

Newsletter



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President's Report



Greetings!

I recently led 38 leaders of Cru (Power to Change) from 21 countries on a two-week Leadership Development Study Tour in Israel. It was an enriching and powerful time with lasting impact in their lives which will be multiplied into the lives of the people they lead and the mission they undertake. Investment in leadership is always a wise investment and keeps paying for years to come. This is the heart of the method of Jesus. Whilst He met needs, addressed immediate concerns and personally touched and transformed lives winning the popularity of the crowds, He was strategically building a team, growing vision and capacity for the Kingdom and launching a movement of committed core followers to lead out around the globe after His departure.

GAiN is committed to showing the love of God through Word and deed and so much of this report details that direct and immediate Kingdom expression in touching and changing lives. Wonderful! Yet GAiN leadership is committed to growing the 'movement' of GAiN through recruiting and developing our core leaders and key volunteers so that the impact and scope of our practical work is multiplied and sustained beyond the immediacy of a two-week medical mission trip or a Water for Life well. We know that whilst there is great importance in what we directly do, there is even more importance in what continues to be done as a result of what we do. That's why we partner with local community leaders, pastors, church planters and local agencies to increase their capacity to continue the good work long after our GAiN teams are gone.

Two of the Cru leaders with me in Israel were from India and had been involved with our recent GAiN Medical Mission trip. How proud I was to hear their glowing appreciation of our Australian team's efforts in positioning them for success. They are continuing on the ground with follow-through and development of their own leaders and volunteers as a result of our short two-week visit. This is multiplying our investment through the lives of trusted partners. That is wise Kingdom investment!

When I was a younger leader with more energy than wisdom, I was slow to learn that it's not just *what* you do for the Kingdom, but *how you use* what you do that matters most. We seek to reveal the love of God through Word and deed. That is what we do. But more importantly we use those Kingdom actions to multiply influence through others, through nationals and leaders with continued engagement in the field beyond our own. That's wisdom.

As you read this report and celebrate in all that God has done, I encourage you to pray for our partners in the field as they continue as agents of God's Kingdom for the transformation of lives, families and communities. Pray their efforts prosper, they experience favour and their fruit remains.

God bless,

Bill Hodgson
President, GAiN Australia

Global Aid Network

The Global Aid Network (GAiN) exists to demonstrate the love of God to those who are hurt and in need, through word and deed around the world with relief and development projects. First established in Canada in 1998, GAiN has expanded to 9 different locations around the world, such as Australia in 2003, to provide the necessary resources to over 52 different countries in need.

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CEO'S REPORT



They were able to assist about 1000 people medically. Many also welcomed the teams' plans to follow-up with them to share on how to achieve fruitful lives.

Your Prayers... Our Success in the Mission Field

I love the story of Moses and Joshua, described in the book of Exodus 17.

"Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set."
-Exodus 17:10-12

The actions of Moses, Aaron & Hur represent corporate and personal prayer for the work of Joshua in the battleground. The Word of God reveals that Joshua was winning against Amalekites when the hand of Moses was held up. This shows the importance of our prayers when others are working in mission fields. All success in the mission fields relates directly to the fervent prayers of the saints at home base. This is serious stuff. This means the people at home base are responsible for the success and failure of the mission team in a remote country.

Last week our mission team came back from Cambodia reporting on how great a success they had in everything they did there. God used them in ways beyond anyone's imagination. They were able to assist about 1000 people medically. Many also welcomed the teams' plans to follow-up with them to share on how to achieve fruitful lives. I thank all the members on the Australian team for their sacrifices as well as the great support and leadership of the local CCC team in Cambodia.

This is only an example but it is so true in all our missions and community development projects. I request your prayers for the next two Philippines medical missions in the next 3 months. Please pray for the Water for Life project as the GAiN Canada team in Benin, Africa, continues to dig more wells and does the follow-up activities in helping villagers in Benin. We need to thank God for the volunteers and staff of GAiN Canada for their dedication and co-ordination in making the dreams of many thousands of people a reality.

