

TERRIGAL UNITING CHURCH

2012 Congregational Project Submissions

1. THE GIDEON INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH 2012 - Bill Dagger

The Project: SOW THE WORD - GIVE LIFE - PROVIDE GUIDANCE

Thank you Terrigal Uniting for 625 New Testament + Psalms and Proverbs to have them placed locally and across the World in 2010 by The Gideons. As a result of your outreach, 312 Year 7 High School students in the Central Coast and another 313 students internationally have a copy of the Word of the Living God in their hands right now.



The Love of God, the Word's of Jesus, the Faith of David and the Wisdom of Solomon – what great assurance, life guide and inspirational reference for each of these young people. For many, the gift you provided is their first Bible – often their first book. Your gift of \$1000 in 2011 provided this result.

Would you like to do that (and in more places) again in 2012? **Yes we can TUC!**

I know of no other organisation on the face of this planet that can produce that mission outreach for us for so little cost. And our local young teens benefit and are blessed as a result.

“So shall my Word be that goes out of My mouth, it shall not return to Me void, but it SHALL ACCOMPLISH that which I please and it SHALL PROSPER in the thing that I send it to do”
says The Lord (Isaiah 55:11).

Thank you for your vision and continuing support.

(Global distribution rate is twice as fast as your pulse is beating - feel it – 79 million copies in 2010)

Placement and presentation areas include:

Schools, Universities, Colleges, TAFE, Hospitals, Medical Professionals, Prisons, Detention Centres, Hotels, Motels, Defence Forces, Paramedics, Fire Services, Personal Work and more (79 million copies of the Word of God distributed last year).

DETAILS OF PROGRAM

Our Uniting Church Heritage link with The Gideons:

Do you know that it was a Presbyterian Minister who in 1908 first moved at a Ministers Fraternal meeting that The Church should support according to its numbers, a band of Christian Salesmen calling themselves “The Gideons” to finance placement of Bibles into Hotels.

The Results:

God has so blessed that outreach that The Word of God goes out faster than your pulse is beating right now, 24 hours a day; 365 days every year. (about 130 every minute - 79 million copies distributed last year worldwide).

Can you suggest a better great commission mission outreach for your dollar than that?

Thank you in anticipation of your continuing support.

Appeal Support:

Brisbane Water Camp of The Gideons.

And of this Congregation, Ken Nash (and formerly the late Alice Nash); Bill and Dianne Dagger and Murray Braund all have significant involvement in this mission outreach. They love the work, have seen and experienced the results and they support this proposal.

How funded:

Four minutes for 3 weeks at each service (3min DVD provided by Gideons + 1 minute encouraging testimony by a Gideon)

First + second and fourth week envisaged (speaker organised by Bill Dagger and Murray Braund)

Retiring Offering – located at exit doors of the Church for the 4 appeal weeks.

Anticipated outcome:

1000 copies of the Word of God funded by Terrigal Uniting Church for distribution by The Gideons International in 2012. The goal cost to Terrigal Uniting Church is just \$1600. (Quality Bibles and Testaments go out free to those who receive them).

The sower goes out to sow ...and the seed is "the word" of the Kingdom of God (Matt 13:19).

People find Christ, find life, and find God's perfect plan for their life (including our local youth).

Reach into 193 countries using 93 different languages + use 290,000 local Christian nationals called Gideons – that's real intercultural leverage and outreach capacity for every mission dollar.

2. BIKE FOR BIBLES - Dr. Barry Earp -

I would like to ask the congregation to support Bike for Bibles as a congregational project in 2012.

This year BfB is supporting two projects of the Bible Society:



- Bike for Bibles is raising funds to help Rwandans gain literacy and reconciliation through God's Word
- Bible Society Australia are working in Australian schools in several ways, getting God's Word to children.

I am prepared to co-ordinate the fundraising, which I anticipate will mainly be asking for donations at the services during the nominated month. I will also try to organise a fundraiser movie night during the month.

I would like to request that, if this project is chosen, that the month for promotion be May. The reasons for this are:

- 1) The ride I will be doing is in April (14th - 22nd) from Sydney to Melbourne, which starts 1 week after Easter. After the ride I will be staying in Victoria for 2 weeks' holiday, returning on Friday 4th of May.
- 2) The '**Central Coast Bike for Bibles**' ride starts from Terrigal on the morning of 6th of May, returning Friday 11th of May. Although I am unable to be on this ride, some others from our congregation will probably be roadies for it.

Thanks for the opportunity to share this with the congregation.

3. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Sue Braund



Operation Christmas Child is the largest project of Samaritans Purse, a Christian international aid organization. All aid is given regardless of the recipient's race, color, ethnicity or religious beliefs. Annually over 8 million shoe boxes have been delivered to some 110 countries. Australia and New Zealand combined delivered 308,000 gift-filled shoe boxes in 2011.

Operation Christmas Child (**OCC**) is a project where families pack a shoe box with a range of items aimed at helping children enjoy being children as well as including school and health related supplies. A donation of \$9 per box also helps with the wider OCC project aims.

The shoe boxes are distributed to very poor children in third world countries, many of whom are otherwise unlikely to receive a gift during their lifetime. No child receives more than one shoe box. The boxes are distributed with local support and have been the method by which Samaritans Purse have established relationships with local communities. The organization can then offer other support such as clean water, health, education and equal opportunity support particularly for women and children. The boxes have been a source of great blessing to many individuals from both sides of the gifting.

4. TEAR AUSTRALIA - Sandra Wingrave

TEAR Australia, inspired by Jesus' call to love our neighbours, focuses on community development projects that seek to improve the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people, regardless of background or belief, uniting communities and empowering women and men.

TEAR is an Australian organisation which raises funds for projects in African & Asian countries, PNG, Fiji, and Australia.

TEAR Australia 'Useful Gifts' catalogue encourages people to give to needy families in developing countries in lieu of Christmas presents to family and friends. The catalogue gifts may also be used throughout the year for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, etc.



For more information on the TEAR Fund see:

<http://www.tear.org.au/about/>

<http://www.usefulgifts.org/>

5. HEALTHSERVE AUSTRALIA - PNG Health Care Manual For Community Health Workers – 3rd edition - - Dr. Clifford Smith

This year there is the opportunity to help our nearest neighbour Papua New Guinea. HealthServe Australia has a project to develop a new edition to the PNG Health Care Manual for Community Health Workers.



The specific involvement of Terrigal Uniting Church in the New Health Care Manual would be to help HealthServe Australia in raising \$15,000 in 2012 to initiate the writing of the manual. A TUC member has already donated an amount of \$4000.

This will involve:

1. Liaising with Australian church aid groups -Uniting, Anglicans, Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans and Adventists
2. A visit I make to PNG this year to liaise with the PNG church health services and training schools
3. Produce a detailed project plan for approval by the PNG Government
4. Then organise the major financial support for the project from AusAID and business groups in PNG and Australia, to supplement what the Australian church aid groups can provide

All donations would be tax-deductible.

In the promotion at Terrigal, we would hold a Saturday breakfast and I would be happy to speak at each church service and in certain small groups during the assigned month or 4 week period. I also hope to be able to get PNG contacts to participate in the services and at the breakfast.

Background to the project

PNG (Papua New Guinea) rapidly moved into the modern age in the 20th century, gaining independence in 1975, but still relying heavily on Australian Aid in all fields. Of the total population of 6 million, 80% still live in rural areas where the basic health worker at the village level is called a Community Health Worker. These folk work like the local GP, serving populations of between 500-2,000 people. The churches run 80-90% of the rural health services in the country and do all the training of the CHW's (Community Health Workers). Medical Officers see patients that the CHW's and nurses cannot deal with, and the patient / doctor ratio is 20 - 40,000.

The Health Department in 1981, after long consultation with all the church health services in the country and community health educators who were training nurses and community health workers, commissioned me to write the "Health Care Manual for community health workers". After interruptions with a change in the role of these workers, it was published with finance from a couple of aid groups in 1986. Ten years later after I did a total rewrite, the second edition was published again with aid support – an 800-page text with 1,000 diagrams done by my wife Judy.

The purpose of the Health Care Manual has been to provide a comprehensive manual that could be used as a:

- **text book in simple English** for the training of community health workers where trainees had a **very limited school education only and where English was a second language**
- in line with modern teaching methods and best accepted medical practice
- and included material not just about diseases and their treatment, but **all aspects of work in community health** such as maternal and child health, immunisation protocols, community development, first aid and health administration



Nurse with copy of the manual

Feedback from many sources indicates the manual has achieved those objectives.

The need for a new edition

The manual has been the standard textbook in the country for CHW's since 1986, even though the Health Department established a full section of health workers and educators within the health department to produce resources for the teaching of CHW's in about 1989. I have received feedback from this group that there is an urgent need for a new edition of the manual.

Project concept

The estimate for the total cost of the publication is Aus\$1.5 million. It would be given free to PNG health workers. The writing process would be different from the previous two editions. PNG health workers would do most of the detailed text content with health educational subeditors. The subeditors would organise training workshops for participants in the writing process. Judy and I would probably do the general editing.

