

2024/25 Annual Report

“Helping you help others”





Helping You Help Others

It's what
Australian Mercy
does.

If you want to minister to the poor
but don't know the government requirements
- don't worry, because Australian Mercy does.

If you want to offer tax-deductibility to church members,
supporters, friends and family on their financial giving
but don't know the legalities or accounting
- don't worry, because Australian Mercy does.

If you dream to create a new ministry project overseas,
but don't know about project design, project management
or DFAT, ATO and ACNC requirements
- don't worry, because Australian Mercy does.

YWAM AUSTRALIA founded Australian Mercy in 1988
for helping YWAM bases and staff help others.
We have been doing this ever since.
If you don't know that you can do this
- don't worry, because Australian Mercy does.



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Australian Mercy Governance

Non-Profit



Australian
Charities and
Not-for-profits
Commission

- Australian Mercy is a voluntary, not-for-profit, non-government company limited by guarantee, established to be, and to continue as, a charity. Australian Mercy is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission: Australian Mercy/ACNC
- Australian Mercy is a Christian organisation that does not give preference based on nationality, sex, ethnicity, creed, or religion and is willing to cooperate with all governments and other non-government organizations for the common good of those in need. As required by law, however, our projects make a clear distinction between aid and development and non-aid and non-development such as welfare and religious activities.



Australian Mercy

Board Chair



Thank you for reading the Australian Mercy Annual Report. As board chair, my role is to lead Australian Mercy's Board of Directors in our responsibility for making major policy decisions and determining the overall direction and the strategic agenda of Australian Mercy for the coming years. A key part of this is to manage the relationship between Australian Mercy and our parent organisation Youth With A Mission Australia (YWAM Australia).

The Australian Mercy Board is elected from the Australian Mercy membership and must be members in good standing of Youth With A Mission Australia endorsing YWAM's sincerely held purpose, core beliefs, foundational values and practices.

Australian Mercy however is separately constituted under the Corporations Act 2001, a company limited by guarantee and is a Public Benevolent Institution and an endorsed tax concession charity (TCC).

Operationally Australian Mercy does not oversee, or take responsibility for, the activities of other YWAM entities, except within the confines of formal agreements which may be in place from time to time. Neither does YWAM Australia oversee or take responsibility for the governance or activities of Australian Mercy.

Although Australian Mercy is founded by and rooted in YWAM Australia, the many projects we serve may or may not be founded by or rooted in YWAM Australia. A framework to work with organisations not emergent from our own parent organisation and its entities was needed. The Australian Mercy



Standards is the result. The purpose is not to describe who we are, like YWAM's foundational values do, rather they outline priority objectives (standards) that the proposals of other organisations must agree to up front nor violate during the project. Only then will Australian Mercy and the requesting organisation sign a Deed of Agreement.



Australian Mercy Standards

Standards

1. ALL PEOPLES

The Australian Mercy Standard is that all ethnicities and languages are significant and constructive because they enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

2. INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES and COMMUNITIES

The Australian Mercy Standard is that every individual is unique and socialised into a family where parents, not political structures, have the ultimate say regarding their children until maturity. Australian Mercy's time, money, and effort is prioritised to families and communities.

3. SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The Australian Mercy Standard of servant leadership is to lead by example, empowering others to achieve their goals and honour the leadership rights and abilities of men and women, regardless of educational or social status.

4. WE ARE CHRISTIAN

The Australian Mercy Standard is to honour God practically and spiritually, respecting and working with all people because, "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin" James 2:8-9

5. RELATIONSHIPS AND TEAMWORK

The Australian Mercy Standard of relationships and teamwork includes open communication and mutual support as teamwork and a shared purpose contributes to greater accountability, motivation, and ownership of the vision and tasks.

6. INTEGRITY

The Australian Mercy Standard of integrity includes transparency, humility, and acknowledging failure and shortcomings - where words fully align with deeds.

7. VOLUNTEERISM

The Australian Mercy Standard of volunteerism is community members contributing to their own sustainable and reproducible solutions, not dependent on outside resources.

Australian Mercy Standards

Standards

The Australian Mercy Standards were adopted by the board in FY 2023-24 but implemented across all projects in this 2024-25 financial year. The Australian Mercy Standards are agreed to prior to a requesting organisation completing a project proposal, then they submit to Australian Mercy for consideration. The importance of explicitly articulating your beliefs and ethical framework specific to your organisation has become essential considering today's legal climate and recent changes to Australian law at both state and federal levels.

Cleaning up and refining the foundational documents of Australian Mercy, then articulating the relationship between Australian Mercy and our parent organisation YWAM Australia, and outlining our priorities, expectations and standards in working with other organisations is a significant strategic, governance, and risk mitigation milestone achieved by the Australian Mercy Board.

Blessings,



Australian Mercy Board Chair



Board of directors



DIANNE CLARK
CANBERRA, ACT

Dianne has a strong interest in staff development and in reaching out to the poor and needy. Dianne and her husband Kevin have initiated several programs to try to assist those in need both within Canberra and overseas. Together they have 5 children and 11 grandchildren.



KEVIN CLARK TREASURER
TREASURER - CANBERRA, ACT

Kevin hails from Perth and has been with Youth With A mission since 1984. He has a Cert IV in Financial Services Accounting (Canberra Institute of Technology 2005) and currently serves as Accounts Manager for Youth With a Mission Canberra and as Treasurer for Australian Mercy. He is married to Dianne.



CHRIS HARRISON
SECRETARY - ADELAIDE SA

Chris was formerly director YWAM Darwin, chairman of the Evangelical Alliance in Darwin. He serves as a fire fighter for the South Australian Country Fire Service and as a Justice of the Peace in South Australia. He is married to Gina has 2 children and lives in the Adelaide.



JEN KEATCH
DARWIN - NT

Jen has been involved in Australian Mercy's work in Darwin since 2003. Jen has a background in teaching and working with children with disabilities and has also previously been employed by the Anglican Church. Jen has studied and worked in Community Development and has a particular interest in Relief & Development projects across SE Asia.