Another prayer request is for the plan of buying a Sydney office for GAiN and Power to Change jointly. This is a dream for us and God has opened a way to start the process and to generate some money. Our teams are seriously searching to find a property convenient to all the teams. It is a very difficult situation as the property prices are so high in Sydney but we believe that our God can make impossible things possible as we pray fervently. It is high time that we all pray together and witness the hand of God at work for us.

May God bless you.

Jiji Skariah
CEO, GAiN Australia



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All community development projects and disaster relief/rebuilding projects partnering with GDG (Global Development Group) are tax deductible. The tax deductible projects through GDG are as follows:

J822 - Bihar Development Project (Solar Power)
J897N - Water for Life Initiative - Benin
J871R - Nepal Earthquake disaster relief Project
J110.1 - GAiN International Projects (General)



Operations Report

Since May of this year GAIN has been busy working on several projects.

One of our priorities has been to look for our own office. We have Stanley Thomas working on the acquirement of a Sydney Office. We have had several places in mind and several options. This has been a slow process. As we all can understand, the Sydney property prices have been going up and up and to get a suitable property within 10 kilometres of Parramatta seems to be almost impossible. We need your prayerful support. We are depending on kind donations for this specific purpose. An office of our own will enable us to concentrate on our missions and projects more intently and intentionally. As a charitable organisation, public money raised for projects will only be used carefully for the intended purpose.

Our India Medical Mission in Orissa in August went really well. We had a 5-person team from Sydney who were joined by our local resident partners from various regions in India.

Planning for the Cambodia Mission 2017 is going ahead. The response has not been too encouraging. This means we need help with finances. Any help we can muster will be a bonus. We are looking forward to a very successful mission as we have our Cambodia field team ready and set to go! The Mission will be from 16 - 25 October.

GAIN team has been involved in the organisation of the 50th Anniversary of its parent organisation, Power to Change (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ Australia). Campus Crusade for Christ Australia was established in Sydney 50 years ago on ANZAC Day 1967 under the name of L.I.F.E. which later changed its name to Life Ministries.

If there is one thing that is a priority

for GAIN at the moment, it is to get more volunteers. We are desperately in need of people who can dedicate a couple of days in the office. They need to be creative and enthusiastic and be able to work without much supervision. Currently we urgently need a bookkeeper.

Jacob Idiculas
Chief Operating Officer,
Global Aid Network (GAIN) Australia

Dear Supporter:

- Can you pray for us.
- Can you tell your friends about us, and our activities?
- Can you share about us at your church?
- Can you tell us if you know of people in other towns and states who would be able to be part of our GAIN network?
- Can you support us financially? We desperately need your help!
- Can you partner with us so that we will one day have our own GAIN Australia & Power to Change office (property) in Sydney?
- Can you be a GAIN Ambassador?
- Can you recruit people for GAIN?

Spend to Get What is Not Equal in Value

By Leo Kalinisan

Are you willing to spend your money on something that is not equal in value? How about your time? Your talents? These must be the questions common in the minds of volunteers who venture to join the medical missions organised by Global Aid Network Australia.





To answer these questions is to look at and analyse the activities and results of these missions.



An example of such missions is the one conducted in two of the more than 7,000 islands of the Philippines, Samar and

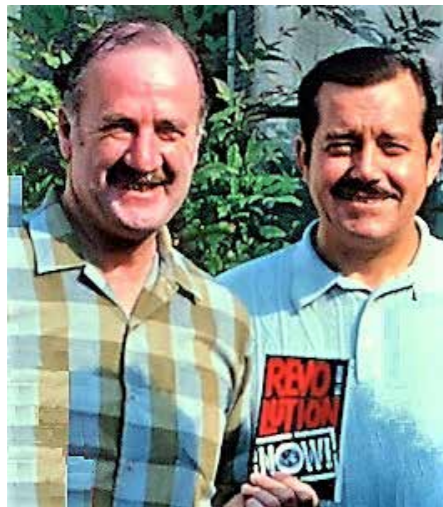
Leyte. These two islands are the ones most severely affected by typhoon Haiyan locally known as typhoon Yolanda. Eastern Samar is the least evangelised part of the Philippines.