After preliminary discussions with leaders in PNG and executives of some Australian Church Overseas Aid agencies, there are fairly strong indications that if a detailed plan was put forward through the Churches Medical Council in PNG with Australian coordination by HealthServe Australia, that the money could readily be raised.

6. LENT EVENT – UnitingWorld- an agency of the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia- - Bob & Wylva Tomlinson

Lent Event is a community movement seeking to alleviate world poverty by challenging Australian Church communities to come alongside our international partners burdened by material disadvantage.



Lent Event works by encouraging people to **act** by re-evaluating their priorities and use of God's resources and **reflect** through study of the scriptures, prayer and worship throughout the 40 days of Lent. Through Lent Event we respond to God's call to share the gifts of God so that everyone is able to live a life of dignity: clean water, enough food, education, viable employment & good health.

In the 40 days leading up to Easter, participants forgo an item or items from their daily lifestyle such as movies and pay TV, bottled drinks, television, fast foods and takeaways, technology such as mobile phones, petrol and much more & donate the money saved for vital development work through UnitingWorld Relief & Development. At the same time, participants immerse themselves in the spiritual disciplines of study, prayer and reflection. We will use the discipleship resources provided by Lent Event (Journey Guide)

7. TO KENYA FOREVER - Supporting people in need in Kenya - Reverend Heather Coombes- www.tokenyaforever.weebly.com

TEAM SUPPORT: Tammi Fenwick, Founder of 'To Kenya Forever', Diana Fenwick, Director of 'To Kenya Forever', and mother of Tammi Fenwick, and Patrick, Tammi's husband

The project:

To Kenya Forever is a charitable organisation created in 2007 to support individuals in Kenya. 100% of all money raised goes directly to support Kenyans in need, through several community and individual projects. At the end of 2009 Tammi Fenwick moved to Kenya to open a baby centre, called the



Upinde Centre. It is a transitional home for abandoned babies who need medical attention and care, to be adopted to other families. All the babies are newborn, abandoned, and unwell, suffering from problems like malnutrition, gastroenteritis, bronchitis, pneumonia, and general failure to thrive. The **Upinde Centre** offers a home full of love, physical and emotional support, and medical care.

Tammi is the founder and Director of the organisation. The organisation is not large and funding to support Tammi's projects is limited to non-tax deductible donations at this time. She relies on sponsorship for babies in the Upinde Centre, and donations from those who care and see that God works through Tammi in a very direct and effective way to support others in need.

The costs involved with the Upinde Centre to run daily include:

- Supporting the 12 babies currently in the Centre. To clothe, feed, care for and provide medical support, the organisation looks for sponsorship of \$50 per month. The home can support up to 20 babies. The cost of carers to assist, costs \$50 per month. At present there are two carers helping Tammi and her husband, and one part time social worker to help arrangement placements. Sponsorship pays for medical supplies, nappies, personal care items, clothes, play equipment, and food (formula is expensive and fresh fruit and vegetables are hard to find and they cost more!!)

Tammi and her husband, Patrick, do not have any mode of transport, so they are limited in how far they can extend their services and support. The house that they are renting is on a 5 year lease, and eventually Tammi and Patrick want to purchase land and build a purpose-built centre in Kenya to provide a more stable environment for abandoned babies. The organisation's ultimate goal for the **Upinde Centre** is to bring each infant to good health and wellbeing so that they can be adopted by a loving family. In the centre, there will also be environments for children who cannot be adopted for medical reasons or other reasons and the child can become a long term family member in a safe and loving environment.

How can Terrigal Uniting Church help

1. By contributing to raising funds for the **Upinde Centre** and **To Kenya Forever**. Some suggestions may be to hold a BBQ, coffee afternoon or evening, or event and ask for donations. Representatives from the organisation can be arranged to be present, to help with arrangements and to discuss and answer questions at any events, no matter how informal
2. By contributing to a collection of money at the end of each church service for the nominated period of promotion.

In addition to the above, the project **To Kenya Forever** is always looking for volunteers to visit and support the work they are doing in Kenya in a hands-on capacity. Check the website for details (www.tokenyaforever.org). Perhaps in the future the congregation may wish to raise money to send individuals to Kenya for a few weeks. The organisation has a volunteer program that will support this.

100% of all money donated goes directly to supporting **To Kenya Forever** and the people of Kenya. Administration costs, personal costs for Tammi and her husband, and any other costs associated with accommodating Tammi and Patrick in Kenya are paid for from their personal accounts.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring this project to your attention, and for your support and prayers for this challenging project.