BRUCE SKINNER
WOLLONGONG, NSW

Bruce is the Co-Director of YWAM Wollongong. Having been a Structural Engineer for sixteen years in heavy industry, Bruce draws on his experience in the marketplace, combined with more than twenty years in church leadership. Bruce is married to Kristin and lives in Wollongong.



KRIS THOMSON
THE NETHERLANDS

Kris has a background in mechanics and has worked in the volunteer sector since 1985. He lived and worked in Indonesia doing business and community development activities. Currently resides in The Netherlands. Kris is married to Gerda, has one daughter and three granddaughters. He is part owner of KJHosting, a web design and hosting company.



KENT TRUEHL
MANAGING DIRECTOR - ADELAIDE, SA

Kent has a Bachelor of Christian Ministry and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning. Kent serves on the National Leadership Circle of Youth With A Mission Australia. Kent worked in community development in Amazonas, Brazil 12 years. He also worked 1 year for World Vision Australia and 7 years as a Planner and Policy Officer in the Government South Australia.



Treasurer's Report

Australian Mercy exists to HELP YOU HELP OTHERS by serving and supporting projects in Australia and overseas. This year, just under half a million dollars was donated to Australian Mercy for this purpose, 95% of this is distributed directly to the projects.

Thank you for your loyalty, commitment and generosity to the projects on your heart. The sacrificial giving by donors and project management group members – together with the sacrificial generosity of time, dedication and hard work by project staff is what achieves so much in the lives of Australian Mercy project beneficiaries.

year	income	dona-tions	expen-diture	\$ admin & percen-tage	profit / loss	cash on hand
2024	\$497,313	\$418,268	\$536,411	\$20,515 - 3.8%	Loss \$39,098	+\$195,543
2025	\$532,441	\$497,544	\$456,747	\$16,786 - 3.7%	Profit \$75,693	+\$263,660

Donations to Australian Mercy’s projects increased from \$418,268 (2024) to \$497,544 (2025). Thank you for remaining so consistent and generous!

Australian Mercy’s largest expenditure is projects, and rightly so! 75% of Australian Mercy’s income (\$401,990) was dispersed to international programs while 7%, or \$37,970 dispersed to service projects in Australia. In summary, 82% of income was distributed to projects (\$456,747). At the request of various Project Management Groups, 14% was not yet dispersed but retained until required. Total administration expenditure for the 2024/2025 financial year was kept down to 3.7% (\$16,786).

All Australian Mercy staff give their services and expertise without charge. In fact, in accordance with our constitution no dividend or fees can be paid to a director for acting as a director. All Australian Mercy staff, directors included, are funded through personal support given to them from people who believe in the value of this ministry. Less than 4% on administration is only achieved because Australian Mercy is a pure volunteer organisation with no salaried employee. Volunteer hours given last year are estimated to be over 75,000 hours across all projects - over \$4million if salaries were paid out of Australia.

TRUE VALUE FOR MONEY!

Donations

Australian Mercy is a Public Benevolent Institution funded almost exclusively through donations. Donations to Australian Mercy from Australian taxpayers are tax-deductible in Australia. Donations to Australian Mercy can be made on our website [Australian Mercy Giving](#) or by direct debit to:

Westpac Banking Corporation
Name: Australian Mercy National Office
BSB: 033-039
Acct: 153638

Bequests

Create your legacy and an ongoing impact for projects, communities and causes you care about. Australian Mercy operates charitable gift funds for legacy giving.

Bequests can also be made to Australian Mercy in your Last Will and Testament. Australian Mercy formed a partnership through online provider WILLED for this very purpose. Willed is simple, affordable and convenient way of writing your Will and, of course, it is legally sound. You can also get legal advice for a reasonable cost. If you wish to leave a legacy in this way, click the link here willed.com.au and chose Australian Mercy.

Accountability

Australian Mercy has an annual independent financial review, conducted in accordance with the Australian Government Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, by TA Khoury and Co, Chartered accountants, Burwood. Australian Mercy is fully transparent regarding the finances under our care. In fact, the Australian Mercy Standard of integrity includes transparency (Standard #6). You can download the complete and signed financial statements and a copy of this Annual Report from [ACNC:: Australian Mercy / ACNC](#)

On the following two pages are overview documents from this annual independent financial review, the **Statement of Profit or Loss** and **Other Comprehensive Income** and the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025.

You are also welcome at any time to inquire or direct any questions on Australian Mercy's finances to: accounts@australianmercy.org.

Sincerely,



Australian Mercy Treasurer

Profit / Loss Statement



Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue			
Donations and Gifts			
- Monetary		497,544.77	418,268.46
- Non-Monetary		-	-
Bequest and Legacies Grants		-	-
- Other Australian		-	-
- Other Overseas		-	-
Investment Income - Interest Received		14,513.19	8,896.82
Other Income		545.84	45,203.81
Profit on Sale of Assets		(310.00)	3,142.00
Admin Fees Received		20,147.34	21,802.28
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence		-	-
Total Revenue	2	532,441.14	497,313.37
Expenditure			
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure			
- International Programs			
- Funds to International Programs		401,990.04	375,629.47
- Fundraising Costs			
- Public	3	-	-
- Accountability and Administration	4	16,786.83	20,514.84
- Non-Monetary Expenditure		-	-
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		418,776.87	396,144.31
International Political/Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		-	-
Domestic Programs Expenditure		37,970.93	140,267.33
Total Expenditure		456,747.80	536,411.64
Surplus/(Deficit)		75,693.34	(39,098.27)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		75,693.34	(39,098.27)

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	263,660.13	195,543.24
Other financial assets	6	746.83	614.00
Total Current Assets		264,406.96	196,157.24
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	4,867.77	878.50
Total Non-Current Assets		4,867.77	878.50
Total Assets		269,274.73	197,035.74
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	-	3,454.35
Total Current Liabilities		-	3,454.35
Total Liabilities		-	3,454.35
Net Assets		269,274.73	193,581.39
Equity			
Retained Earning		269,274.73	193,581.39
Total Equity		269,274.73	193,581.39



Australian Mercy Executive Group



Chris Harrison

Chris serves as the company secretary. His amazing memory remembers history with great clarity and thus stores a tremendous wealth of corporate knowledge that often helps guide our team deliberations in the way forward.