The table below is a summary of the places visited and the number of people served by the medical, dental, nursing and administrative volunteers. It also shows the number of people counseled.

 LOCATION	 MEDICAL	 DENTAL	 TOTAL
Brgy Salug, Eastern Samar	187	54	241
Brgy Pagnamitan, Eastern Samar	113	49	162
Brgy Gahoy, Eastern Samar	181	68	249
Brg Campoyong, Eastern Samar	108	36	144
Sitio Canbantad, Leyte	151	94	245
Brgy Pagsulhugon, Leyte	314	94	408
Brgy Tagpuro Tacloban Leyte	165	40	205
Brgy New Kawayan, Leyte	193	34	227
TOTAL	1412	469	1881

Celebrating Our Golden Jubilee - A walk through the period from 1967

By Jacob Idiculas
Chief Operating Officer / Chair, Anniversary Organising Committee
Global Aid Network (GAIN) Australia



Left: Rev. Geoff Fletcher, founder of L.I.F.E.
Right: Dr. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ



Power to Change, the parent organisation of Global Aid Network, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Australia. Power to Change, formerly Campus Crusade for Christ was launched in Australia on Anzac Day in 1967.

Australia was a different place then, only 22 years from the end of WWII, 14 years after the Korean War and probably right in the midst of the Vietnam War. Lyndon B. Johnson was President in the USA. The first Boeing 737 (a 100 series) took its maiden flight. The boxer Mohammad Ali refused to do military service. Elvis Presley and Priscilla Beaulieu were married in Las Vegas. Israel declared the six-day war against UAR (Egypt), Jordan and Syria.

In the UK, Harold Wilson was Prime Minister. The UK government announced

the closing of their military bases in Malaysia and Singapore. Australia and the United States did not approve of this decision. The Concorde supersonic aircraft was unveiled in Toulouse, France. Professor Christiaan Barnard carried out the world's first heart transplant at Groote Schuur Hospital in South Africa.

Here in Australia, it was a time of social change. 1967 was an exciting time of great social and technological change with unforgettable fashion, new musical styles, civil rights, a controversial war in Vietnam, peace marches, flower power, drug abuse, great TV and film, and sexual freedom. There was conscription or the call-up and our troops served in Vietnam and other parts of Indochina. Our own expressions of civil rights found its place in the referendum of Aboriginal rights to vote.

We had our own hippies and protests and affirmation of women's rights, etc.

It is amazing that 1967 was an amazing year all over the world. Here in Australia there was political turmoil under the leadership of Prime Minister, Harold Holt. Lord Casey was Governor-General. In 1967, Harold Holt said that he knew of no other free country where "what is produced by the community is more fairly and evenly distributed among the community" than it was in Australia.

The pillars of egalitarianism in Australia were high wages, high home ownership and low unemployment. A decent minimum wage is a sign of a civilised society. Australia was a world pacesetter in establishing a living wage at the beginning of the last century and it has



always been one of the hallmarks of the fair and egalitarian society that supports a relatively high minimum wage. It is what distinguishes Australia from much of the rest of the world. A decent minimum wage is one of the bulwarks that prevents Australia developing a large underclass of working poor, which now so dominates the United States.

In sport, the Penrith Panthers and the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks were introduced into the New South Wales Rugby League competition. In Rugby Union, the Kiwi All Blacks defeated Australia 29-9 to retain the Bledisloe Cup. The English Manchester United football team toured Australia. Singer John Farnham, then known as Johnny Farnham,

the need for Australia's involvement in worldwide mission. A seasoned traveller, he had been to International Missionary Council conferences in India (1938) and Canada (1947).

