

## FOURSQUARE WA MISSIONS REPORT 2007/8

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The past year has been an exciting one, especially in the arena of 'Missions', as we work towards the advancement of the Gospel with its liberating power to the nations, especially the nations of Asia. We feel an urgent sense of responsibility in this blessed *South Land of the Holy Spirit* as stewards of the liberty and prosperity we enjoy in this nation, to play our part in obeying the '*Great Commission*', and all the more as we see the day of the Lord approaching!

In the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, more than \$65,000 was contributed to Missions, and approximately \$64,000 of this amount was immediately disbursed to the cause of Missions in more than eight nations.

### INDONESIA

During the year, we completed a two-year commitment to sponsor about 40 Indonesian students studying at GPdI Bible Colleges for an investment of \$9,600. In addition, we sponsored about 25 pastors and leaders and their wives from Gereja Gideon who attended a Leadership Training Conference in Solo on the island of Java in January 2008 for an investment of approximately \$10,000. Pastors Frank Mitchell and Hardy Churlew, and David King ministered during the seminars, which represented an important 'milestone' in our ongoing relationship with Gereja Gideon. The ministry was enthusiastically received, with significant healing of mis-understandings and a wonderful sense of the Lord's presence and leading.

### THAILAND

Frank and Meryl Whitmore took up an invitation to return to Thailand in January 2008 to undertake the challenge of setting up a Bible College which will facilitate the training of Thai pastors and workers enabling them to comply with Government requirements. Foursquare WA invested approximately \$11,500 to facilitate the Whitmores in this ministry.

Sarah-Jane Vine continues to teach English at the World Missions Base in Bangkok, as part of Foursquare's front-line evangelistic thrust in Thailand, facilitated by an investment of approximately \$8,500 for the year.

In addition, several Bible College students are being sponsored, along with several one-off contributions towards orphanages and national workers, totaling about \$6,500.

### **MALAYSIA / VIETNAM / SOLOMON ISLANDS / SINGAPORE**

Don and Angelina Boots continue their unique ministry of short-term 'missions' trips focusing on the training and development of local pastors and workers. A total of approximately \$11,000 was invested during the year to facilitate their ministry in these nations. Many positive reports continue to come back to us concerning their valuable service.

### **MYANMAR**

A Foursquare worker, Phillip Ahone, developed a serious kidney condition during the previous year, necessitating major surgery in USA, and more than \$4,000 was sent to help him with associated expenses. Funds totaling about \$5,000 were also sent during the year to help the victims of Cyclone Nargis, and to help maintain ongoing ministry amongst orphans.

### **IN SUMMARY**

In the current year, \$5,000 has already been sent to help alleviate suffering among the population of Zimbabwe, and was received with deep gratitude. Looking to the year ahead, there are many ongoing challenges and opportunities. We have undertaken to support a number of Gereja Gideon pastors and students undertaking Bible College studies in Indonesia. There are also opportunities to sponsor school students from poor and needy families in South Africa for a very minimal investment of around \$20.00 per month. Anyone who would like to participate in this opportunity is invited to speak with either the Supervisor of myself.

A wonderful spirit of good-will, co-operation and partnership is continuing to develop between Foursquare WA and Foursquare in the Eastern States, and

during this year, we are already working together very significantly to facilitate 'missions' projects in several developing nations throughout South East Asia and the Pacific Islands, including Papua New Guinea.

In closing, I want to commend all our brothers and sisters in Foursquare WA for your generous and faithful ongoing support. I count it a privilege to serve our churches as Missions Director, and I give grateful praise to God for enabling us to participate in the good things He is doing!

**FRANK MITCHELL**

**FOURSQUARE WA MISSIONS DIRECTOR**

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