To execute the decisions of the Board is the role of the executive team led by the Managing Director. The directors on the executive team are Chris Harrison, Kevin Clark and Kris Thomson. We carry out Board decisions, implement tasks that emerge from those decisions, and maintain the general operations of Australian Mercy.

We get together online most weeks (about thirty times in FY2025) for prayer, for reporting, to keep each other informed, to review/update our Policy and Procedures, to discuss challenges or problems and to provide wisdom and feedback on the major task before us stemming from a Board decision.

My main contribution is to be the Australian Mercy point of contact for project leaders, YWAM Australia, the public, state and federal regulators (ACNC, ASIC etc), partner organisations, NGO's and various third-party providers.

Kevin Clark

Kevin serves as the company treasurer and manages financial matters. His faithfulness in sending the monthly remittances to the projects is legend - through rain, snow, sleet or hail, Kevin sends money without fail!

Kris Thomson

Kris is the company webmaster and IT manager. You know the crisis that ensues when the servers go down, the e-mail crashes, or the webpage menus don't work... Well, having the part owner of a web design and hosting company (KJHosting) on your team, instead of a hard to reach, disinterested third party provider, is efficiency and service extraordinaire!

As the executive team we keep things ticking over smoothly, running as we do in our four different lanes, yet communicating and collaborating regularly.

Australian Mercy Executive Group

Three major tasks were fully consolidated and completed this year, even though the Board decisions were made in 2022, 2023 and 2024 respectively.

2021-22

The major decision by the Board in FY 2022 was to change our legal structure so that Australian projects were not subsidiary legal entity that we called “offices of the Australian Mercy National Office”. This legal and structural change has been referred to in previous annual reports, but for various reasons has only been finalised in this financial year. The full completion of this change means that all AM projects in Australia are under the legal covering of their own local leadership, and they partner with Australian Mercy just like our international projects do.

2022-23

The Board’s major decision in FY 2023 was to review Australian Mercy’s foundational documents. This led to changes in the Australian Mercy constitution and to the Australian Mercy Standards created and endorsed in 2024. However, only in this 2025 financial year were the Australian Mercy Standards fully integrated into all our projects; including emergency relief, short-term, and long-term projects. It also led to the major task of FY 2023-24.

2023-24

The major decision by the Board in FY 2024 was to create a new category of relationship called a PARTNER AGENCY.

It was recognised that three long-standing partners were needlessly reporting to Australian Mercy. Reporting is a necessary function of projects in partnership with Australian Mercy.

But these entities were not delivering front-line project services, rather like Australian Mercy, they were providing services to those delivering the project outcomes. The Australian Mercy Standards that emerged from the board decision formed the basis for a PARTNER AGENCY relationship.

FY2025

An agreement with a PARTNER AGENCY needed to be different from the legal Deed of Agreement signed with projects. A new agreement was crafted with the help of the executive team over several months and was completed in January 2025. Also that month, I visited some AM projects and partner agencies in Thailand and Vietnam. I was able to sign this new agreement with two of the three partner agencies: **Partners Relief and Development** based in Chiang Mai, Thailand and **Project L.I.F.E Foundation** based in Bangkok, Thailand.

The third partner agency is the **Australian Christian Legal Society** based in Sydney. They financially support projects in other countries that deliver under-served legal services. More on these 3 partner agencies are highlighted at the end of the Australian Mercy project summaries.

In closing, the words to describe the 2025 year are: **consolidation and completion.**

Australian Mercy is in a good place. And, on top of it all, I am happy to report that there have been no major dramas in the operations of Australian Mercy this year!



Australian Mercy

It's who we are

It's who GOD is

Australia is well governed

- a federation with a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy.

Australia is diverse

- one of the highest foreign-born populations in the world.

Australia is rich

- high per capita incomes (11th globally) with a GDP of \$2 trillion (20th globally).

Australia is developed

- high quality of life, health, education, economic freedom, civil liberties and political rights
- 7th globally on the Human Development Index.

Australia is strong

- a middle power (13th globally) in military expenditure.

Exodus 34:6

- "The Lord, the Lord, a God **MERCIFUL** and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,"

Matthew 5:7

- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

James 2:13

- Mercy triumphs over judgment."



Australian Mercy Projects explained

The projects below are listed in alphabetical order. Two projects are in Australia (blue), 14 projects are overseas (green), and 3 are a Partner Agency (orange). One project closed this year and one project began. Two projects are in development, scheduled to come online in 2026 - another project in India and our first project in Iraq. Two of the projects listed below are ON HOLD due to war or civil unrest - these are Afghan Hope in Afghanistan and Redefined Ministry in Congo.

Australian Mercy Projects Summaries

Green – International development projects

Blue – Australian charitable projects

Orange – Partner Agency

Australian Mercy Project	Country of Focus	Project Focus
1. Afghan Hope	Afghanistan	Educating girls
2. Ark International	Thailand	Children and Youth at Risk
3. Two Hands	Thailand / Burma	Thai Burma border refugees
4. Buzz Off	Burma /Thailand Nigeria / Indonesia	Mosquito borne diseases
5. Congo Redefined Ministries	Congo, Africa	Community Development
6. Emergency Relief	Australia & international	Crisis and Restoration help
7. Equal Access Education	Indonesia	Social Religious Reconciliation
8. Equal Access Global	Global	Social Religious Reconciliation
9. G'day Farmer	Australia (NSW & QLD)	Australian Farmers in need
10. Home of the Open Heart	Thailand / Myanmar	HIV/AIDS children fostering
11. iCare4U	PNG	Women Children with HIV
12. Kids Ark	Timor Leste	Education/Health/Disability
13. Pasifik Village Development	Vanuatu	Water tank install and repair
14. Perth Community Care	Australia (Perth)	Families/persons in need
15. Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances	Vietnam	Children at risk
16. Teouma Christian Academy	Vanuatu, Pacific	School Education
17. Vanitashray	India	Women and Children at risk
18. Word and Deed Lanka	Sri Lanka	Education/Comm Development
19. Partners Relief and Development	Southeast Asia and Middle East	Refugees and IDPs
20. Project LIFE	Thailand	Diverse development projects
21. Australian Christian Legal Society	Rwanda	Legal seminars on women's rights