Under his leadership, the Home Mission Society was overhauled and the Moore Theological College, under a new principal, Thomas Hammond, expanded. Missions on beaches, to children and youth were initiated. Money was sought for new churches. As an unwavering upholder of evangelicalism, Mowll revived the local Church Missionary Society (CMS) and forwarded its work in Africa and India.

In 1957, Archbishop Mowell invited Mr Billy Graham to visit Australia for 4 months

Christ in the USA. Campus Crusade for Christ was established in USA in 1951 by a Presbyterian clergyman, Bill Bright who was one of the many pioneering leaders of the time influenced by Billy Graham.

Rev Geoff Fletcher felt that people needed to be reached beyond the bounds of denomination. On Australia Day in 1967 the idea of Lay Institute for Evangelism (L.I.F.E.) was born. On ANZAC day in 1967, L.I.F.E. was launched in Sydney. Right from its inception there was a strong link with Campus Crusade for Christ in the USA. Over the years L.I.F.E. changed its name to Life Ministries. Years later the name was officially changed to Campus Crusade for Christ Australia (CCCA).

Some of our more well-known names are Student Life (university ministry), Youth Ministries Australia (high school), Creative Arts Ministry (bands in schools and performance), Family Life Australia (younger families), JESUS Film, Life Saving Chaplaincy Australia, Athletes in Action, and Shift (teaches the life of Jesus and church planting). In 2003, Global Aid Network (GAIN) Australia was formed and became the humanitarian arm of the then Campus Crusade for Christ Australia.

In 2016, the name CCCA was changed to Power to Change Australia. Power to Change works in many different areas across Australia with the goal of connecting people to JESUS and each other. We seek to connect, build and send multiplying disciples to help fulfil Jesus' mission in Australia and beyond. We thank God for this last 50 years of growth and for His faithfulness. We pray that we will find His favour to excel even more in the next 50 years to come that we will have a presence in every state and capital city.

"Where the vision is one year, cultivate flowers. Where the vision is ten years, cultivate trees. Where the vision is eternity, cultivate people".

Let's celebrate - thank - praise- glorify - empower - move!



released Sadie (The Cleaning Lady). It was his first Number 1. On 17 December Prime Minister Harold Holt disappeared while swimming in heavy surf at Cheviot Beach, near Portsea, Victoria.

If this story has to be given authenticity, one person has to be given due recognition right from the start. Sydney Anglican diocese's evangelicalism started with an Englishman by the name of Howard Mowll (Mowell) 1890-1958 was the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney from 1933 until his death in 1958. In 1947, Mowll delivered the Moorhouse lectures on 'Seeing all the World' which stressed

of 'crusades' in 1959. In the "religious circles", through the fervour of Billy Graham crusades, many leaders rose in the mainline Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches. Thankfully, visionary church men here in Australia who served mission organisations like CMS saw a need to do evangelism locally within their denominations.

Rev Geoff Fletcher, an Anglican CMS missionary and a perhaps a little later, Rev John Chapman worked in Evangelism Ministries saw the need of lay leadership within the Sydney Anglican diocese. Geoff Fletcher contacted Campus Crusade for

GAI*N*'s Disaster Assistance and Response Team (DART)

More and more disasters are occurring worldwide. Every day we are confronted with devastating news on television which often lead to a feeling of helplessness.

In order to enhance the efforts of GAI*N* to meet the needs of people affected by those types of emergencies, the concept of a Disaster Assistance and Response Team (DART) has been developed. It is supposed to complement the regular work of GAI*N* by providing quick and flexible professional help in disaster areas with trained volunteers.

In such situations, it is very important to have individuals who are trained to handle the specific problems present and to know exactly how to react in case of a disaster. Depending on the scale of the catastrophe, GAI*N* will put together case by case, an international team of staff and volunteers with various skills. All kinds of people are needed – YOU are needed!



