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**ADRA &
YOU**

WORDS FROM THE C.E.O.

Dear friends,

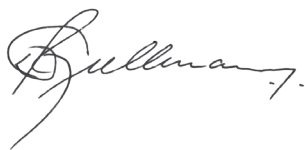
When you hear the term generosity, what comes to your mind? The word generosity has been a concept to humanity for centuries. The word itself has its roots in the 6th Century from a Latin word *generōsus*, which means “of noble birth”. To be generous, was literally a way to connect ones self to nobility. Over time however, the meaning of this word began to change. It no longer applied to the nobility of birth or aristocracy, but to the nobility of spirit. The meaning continued to change and grew in dimension to denote an action to others; giving to others. In its contemporary meaning, generosity signifies the formation of a moral orientation to life and rejection of all forms of selfishness.

The effects of generosity are endless. My life is one that has been affected by some generous people. Let me share one personal story with you. When I graduated from high school in Brazil, I really wanted to explore the world and learn English. I knew that learning the world’s lingua franca was important, especially if one day I was to work with ADRA. This dream seemed unattainable. Living in a country with high inflation meant that whatever I earned during the month, was usually worth 25% of its value by the time pay day came. As a university student and part-timer at a factory, I was not able to save much and saw my dream of learning English starting to fade away. To cut a long story short, I was blessed by a very generous man. When he learnt of my desire to learn English and serve as student missionary in South Africa, he paid for my plane ticket in full, which at the time was about USD 2,000. He had no obvious reason to do it, but he was compelled by love to act and just trusted me. He did not know me, nor of my past, but he chose to believe in my dreams to serve and learn, and acted with such generosity. In the end, I did go to South Africa, served as a student missionary and learnt English. To date, I have served with ADRA for over 20 years.

When Jesus was on this earth, He showed us the way. He showed that we need to care for the most vulnerable, for the widows, the oppressed, and the poor. Jesus emphasised that the life of a Christian is a life of service, a life of generosity. Being generous makes us less self-centered and more people-centered. It’s actually a great honour to be called a generous person, and a legacy that I’m sure you and I want to be remembered for. In ADRA’s ministry of compassion, we rely on generous people and I sincerely want to thank you for being one of them.

Please enjoy the stories that follow. I hope they give you a glimpse of the impact that you have made through your generosity. I also hope they will encourage you to become even more generous with the talents that God has abundantly entrusted you with.

Thank you for being generous!



Denison Grellmann, Chief Executive Officer
ADRA New Zealand



OUR IMPACT

This year ADRA NZ ran programmes in 12 countries including New Zealand. Together we helped families and communities thrive!

PEOPLE IMPACTED

36,770

Emergency
Management
5 PROJECTS



17,150

Sustainable Livelihood
3 PROJECTS



9,000

Water Sanitation
& Hygiene
1 PROJECT



8,900

Community Transformation
Partnerships
35+ PROJECTS



IMPACT STORIES

Mizpah Community Barber

When Mizpah SDA church started up the Mizpah Community Barber (MCB) initiative as a new way to connect with their community, they weren't too sure what to expect. Pastor Keli Pepa, who had previous experience as a barber was going to give free haircuts once every month, along with distributing food parcels and pre-loved clothes to those in need. When word of the free barbershop spread, barbers from Da Spot Barbershop volunteered to help. Initially they thought it would be a one off, but when they saw the impact it had on the children and families that came through the doors, their hearts were moved to come back every month. The barbers said "it's amazing what a haircut can do to someone, it just gives them an opportunity to feel good about themselves". They have also noticed an increase in their own business, which is a true testimony that when we are generous with our talents, the Lord blesses and multiplies what we have given.

Water for Ambae evacuees in Maewo

In April this year, over 10,000 people were forced to permanently evacuate their homes due to volcanic threat on Ambae, Vanuatu. Jennifer, a mother of five shared "leaving home was sad and difficult and we did not know what to expect." One of the big challenges displaced families are facing is access to clean water, which for Jennifer was over an hours walk away. Since April, ADRA has been able to provide over 340 hygiene kits, 170 taps, 10 water catchment tanks and over 100 latrines to support communities with Ambae residents as they rebuild their lives and readjust to a new home. ADRA has installed a water tap in Jennifer's community, allowing her and the 50 other families in her community access to clean water all year round. "We are thankful," Jennifer shares "for helping to bring water to our door step."

OUR DONORS

At ADRA we are grateful for the generosity of our donors, volunteers, sponsors and all other supporters. In this special edition we hear from a few of our donors, and get a glimpse of how their generosity has not only impacted the work that ADRA does, but how it has touched their lives and communities.



Susan Piket
Donor + Board Member

1. What inspired you to become a donor and volunteer?

One of my most powerful childhood memories is my Dad's commitment collecting for the annual Appeal for Missions. He spent many nights pounding the streets and would post a \$100 note on the church notice board each time he reached that target. As a child, I also remember going door to door with the Appeal magazine.

2. The 3 things you like most about your support/volunteer work and why.

I love the opportunity to contribute in some small way to making the world a better place.
I love seeing the changes to our most vulnerable and disadvantaged people on the planet.
I love that our church is taking a leading role that is respected in the wider community.

3. When you think of ADRA what key words or phrases come to mind?

a. Changing lives b. Making a difference c. Continuing God's work here on earth serving the most vulnerable in a very practical, real way that matters! d. Better futures for all people.