Australian Mercy Project Summaries



People who care (all of us) **helping people in need** (the beneficiaries of Australian Mercy projects). Another way of saying this is: **HELPING YOU HELP OTHERS.**

This is the heart of Australian Mercy and is why the Australian Mercy projects are the heart of **what** we do and **why** we do what we do.

The following pages summarise the purpose, the focus and key milestones accomplished by all projects and partners working in collaboration with Australian Mercy.

1. Afghan Hope - Afghanistan onhold

Afghan Hope – Youth Empowerment and Peacebuilding

Focus – To see a movement of Afghan youth-driven peacebuilding

This project has sought to meet the needs/issues of a lack of peace education, mental health education, and leadership training for young people in Afghanistan. Afghan Hope offers peacemaking training, leadership development training, and mental health education focussed on youth. "Peace Starts With Me" is the program's name, where young people from Afghanistan gather to form new communities of peacemakers.

Background – The Soviet Union entered Afghanistan in December 1979 to support the Afghan communist government and its military against the rebelling Mujahideen that was aided by Pakistan. The Soviets withdrew in February 1989, yet the Mujahideen struggled to form a government after this. Chaos, infighting and power struggles created a power vacuum that ultimately led to the rise of the Taliban. The United States-led coalition invaded Afghanistan in response to the September 11, 2001, attacks, carried out by the Taliban allies al-Qaeda. This armed conflict lasted from 2001 to 2021.

Milestones – This project is on hold. The Taliban is no longer permitting the education of girls and women – who held up half the sky of this project! Other options and opportunities are being investigated by the project leadership, therefore, hope for Afghanistan through Afghan Hope remains.

2. Ark International Thailand

Ark International Thailand – Defending the rights of children at risk.

Focus – Children restored, equipped and transformed for their unique contribution to the world.



Australian Mercy Project Summaries

Background – The vision of Ark International is:

- To identify needs of children at risk and providing ways to meet these needs.
- To partner and network with other organizations to assess need and sustain growth of programs that focus on the needs of children at risk.
- To train and educate those directly and indirectly working with children at risk and provide education options to children at risk themselves.



The vision outlined above is achieved through the actions below

Restore children through education, life skill training, discipleship and love. Advocate for real and effective commitment to the principle of children’s rights and mobilizing individuals, families, communities, churches and governments to action. Resource and direct the necessary resources for children at risk. Training and Education that is versatile and flexible in various nations with a commitment to equip workers and locals in specific areas of need, providing tangible educational opportunities for children and youth. Network alongside organisations, individuals and churches who work with children at risk to share resources and create a stronger, united force to impact the lives of children. Prayer and Intercession, spiritual warfare and worship are all needed to fight the battle of freedom and wholeness for children at risk.

Milestones:

- We financially support 7 kids in school and started supporting one more who in university learning finance.
- We continued our connection with two new foundations who want their kids to participate in our sports program Nak Suu.
- The new project called the Ezra Project attended Nak Suu this year bringing 10 -15 boys and girls each week that have enjoyed playing with the other kids and using the Thai they have learned in talking with Thai kids.
- Through Nak Suu we have built new relationships with one of the top international schools in Bangkok. We attended their school tournament and are in the process of talking through ideas of ways the school and their kids can help raise up support, donations, or needs for our Nak Suu kids.

For more Ark International project information see <https://australianmercy.org/projects/>

3. Two Hands Thailand

Two Hands - Burmese IDP’s and Refugees – Supporting early childhood education in the Mae-la refugee camp

Focus – To serve children of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) with early childhood education.



Australian Mercy Project Summaries



Background -This project began in 1994 as non-Burmese ethnicities fled an intense and intentional campaign against them, including military operations, that has since displaced more than 2 million people. Refugee camps developed in Thailand near the Burma border, the largest of these is Mae-la, 55km north of Mae Sot. Two Hands provides funding to the early childhood education staff and +/- 70 children in the Zone No 9 Preschool. Money also helps fund curriculum needs and building maintenance. From time to time, we bring trainers into the camp to help the local teachers, provide mentoring and skill development to the camp teachers.

Milestones - Project Management Group (PMG): Interest in the project has grown through the formation of a Project Management Group (PMG) and their active engagement rebranding the project as Two Hands. The PMG developed a logo and started a Facebook group. The support base is increasing gradually through Facebook and visits to churches by the PMG members.

Project Visit: Project founder David Skeat visited Mae Sot in February 2025. Although not able to visit Mae-la camp because of the armed conflict, he met some of the early childhood education personnel and others from Mae-la camp.



Leadership Transition:

The person through whom funds were previously transferred is now living overseas and has been replaced by another reliable person who resides in Mae Sot. Also during this reporting period, the previous director of early childhood education at Mae-la came to Australia as a refugee. An experienced employee is now the new director. Feedback we are receiving is that despite increased challenges with food supply and other challenges due to war, the preschool continues to function well and provide valuable early childhood education that would otherwise not be received.

For more Burmese Refugee and IDP – Two Hands, see australianmercy.org/projects.

4. Buzz Off



Focus – Buzz Off seeks to outline the problem of Malaria and encourage people to raise the profile of malaria through education, prevention, testing and treatment with in their circles of influence. By making Malaria a higher priority more will be done to eradicate the disease.