You can learn more or apply at <http://dartgain.eu/>



DART Training

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Melanie Bodo

GAIN Staff Member

After hearing about GAIN's DART program and thinking it over for a few months, it was a feeling of helplessness during some of our world's disasters that got my husband Ben and I thinking about the possibility of applying for DART. It felt a little crazy, the idea of joining a team that may at any time request your participation in a team that first responds to a disaster situation but this also excited us. After applying, we were accepted to participate in the DART Training and travelled to Latvia to join people from 5 other

systems and sleeping in tents in minus temperatures. We also had the opportunity to work with GAIN's local Latvian partner to distribute aid to 500 people doing it tough in Latvia and spent time with some special families in need. It's hard to describe the range of emotions experienced over these days as they tested our attitudes and abilities. The experience was amazing, difficult, challenging, unbelievable and just so great overall. At the end of the week, Ben and I were told that we



countries to be trained in disaster assistance and response. We had a challenging but amazing experience, with so much learning, insight and meeting incredible people from around the world. After a few days of theory classes, learning what it means to respond on the ground in a disaster situation, we were then thrown into a three-day simulation exercise and this is when the true craziness began. This included no Wi-Fi, limited currency, language limitations, corrupt

had passed the training and are now part of the DART Database, a group of people waiting and ready for when a disaster occurs that GAIN chooses to respond to. We are excited to be part of DART and the wonderful work they do.



1967 – is a year to remember for another reason



The story starts in the 19th century! It was 1884, in Balmain, and a boy was born into abject poverty. His parents and two brothers were drunks and derelicts, his two sisters were destined for the whorehouse and there's nothing to fill his belly as he grew up. It was no surprise then that Arthur Stace became a petty criminal. However, underwent a radical transformation when he came into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Stace spent the last 37 years of his life chalking the word "Eternity" in near perfect copperplate script on footpaths and walls across almost every suburb in Sydney. He did that during the night, preferring to remain anonymous. It was a one-word sermon written in yellow, waterproof crayon, more than 500,000 times by his own estimation. Millions of Sydneysiders, visiting seamen and travellers saw his work, his poetry, his street art. The city christened him "The Eternity Man". He died on July 30 1967 — fifty years ago.

- Jacob Idiculas
(With acknowledgement - Adapted from various sources)

An Interview With Volunteers at the GAiN Offices



We are very grateful to the Lord for the volunteers who have served for many years in the past and for those who currently serve at the GAiN office in Sydney. Besides Power to Change staff, we have had about ten volunteers this year, long-term and new, bringing their experience and skills to the day-to-day running of the office and GAiN's activities. A skills audit would reveal a volunteer team with professional skills in management, IT and engineering, teaching, logistics and nursing. Attendance is on different days of the week but on Wednesdays the team gathers for the weekly meetings, together in conference with a Power to Change (GAiN) staff in Melbourne. The meeting is also a time of prayer and great fellowship. In this issue, we focus on volunteers Ivo Rodrigues, Jini Korale, Stanley Thomas and Benedicta (Benny)Wayman as they reflect on their volunteering experience with GAiN.

While three of them were already familiar with the work of GAiN, Jini 'discovered' us online and has faithfully been part of the team for about 4 years. Ivo, who has served a similar length of time, serve with Jini on the team responsible for office care, stock control and replenishment, safety and security.

These translate into purchasing, planning for office socials, which is Jini's strength in particular, as well as mail collection, sorting and packing items for medical missions.

