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ADRA & YOU

WORDS FROM THE C.E.O.

Kia Ora my friend,

I trust you have had a good start of the year! I had a good break in January and enjoyed some quality family time. Also, together with the ADRA team we reflected on the year passed and the new challenges for this year. I then travelled to Jordan to attend ADRA global meetings and had the privilege of presenting on the role of faith in humanitarian work.

Our ADRA team has determined that selfless dedication is a key factor for ADRA's success, so it has become a focus for this year. Selfless dedication in our view refers to on-going intentional loving actions to positively impact the lives of others, whether close or afar. It is also a conscious attitude that can be learnt and improved. It can guide how we treat others, those we love and also the ones we have a hard time with. It is really a gift that comes from the creator, the King of relationships, our almighty God.

One of the ways we cultivate selfless dedication as an ADRA team is taking time every Monday to sit together and align our day-to-day work with our purpose which is "to serve humanity so all may live as God intended". To me this is how selfless dedication leads into action – consistent alignment of purpose, intentionality, and works.

This edition of ADRA & YOU includes how ADRA practices its selfless dedication to families and communities where no one else goes, and most importantly, how your selfless dedication through on-going support to ADRA has changed lives.

You will also get a sneak peak at the friendly ADRA team and what a typical day looks like in the office. I hope you will be inspired to engage further with us!

Your servant,



Denison Grellmann, Chief Executive Officer
ADRA New Zealand



ADRA'S DEDICATION

ADRA is dedicated to helping people thrive! The initiatives we implement meet the physical, social and psychological needs of the people and communities we help. ADRA goes beyond poverty alleviation; we aim to help families thrive! Our initiatives help people identify the cause of their situation and motivates them to set their own goals to improve their livelihood. ADRA's work is based on 4 main pillars:

FUELLED BY FAITH

We are the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our faith fuels what we do and drives us to inspire and collaborate with others in the pursuit of compassion, justice and love for all.

EXTENSIVE NETWORK

We believe amazing things happen when people work together for good. ADRA is operational in over 140 countries around the world. Thanks to this extensive global network, we are able to impact more lives, more quickly.



LOCALLY LED

Our local staff work with communities from the beginning, ensuring relevant and sustainable programmes that utilise the knowledge and resources already on hand. This enables the beneficiaries to determine their own solution, while ADRA facilitates and helps with the implementation. Our work is usually where the need is the greatest and often in places where others won't go.

DEPENDABLE

We pride ourselves on the trust of the communities we work with, our global partners and our donors. This forms the foundation of everything we do. We've built a reputation of getting things done the right way and that is why we are trusted and why other organisations seek us out to work on their behalf.



To continue running the development projects and being there to relieve suffering, ADRA needs people to stand with us through committed monthly support. If you can be one of those people, please go to our website to find out more.

www.adra.org.nz/regulargiving

OUR IMPACT

When the Sustainable Rural Economic (SURE) project started in Myanmar, the aim was to impact thousands of families by increasing their harvest. This was to be achieved through installation of innovative irrigation systems to allow farmers to grow a more diverse range of crops. The farmers of Satalai came together and through their hard work and selfless dedication to their community, received an Elephant Foot Yam (EFY) slicing machine. This machine will enable them to be more productive and foster stronger community relationships. Your generous support has made amazing things happen in this village and the community is thriving!



Satalai village farmers with EFY slicing machine.



EFY plantation and crop.



U Phun Cco, Satalai Village Chief

Joy of the heart! First and foremost, I would like to express my hearty thanks to ADRA on behalf of Satalai Villagers for the support that we have been receiving even though we don't deserve it. More proudly, we are deeply glad to be the first to receive "Elephant Foot Yam (EFY) Slicing Machine" out of the 12 villages involved in the SURE project in Matupi Township of Southern Chin State.

We were all excited at the possibility when we first heard about EFY slicing machine from Value Chain and Marketing Officer's first meeting with the people. Honestly, we did not dare to expect it to become reality as there are 12 villages and the selection criteria was of course highly competitive.

However, the dream has turned into reality and it brought about endless joy in our hearts. I am deeply sure that my co-villagers share the same joy and excitement with me. As we are trying to shift from conventional slash and burn agriculture to sustainable agriculture, receiving the EFY slicing machine is really a blessing. Now each household is growing EFY and trying to extend the acres of cultivation each year and better product and higher harvest is also expected year after year. EFY has now become the main stream of family income for each household.

In the previous years, we used our labor to wash and slice EFY and it took days to finish even a small quantity, but from this year onwards, we will be saved by the slicer; its function is really dynamic. The machine is able to finish thousands of kilograms per day, thus saving time and labor. In a broader sense, the installation of EFY slicing machine in our village will certainly instill the spirit of oneness in the midst of our diversity in many aspects. It will unite and push us to work harder in unity to achieve greater things in the future. It is our prayer that God may bless ADRA and its mission in Myanmar and across the globe!



“Nā iō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi”
 “With your basket and my basket we will sustain the people”

The Pātaka Kai Open Street Pantry Movement is one of the latest community initiatives ADRA is delighted to support and be a part of. Through the selfless dedication of the kaitiaki (guardians) and the various food donors, this initiative will see 120 Pātaka Kai (food pantries) in total built and delivered throughout Auckland and Northland (60 in each region).

The Pātaka Kai Open Street Pantry provides the platform for people to get to know each other and build strong new relationships that are shared with no work restricted requirements, timelines or red tape. It has enabled even those who are most disadvantaged, to be part of the initiative and to have a sense of self-worth despite their own current situations.