Background – We believe that malaria, and by extension other mosquito borne diseases, can be beaten if the five Buzz Off principles are applied to a community. To this end, Buzz Off runs seminars to train trainers in remote districts, distributes mosquito nets to those struggling to purchase them, creates awareness of mosquito borne illnesses and selling mosquito repellents and mosquito nets.

Australian Mercy Project Summaries

Milestones – Having begun in Myanmar and Thailand, Buzz Off has expanded into Indonesia and Nigeria, with other nations on the horizon too. In 2025 the project released an animated, online and downloadable Buzz Off Training package –**A world without Malaria**– on World Malaria Day 2025. The Buzz Off Training package focuses on five principles:

1. Training, 2. Prevention, 3. Treatment, 4. Education and 5. Diagnosis.

A trip to Burma was also achieved despite the on-going civil war. The Buzz Off team there is doing very well considering the difficulties. They are still training others and have also seen churches come on board running malaria training as part of their usual programming. The team was also able to provide some relief and support to those affected by the devastating 7.7 Mandalay earthquake of March 2025.



For more Buzz Off project information see: australianmercy.org/projects.

5. Redefined Ministries Int. - DRC - onhold

Redefined Ministries International DRC – Redefined is a registered organisation in Ituri Province in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Focus - Redefined is working to rebuild lives and communities after the damage caused by war.

Milestones – THIS PROJECT IS ON HOLD.



Redefined Ministries International DRC

Anecho Innocent, Managing Director, fled Congo into Uganda for his safety in the 2023-24 financial year. The Australian Government Smart Traveller website currently advises that military administrations have replaced civilian administrations in the Ituri Province until further notice.

Pray and advocate for peace in Congo, especially the Mahagi Territory in Ituri Province, and specifically the village of Jelasiga where Redefined Ministries International has served and assisted since 2012.

For more Congo Redefined Ministries project information see [Redefined ministries international](https://www.redefinedministriesinternational.org)



6. Emergency Relief & Restoration Australia and International

Emergency Relief and Restoration – is a way to help in times of crisis or helping to restore people and places back to their pre-crisis condition.

Focus – Australian Mercy partners with our existing project partners directly or through our global network of contacts in Youth With A Mission worldwide.



Milestones –Vanuatu Earthquake, December 2024 – A 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck very near downtown Port Vila and claimed 14 lives, injuring more than 200 and displacing thousands more. On 10 February a 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck again. Australian Mercy joined our project partner Pasifik Village Development – Vanuatu in launching Special Appeal Vanuatu that ran from Feb – 30 June 2025.

The appeal sought to double the efforts and abilities of our project partner Pasifik Village Development – Vanuatu in working alongside local villages to restore essential water supplies damaged by the earthquake and rebuild hope. This was achieved by 1. providing emergency water supplies, 2. supporting community led water restoration efforts and, 3. repairing or replacing earthquake-damaged water tanks.

Myanmar Earthquake, March 2025 – When a devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck in central Myanmar, Australian Mercy’s Buzz Off project raised \$3,500. Soon this money was in the hands of the Buzz Off In-Country Delivery Organisation (ICDO) partners in Rangoon, who aided those affected in central Myanmar via their network of contacts.



Afghanistan persecution, April 2025 – With the Taliban resurgence in Afghanistan, workers serving the Afghan Hope project were at great risk. Australian Mercy was able to assist in getting our partner and three family members out of the country. Afghan Hope had some funds in their project to help but the Australian Mercy’s “As Needed Fund” was able to kick in another \$1,625 to get them out of Afghanistan to safety.

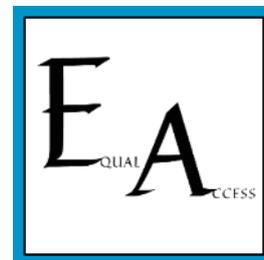
Taree, New South Wales flooding, May 2025 – Major flooding hit around Taree, NSW in May and destroyed around 500 homes. Australian Mercy assisted by writing letters of introduction so that YWAM Australia teams from Wollongong, Byron Bay and local church partners could approach local businesses. YWAM Australia had the people, Australian Mercy had the charitable credentials, and local businesses had the willingness and financial means to donate in-kind gifts. This instant partnership got the YWAM Australia volunteers helping at dairy farms, mucking out houses and doing other physical cleanup. Some also visited motels to offer love, listening and support to the fellow Aussies who had lost their homes. In the end, the businesses had a receipt of their donation to Australian Mercy for a tax-deduction at tax time and the satisfaction in knowing they could partner with Australian Mercy and YWAM Australia volunteers in making a difference in the lives of those in crisis.

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7. Equal Access Education Indonesia

Equal Access Indonesia – is inter-faith, inter-cultural, and international events where diversity is celebrated and first steps are taken towards better relations and healthier communities.

Focus – Peace events involving up to 100 young leaders from Muslim, Christian, Buddhists and other religious communities in an interactive environment often followed by a joint Service Projects together.



Milestones – Flourish: It has really taken off with a team to Penang and India to run the course in those places. Our team in South Thailand have been active with several courses run there. There was a Flourish Reunion in Gorontalo in March with almost 60 Flourish Graduates turning up to meet the facilitators and reconnect with their fellow participants. In Java there have been courses run in Bogor, Salatiga and Malang. Many lives have been touched through this course. Marriages have been restored and strengthened and several men said how much they appreciate Flourish and the positive influence it has had on their wives.

Peace Work:

1. We did a Peace Camp with 80 people in Salatiga in March. This brought together different tribes and countries, with Christians, Muslims, and Buddhists represented.
2. A peace event with stateless and refugee children and families was held in Malaysia in March was very successful.
3. We also did a 2-day peace event in the highlands of Papua New Guinea bringing warring tribes together. There were over 110 people from 11 tribes. It was an amazing success as they forgave each other and laid down their guns.

For more Equal Access Education project information see australianmercy.org/projects.