Stanley, who joined us about 2 years ago, brings his extensive experience in logistics to the current and imminent task of sourcing a suitable property for its acquisition by Power to Change and GAiN. This includes visiting sites, on-going liaison with estate agents and reporting to stakeholders. He also has a passion for fundraising, initiating and organising these at his church for the Water for Life project. Our latest welcome addition to the team is Benny, a newly-retired registered nurse with a track record of participation in medical missions to the Philippines, Cambodia and recently to India. Benny's medical background makes her qualified to update medication lists and produce a checklist aimed at standardising medical supplies requirements for missions. The duties of these volunteers were created with input from the team during a team-building and training day (BPMT). Responsibilities were clearly defined, which have consolidated and given purpose to each volunteer role.

In general, what the volunteers find interesting is the variety of tasks in each role and the team spirit among staff and volunteers. Most of them remarked that what would motivate them to continue as volunteers is being obedient to the Holy Spirit's prompting to be available, the opportunity to be a prayer warrior for GAiN's projects and most of all, to see lives being transformed in Jesus' name.

If you are interested in the work of GAiN and feel you would like to come on board as a volunteer, please feel free to **contact Jacob Idiculas on 0419 695 782.**

Donor Family gives well to Kapissaote Village, Benin

By Jessica Dudok

In God's kindness, I was born into a close-knit, loving, compassionate family. Growing up seeing members of my family make sacrifices to help others and serving the people around them to show God's love has made a big impact on my life and the way I see the world. Recently, the adults of my family teamed up to fund a water well for a village in Benin, West Africa through Global Aid Network's Water for Life Initiative.

The well was placed in Kapissaote, a village of 650 people that previously did not have access to clean, safe drinking water. This water well transformed



their lives. In this village, the Jesus film was also shown to almost 200 people and 61 people attended sanitation and health training. It excites me to think about the impact one family can have to change the lives of a whole village including generations to come. And it excites me even more that they are not

only receiving water for clean sanitation but the water of life by hearing the gospel through the Jesus Film team and the local church. God has provided us with what we need and so much more so giving just seems like the natural response. I hope this well can inspire other families to give as it has inspired the children in our family to develop a generous heart.

GyMEA Baptist Church raises funds for 8 Water for Life well project

By Melanie Bodo

This year, we were chosen as one of four charities that were supported by GyMEA Baptist Church's May Mission Month. They were able to raise above their original goal of funds for 5 Water for Life projects and have raised \$78,559. Praise God! We are thankful that they were able to see the necessity that people in Benin have for clean water and got behind the project wholeheartedly.

The amount raised will provide eight deep capped water wells in eight different communities in Benin, West



Africa. Around 8,000 people will benefit from their generous donation. We are excited to soon hear where the wells will be installed, how many people

will be trained in proper health and sanitation practices and all about the Jesus Film showing in each of these communities.

Thank you GyMEA Baptist Church for your generous hearts.



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LEARNERS

TAFE, university and college students of any discipline to serve through education. Opportunities for work experience / vocational placements

PROJECT MANAGERS

Project Managers for specified projects and missions in India, Cambodia, Myanmar, etc

ENTREPRENEURS

Help start up 'business as overseas mission' initiatives

OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Our office is currently seeking volunteers able to dedicate any amount of their free time (a regular weekly 6 hour/ day minimum) for a wide variety of work (eg. office admin, newsletters, handling mail, stores, packing, collection, catering, training, etc)

FUNDRAISING & EXPOS, ETC

We also need people to help us with fundraising activities such as BBQs, sporting events and festivals, manning expo stands and presentations

Conditions

Staff opportunities are available on full-time and part-time basis. Others may serve in a voluntary unpaid role. Voluntary roles may vary from a minimum of a 6 hour per day weekly to the individuals' availability to do more days. Other volunteers may work on a on-call basis to help at events and programs.

Voluntary work and Vocational placements are unpaid. All full-time & part-time GAIN staff shall be accredited and commissioned Power to Change missionaries. Missionaries are expected to raise their own financial support.

We believe this is a biblically-sound model that allows for quick movement expansion, provides a team of people who partner with missionaries through prayer and financial support, and is an encouraging confirmation of the Lord's call to mission.

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