn Carter - AONZ Director