8. Equal Access Global



Equal Access Global – is a peace and community initiative across some of the world's most conflict-affected regions bringing communities together to heal trauma, restore relationships, and build a future free from violence.

Focus – Empower local people to become peacemakers in their own families, communities and nations.

Background – This work is grassroots, dialogue-based, and accessible even in the most remote areas. Whether in refugee camps, tribal conflict zones, or divided neighbourhoods, we work through the education programs of the associations of Asian Partners who hold to similar values, involving Muslim and non-Muslim communities. From tribal wars to refugee camps to active conflict zones, these initiatives create spaces for listening, healing, forgiveness, and collaboration.

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All programs are locally initiated, led, resourced, and continued with the goal to empower and equip the local community with all the tools they need for multiplying peace and conflict transformation.

Your support enables travel, training, and local peace events. By giving, you are directly helping divided communities move toward healing, dignity, and peace. We are currently working with communities in Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Germany, and Ghana.

Milestones - We were able to run a peace camp, via training local leaders, in Ghana that brought together around 30 people from around the country to receive healing through forgiveness, as well as empower them to begin local projects in their community for peace. We also were able to complete roughly 15 unique trainings within Afghanistan, via zoom, training young men and women to be leaders in peacemaking in their community and giving them skills to progress in their education despite their many challenges. Each of these trainings reached around 25 students, with an estimated indirect impact to around 400-500 people, although hard to accurately measure due to the situation on the ground.

For more Equal Access Global project information see: australianmercy.org/projects.

9. G'day Farmer Australian Project



G'day Farmer - Helping the Farmers who are doing it tough

Focus - Provide relief to farmers in adverse circumstances due to health, financial or practical difficulties.

Background - Since May 2020, G'day Farmer has been involved in activities on at least fifteen properties, some on numerous occasions:

- * Harvesting of crops
- * Post event fire and flood assistance
- * Dairy farm support
- * Farm equipment maintenance
- * Fencing: erection and repairs
- * Stock work
- * Rain tank maintenance
- * Gardening, painting and cleaning.



G'day Farmer volunteers directly assist individuals and indirectly assist many others by providing hands-on assistance to farmers' practical needs and in several situations provide emotional support and encouragement.

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Milestones – Volunteers assisted in four different deployments: 1. a needy beef cattle farmer, 2. a dairy struck by severe flooding, 3. a widow struggling to maintain her small farm, and 4. a seminar to encourage struggling drought affected farmers. Activities included repairing fences, fixing pumps and motors to re-establish water to the dairy and house, stock and water troughs; clearing flooding debris from fences and paddocks; mowing, brush cutting, clearing rubbish, repairing a veranda and stairs, even trimming hedges. In all scenarios, giving hope and encouragement was part and parcel to those traumatised by their situations.

For more G'Day Farmer project information see: australianmercy.org/projects.

10. Home of the Open Heart - Thailand

Home of the Open Heart – is a home to provide and model a family-style environment for children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

Focus – is to be a family for children who find themselves without parents or relatives to care for them. We confront this massive need by prioritising quality of our care for children over quantity.

Background – Home of the Open Heart have operated in Chiang Rai province, Thailand since 1999, visiting families affected by HIV, working with health department and social development agencies and other foundations to reclaim hope and expand the future of HIV affected women and children in Thailand. We also serve and empower families affected by HIV/AIDS, and those in need, through education in schools, within families, on community visits and with staff and other foundations.

For more Home of the Open Heart project information see: australianmercy.org/projects



Our foster children and no-longer children

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11. iCare4U - Papua New Guinea



i Care 4 U – Every life matters - Restoring Dignity. Rebuilding identity. Releasing hope.

Focus – The project will support and care for women and children living with HIV by: providing a safe and clean place to live in a short term care home / providing education on prevention of HIV/AIDS / offering nutritional support, education, counselling and life skills training.

Background – The impact of HIV in Papua New Guinea is causing considerable damage. Men, women and children are faced with, fear, shame, isolation, depression, social stigma, low self-esteem, neglect, abandonment and death, with little hope for their future. HIV/Aids infecting a growing number of the population in PNG and is a condition that is poorly understood. Those who suffer from, or are perceived to be suffering with HIV, are stigmatised by their communities. Treatments are poorly managed and therefore, often ineffective without sound education and follow up.

Milestones –

- The Women’s Hope Group has been consistent over this past year with outings, sewing classes, mentoring and a lot of fun together!
- The new Mess Hall was finished in December 2024 and is already such a blessing!
- Lunu and Betty have completed their training school and will join iCare4U Staff.
- We have given out over 60 care packs since January.
- iCare4U were successful recipients of K100,000 funding from Digicel Foundation for the next phase of development with the second women's housing.



For more iCare4U project information see: australianmercy.org/projects

12. Kids Ark Hera Development - East Timor

Kids Ark School and Hera Development – Transforming lives in Timor-Leste through education, health, and hope.

Focus – to uphold everyone’s right to quality education, health, and rehabilitation, promoting inclusion, love, hope, and dignity.

Background –

- Kids Ark Hera school began in a small rented room with 30 children in 2003. Today, we have a beautiful and vital school complex, serving over 500 children from pre-school through 9th grade with almost 30 local staff working with us.
- The Sidara Clinic also serves the Hera community. This vital centre houses both a full medical clinic and essential maternity services, ensuring comprehensive care during pregnancy and delivery.

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The Liman Hamutuk Centre is a facility where the promise of dignity and inclusion becomes a reality for the most vulnerable. Born from the expansion of our health clinic, this specialized centre offers comprehensive rehabilitation and physical therapy services.

More Kids Ark Hera Development information see: australianmercy.org/project



13. Pasifika Village Development Vanuatu



Pasifika Village Development – exists to create a sustainable and resilient communities in Vanuatu by addressing immediate needs for clean water, repairing and constructing essential community buildings such as schools, health clinics, and cyclone shelters, and investing in education, skills, and business development.

Focus – Through collaborative efforts between the project and the community, the aim is to achieve positive and lasting change, ultimately improving the overall quality of life in Vanuatu villages and communities.