One kaitiaki Janie looks after a pantry on Bairds Rd in Otara. Janie has been a beneficiary for most of her life. She is in her late 50's, a single mum, having lived in her two story state house for much of her life with 3 children. Janie shed a tear and shared “this is the first time in years I've felt like I've had anything to offer others”. For the first time in almost two decades she felt self-worth.

Bronwyn, another kaitiaki of the Valiant St pantry in Mangere, shared her amazement at the number of people that have reached out to donate and offer support from the neighbourhood since their recent opening. “I'm blown away by it all and look forward to meeting more of the neighbours. My family has lived here for years and I'm only just meeting some of my neighbours”.

Being a kaitiaki of a pantry also comes with challenges such as people mistreating food and/or the pantry. However, these challenges can also help to develop skills such as problem solving, conflict resolution and effective communication. The negatives are few and are

far outweighed by the positives, especially as more and more neighbours take ownership and responsibility for their local Pataka Kai.

Today ADRA would like to thank and acknowledge all those who are a part of this initiative in particular all the Kaitiaki for their dedication and giving their time to love and serve others daily through this movement. The kaitiaki spend a lot of their own personal time liaising with others to source food and product, organising communications to the community, sorting and distribution of food, queries, and keeping the pantry clean and organised. Without them none of this would be possible. The support from the community has also been fantastic, so we want to say thank you to our donors for being part of an initiative that is making a real difference to New Zealand communities.

If you or your church would like to get involved in supporting a pantry, or starting a Pataka Kai in your community, please check out www.patakai.co.nz to see where the closest Pataka Kai is to you or contact Sally regarding potential funding under our Community Transformation Partnerships at SallyLavea@adra.org.nz



MEET THE TEAM



(Back: L to R) Mark - Marketing and Donor Relations Manager, Sally - Programme Coordinator, Maranatha - Administrative Assistant, Sahara - Programme Manager, Denison - Chief Executive Officer (Front: L to R) Virginia - Programme Manager, Ruth - Marketing Coordinator, Sarah - Marketing Intern. Absent: Jessica - Connections Coordinator, Graeme - Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chiedza - Assistant CFO, Stephen - Accountant.

Behind the great work that ADRA New Zealand achieves is a team of creative, friendly and caring people. We want to introduce ourselves to you and share what selfless dedication means to us and how it contributes to the amazing things happening through ADRA's work. Our team were asked to come up with 3 words to share what selfless dedication means to them and this was the result.

OUR WORK

LOVE

WHOLE-HEARTED

FAMILY CARE

PASSION

LOYALTY

PURPOSE

DEVOTED

SERVICE

STRENGTH MINISTRY

UNIMAGINABLE

GOD

SACRIFICE

FAITHFULNESS

GRATITUDE

PERSEVERANCE FLEXIBILITY | HUMILITY | CONCERNED

COMMITMENT

GENEROUS

KINDNESS

WIFE

We hope these words will resonate with you and encourage you to selflessly dedicate your work, time and resources to your loved ones and those you may not know that need a helping hand.

CONNECTIONS

This coming April holidays, Christchurch Adventist School (CAS) are taking their Year 13 Students on a service trip with the ADRA Connections program. The students will be working with ADRA New Zealand's Water, Sanitation, Hygiene Promotion and Resilience Building project. This project aims to reduce the disease rate in Vanuatu by providing communities with safe water, sanitary hygiene facilities and education about safe hygiene practices.

The students will help increase access to safe drinking water by building one large water tank and 5 safe sanitation facilities (latrines) for the Butmas community. They will be working hard days digging, laying pipes, mixing concrete and building privacy walls. Lots of fun will be had at the kid's clubs where the students will be teaching the children about sanitation and hygiene through songs and games.

The CAS students have selflessly dedicated themselves over the last 12 months and engaged in a number of fundraisers to make this trip happen. They worked very hard and ran events such as regular bake sales and a school wide Fun run, where the entire school was sponsored to participate. The students also did their own individual fundraising by offering services such as knife sharpening, baby sitting, car washing and hosting dinners. These efforts were topped-up by a number of churches that donated over \$1,250 towards the trip.



Involving students in an ADRA Connections trip creates a sense of community and taking ownership of an experience like this encourages them to work together. Through their planning and fundraising activities, students already start to take on challenges and achieve great things even before they leave the country. This sense of achievement only grows greater once they start working hard at their building project.

ADRA is excited to partner with schools and give students an opportunity to see the real world firsthand and how they can make a life changing difference to those in need. Students never come back from a trip unchanged, as the experience is both confronting and rewarding.

We would love for you to pray for the safety of the students travelling this April, and for their hearts to be open to the Lord's guidance.

If your school or students would like to take part in a Connections trip, check out adra.org.nz/connections.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDING ROUND APPLICATION | Is your church looking to make a difference in your community? The next round of CTP funding will be closing on the 15th of May. Be sure to get your application in before then. Learn more @ www.adra.org.nz/ctp.

TRAIL BUSTER DUDER | Join the first Trailbuster of 2019 on the 5th of May at Duder Regional Park, Auckland. Register today for 6.7km or 13.4km walk/run @ www.trailbusterduder2019.gofundraise.co.nz.

ADRA RUN | The date for the run has been set and it will be on the 29th of September. Please save the date and start sharing the word with your friends and family.

If you have been inspired by the stories you have read today, you too can contribute to the work that ADRA is doing by signing up to be a regular giver or making a donation below.



Donation details

Amount _____ Frequency: Fortnightly Monthly One-off

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss _____

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Town/City: _____ P/code: _____

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Payment details

Enclosed is a cheque/money order for \$ _____
(make it payable to ADRA New Zealand Ltd)

..... OR

Please charge my Visa Master Card Amex

Expiry date: / CVV #: _____ Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

For more information visit www.adra.org.nz/regulargiving