Background – Pasifika Village Development began in the Vanuatu Islands in 2001 when a small team of Volunteers from Townsville, QLD, Australia visited and worked with the communities of Pango, Erakor and Eratap villages completing small help projects in each place. Since these small beginnings, through word of mouth, websites, and Facebook, 100's of volunteers from Australia and New Zealand have worked alongside villages, assisting with the development goals of the nation.

Milestones – In December 2024 our plans were overwhelmed and superseded by a 7.3 magnitude earthquake that struck very near downtown Port Vila. It claimed 14 lives, injured more than 200 and displaced thousands more. On 10 February a 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck again. We launched through Australian Mercy a Vanuatu Special Appeal from Feb – 30 June 2025 . The appeal sought to double the efforts and abilities in working alongside local villages to restore essential water supplies damaged by the earthquakes and rebuild hope. This was achieved primarily in three ways: 1. providing emergency water supplies, 2. supporting community led water restoration efforts and, 3. repairing or replacing earthquake-damaged water tanks.

For more Pasifika Village Development information see: australianmercy.org/projects

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14. Perth Community Care - Australian Project

Perth Community Care – Assisting families through times of crisis by providing practical help and mobilising others to do the same

Focus – Within a given year, to see ten client families' domestic functionality restored to their satisfaction by providing temporary relief from acute distress in all these cases to enable clients to get on top of things; filling the gap in services to help people get through tough patches.

Background – The Perth-based outreach ministry primarily serves families with a range of difficulties: mental health, domestic dysfunction and medical limitations. Over the last 20+ years, Perth Community Care has provided support services related to property cleaning (often for rental requirements) and to help families return to at least minimal domestic function as well as providing broader social support. Typically, clients are taken on for six sessions, evaluated on a case-by-case basis.



For more Perth Community Care project information see: australianmercy.org/projects

Milestones – Social workers refer a family in need to Perth Community Care. 31% of the referrals are because of a physical need, 24% are because of a mental health need, 23% are because of a single parent support need, 10% of the call outs are because of a domestic violence crisis, 7% are elderly in need and 5% are because of a substance abuse addiction related problem.

- We managed to see 10 families in this reporting period. Many of them were in crisis situations whereby the Department of Housing and the Child Protection were involved.
- We got to connect deeper with them as we went back several times to each of them to help them.
- Our teams managed to build good relationships with them and were able to help them through their immediate crisis situations.
- Where relevant, we connected them to other community social services.
- We also had a number of volunteers join us on ad hoc basis and that provided strength to us, and we were able to see more families.

15. Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances - Vietnam

Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances – enhances children's wellbeing through life-skills training so that children become productive members of their communities.

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Background – YWAM MERCY was registered as an International Nongovernment Organisation in 1998. Since that time, we have managed numerous Community Development projects that have impacted the lives of thousands. We contribute to developing healthy and flourishing communities, paying particular attention to those in poverty and to children in difficult circumstances. We provide a consistent, safe and caring environment for children in the most difficult situations. We ensure access to education, safe shelter, food & clothing.



Milestones –

- Assistance: Fundraising started in June to support 400+ children with school supplies.
- Children’s homes: Housing – 44 children (20 girls and 24 boys) are currently being cared for in our three community-based Children's Homes. 8 need full sponsors and 5 need co-sponsors but the financial shortfall this causes can be covered with our existing Legacy Fund. Two boys left the Homes since our last report due to graduating from college and are now able to work and live independently.
- Education: There are 13 children in primary, 13 in lower-secondary, 6 in upper-secondary, 7 in vocational, 1 in college and 4 in universities. All are studying in government schools. The school year closed in May 2025 study results are: 11 Excellent, 16 Good, 17 Average. Four children took part in the National High School graduation examination at the end of June. Two children took part in the High school entrance examination in the first week of June.

More Serving Children in Difficult Circumstances information: australianmercy.org/projects

16. Teouma Christian Academy - Vanuatu



Teouma Christian Academy – To build a fully functional Kindergarten to Year 6 Primary School before the start of the 2024 school year, then to build a fully functional Year 7 – 13 Secondary School before the start of the 2030 school year.

Focus – Addressing the needs for local schooling capacity and quality education by providing a high quality education to the children of Teouma Valley in a fully equipped school. In doing so, the students entering university and the Vanuatu workforce will have a high level of confidence, learning capability and language skills.

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Background – In 2012, V2 Life first moved onsite, the population consisted primarily of families whose main income was subsistence farming. Since the beginning of 2015, a residential subdivision began to attract more families, and notions of additional subdivisions being added suggest that local population will continue to grow. In 2019 we opened Teouma Christian Academy with 2 classrooms, 3 volunteer teachers, and 45 students from Kindergarten to Year 4. Following years of growth challenges, and miraculous provision, today we offer Kindergarten to Year 8 in 8 purpose-built classrooms and employ 9 indigenous teachers. The direct beneficiaries will be the local community of Teouma Valley by providing access to education (Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary) for the children and families of Teouma Valley.

Milestones – Enrolments for 2025 have reached 230 children with classes from Kindergarten through Year 8.

- In additional 2 classroom buildings of 96sqm were donated by a partner charity.
- A well bore and water tank program funded by the German embassy in Canberra has improved water security for the school site.
- Additional projects at 2 other schools are planned, with V2 Life acting as the lead implementing partner.
- A small grant from FALE Vanuatu funded installation of a community access clean water station on the roadside of the school gate. This installation provides unlimited filtered, UV treated water Monday-Friday 0600-1800.

For more Teouma Christian Academy project information see: australianmercy.org/projects

17. Vanitashray India

Vanitashray – Vanitashray is called to care for orphaned and vulnerable children in India. Our Mission is to see children belonging in safe and loving families. Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security.

Focus – We are aiming to strengthen families to care for their children, so they may thrive and not just survive in families. We build families for children in need. We help them shape their own futures and we share in the development of their communities.



Background – From its year of establishment, Vanitashray ran a residential care practice for 15 years and raised 56 orphan girls, it was the only solution back then. Today, however, we are adapting to the global shift of recognising family as the best solution for orphan and vulnerable children. In India, most children are placed in institutions due to economic constraints and therefore they're placed as orphans.

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Milestones –

Vanitashray Pune in India plans to reach out to 27,000 children including their caregivers across 10,000 families in urban and rural districts of India with the aim to help them rebuild their lives and communities. Depending on the specific requirements, Vanitashray is extending recovery assistance to prevent further damage and loss, repair essential services, protect health, provide psychosocial support, restore livelihoods, and enhance food security. We are excited to announce that we have received the final government approval! This means that we are ready to start on the VANITASHRAY Christian School Legacy Foundation building.

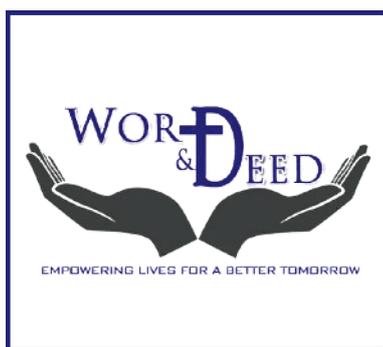
The building project will serve many marginalized children from both the urban and rural areas. In addition to a school, there will be Early Childhood education, skill development and Women Empowerment programs. We strongly believe God is in this story!!

The VANITASHRAY Christian School Legacy Foundation building project will cost A\$469,680 for Phase 1 and Phase 2 will cost A\$379,620, a grand total of A\$849,30

To give to the Vanitashray Christian School Legacy Foundation building click on this link: australianmercy.org/portfolio/vanitashray



18. Word and Deed Sri Lanka



Word and Deed Lanka – empowering a generation to win a generation.

Focus – While tending to the spiritual needs of the sheep, Jesus likewise commands us as the church to see to the physical needs of those we live amongst. Therefore, Word & Deed implements various social development projects to go hand-in-hand with our Kingdom work, so that we keep with God's command to love Him and love people.

Background – Word & Deed Lanka empowers Sri Lankan communities through God's Word and practical action since 1972.

For more Word and Deed Lanka project information see: australianmercy.org/project



Australian Mercy Partner Agencies

In the last financial year, the Australian Mercy Board decided to create a new category of project called a Partner Agency. In January 2025, this new relationship was established between Australian Mercy and Partners Relief & Development, under the auspices of the Mitmaitree Foundation in Thailand - Ref# CM 275, and between Project L.I.F.E., a registered Thai Foundation, under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of the Royal Thai Government.

Both are dedicated not-for-profit entities with aligned charitable objectives. Recognising the importance of collaboration, this agreement sets forth the terms under which both organisations will operate while maintaining their legal statuses and operational autonomy. The foundation of this agreement is built on mutual respect, trust, and a commitment to high levels of inter-agency transparency, accountability, and adherence to the Australian Mercy Standards. Together, we aim to enhance our collective impact in achieving our charitable missions.

19. Partners Relief and Development - SE Asia

Partners Relief and Development - A partner Agency based in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Partners Relief and Development acts by providing emergency relief during crisis events. They join hands with local communities displaced by war to co-design sustainable development initiatives that transform community wellbeing, improve health and education, and provide a nurturing environment for children to reach their full potential. Although the Partners Relief and Development governing board is based in the USA, most of the staff and project work is carried out in the Chiang Mai, Thailand office. The global group of world-changers are working to make our vision of free, full lives for children affected by conflict and oppression reality.

Donors in Australia give to Partners Relief and Development through Australian Mercy here: australianmercy.org/projects

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20. Project L.I.F.E. Foundation - Thailand

Project LIFE – A partner agency based in Bangkok Thailand.

Project L.I.F.E. is a registered Thai Foundation, under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of the Royal Thai Government. Project L.I.F.E. Foundation is committed to giving the poor, the forgotten, the broken in Thai society the opportunity to provide the necessities of life for themselves and their families. These include food, clothing, shelter, education and gainful employment.

Project L.I.F.E. has over 100 full time staff in 14 projects spread over 12 provinces. Their hands of love reach out to abandoned children, abused young girls, prostitutes, HIV babies, dying mothers, poor rural women, slum women. They are the most vulnerable people in Thai society, and Project L.I.F.E. has been helping them since 1987 as a registered charity under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of the Royal Thai Government.

Donors in Australia give to the Project L.I.F.E. Foundation office through Australian Mercy here: [Project LIFE](#)

21. Australian Christian Legal Society

Australian Christian Legal Society – A partner agency based in Sydney Australia

ACLS works alongside Christian legal fellowships in each State and Territory to support and empower them in their work. Australian Christian Legal Society (ACLS) strategic plan has 3 pillars: prayer, fellowship & sharing our faith, and aid. ACLS is a Partner Agency of Australian Mercy because of the third pillar of their strategic plan: AID

ACLS will enable the expression of the Christian faith through public benefitting action within our wider society, both domestically and internationally. To achieve this element of their strategic plan, ACLS created (CLEAR - Christian Lawyers for Justice in Africa). CLEAR International Australia is the charitable arm of ACLS.

CLEAR helps develop access to the rule of law for many peoples who have been excluded from justice by providing legal aid, education, and advocacy for marginalised communities in Africa. Australian Mercy facilitates this partnership and the sought after outcomes. Donations through Australian Mercy support justice initiatives in countries such as Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya, offering crucial legal assistance to those most in need. The hard reality is that most Africans do not know their legal rights and lack the means to obtain advice and representation. Injustice in the justice system is the norm.

CLEAR International Australia is an initiative of State-based Christian Lawyers' Societies that has been established to provide legal education, aid and research to and on behalf of the poorest in society within the developing world. Our aim, in partnership with local Christian lawyers in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya, is to educate poor and marginalised communities as to their basic human rights and to offer legal aid, advice and advocacy where appropriate.



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