4. What aspect of ADRA's work gives you the most satisfaction?

a) I love being a donor and being able to financially contribute. As a woman in business, I have a special heart for women entrepreneurs. b) I love seeing the impact of ADRA's work first hand across God's amazing planet.

5. What was the single most important consideration in your decision to give and

volunteer with ADRA?

An opportunity to participate with an organisation that shares similar values.

6. How has your involvement with ADRA benefited you or your community?

I work around the Pasifika basin and continue to see and hear first-hand the difference ADRA makes to individuals, whanau and community.

7. What result/impact/outcome do you hope your gift will achieve?

Communities can self-determine their future – whatever that looks like and wherever their journey may lead through the bumps along the way. Community decisions will be respected by all so that everyone enjoys a better future today and tomorrow.

George Murcott
Donor

My connection with ADRA began after a visit from one of the ADRA leaders to my home church in Tauranga. It was a simple decision, maybe because I am blessed with a good income. My 4 children are now independent so there was no reason not to supply some additional support.

Truly to be a committed donor starts in your heart, by feeding your heart with gratitude.

I am sure this causes something supernatural to happen in your soul. It's about going past your present circumstances and day to day living and putting God first. See I



am really giving to God not to ADRA, and ADRA are empowered to administer that. I am sure that you have heard it said before that the giver is always blessed more than the receiver. I can vouch for that.

My personal journey in the past 12 months has been overwhelming. I re-married in October 2017, then in November 2017 I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer stage 4. What a bomb shell for Debbie and I. How little did we know that when we delivered our wedding vows to each other, we would be exercising the vow of sickness. Our relationship has been more in the presence of sickness than in health. Where does one look for joy in the battle. The battle of new love, the battle of faith? I have found it so important that despite the circumstances, life carries on. It's no reason to give up on your commitments, including financial support. A critical part of my therapy is to maintain a sense of normality in life, engaging in family events, taking holidays, continuing to engage in work.

If you are connected to a local church I have come to realise it's no different in many ways to a public hospital. Sometimes I arrive at church and I feel like I need to be in ICU. Other days just a follow up as an outpatient. Our churches are riddled with people with all sorts of conditions, all treatable in the local church. Our individual challenge is having the guts to take down the mask and expose those real issues. It's possibly a larger challenge for the local church to confront the tensions (e.g. being authentic in interactions with every person, dealing with/ accepting pride, being vulnerable) that these issues present to the body of Christ. In basic terms, dealing with the humanism to remove the mask to allow us to know our true self - how we're feeling and what is going on. The key difference between a public hospital and the local church is the advantage of direct access to our master physician our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father and the wonderful Holy Spirit.

So, I appeal to your heart to consider ways that you can honour God over and above what you are doing now, with your resources.

I have not been given a Spirit of fear but a Spirit of power, love and a sound mind! 2 Timothy 1:7



Keli Pepa
Pastor (Mizpah SDA Church)

What inspired you to partner with ADRA?

When we decided to launch the Mizpah Community Barbershop (MCB), we

knew it was an idea that needed to be fleshed out and well planned. For MCB to be successful, the planning needed to be strategic and thorough. The ADRA Community Transformation Partnership program (CTP) was the perfect support for this initiative. It helped to establish our strategy and action plan. MCB has been a wonderful opportunity for our Church members to connect and serve our community, and in doing so we are also growing and mentoring our church members young and old. It was very wise of us to partner with ADRA, and we are very thankful.

What aspect of ADRA's work gives you the most satisfaction?

Helping those who are in desperate need. I love what ADRA represents. ADRA's CTP initiative also helps churches connect with the community in a practical, tangible and sustainable way.

What was the main reason you decided to partner with ADRA?

At a drop of a hat we would give to ADRA. We appreciate ADRA's cause and its ability to help those in need. We also support ADRA because they help fund community initiatives like MCB. These funds play a huge part in making such initiatives work.

How has your involvement with ADRA benefitted you or your community?

Partnering with ADRA has benefitted our community immensely, particularly for those who are struggling financially. Mangere is a low Socio- economic area, where every cent counts, so being able to get a haircut, food, Sanitarium food parcels and pre-loved clothing – ALL FOR FREE, can make a huge difference to those individuals or families doing it tough.

Through the support of ADRA, the local church, and other partners, we have developed good connections with our local community. We are also grateful to be able to partner with others such as Orange Sky (mobile laundry and shower), to provide more services. Through MCB we have seen people from all walks of life come through our church. It has been inspiring to see how this initiative has benefitted so many, and how something as simple as a haircut can make a big difference. At the same time, it has seen an increase in our church member engagement. At first, we had mainly the youth volunteering, but now we have our older folks stepping in and helping too. Through the generosity of all those involved, we've established a wonderful platform to serve, connect and make a real difference in the community!

CONNECTIONS TRIP



We want to build 40 latrines in Vanuatu and we need your help and support to do it!

Many villages lack clean safe water, have poor hygiene practices and no sanitation facilities. This results in the spread of diseases. This cycle of illness not only affects a persons health and well-being, but also their ability to earn, learn, attend to family duties, and contribute to society. A lot of the sickness and diseases in these areas could be prevented by having access to clean water!

We need you to help us build toilets in the Khole community and construct a large water tank for the community to hold safe, clean drinking water. This will prevent the spread of diseases and allow this community to live safely.

We will also spend time teaching the children life-saving skills in sanitation and hygiene through a fun kids club programme! It's going to be a lot of fun.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please come join our team, we would love to have you on board. Or you can support us online and get your tax-deductible receipt instantly. All donations go straight to ADRA New Zealand for project costs.

COME JOIN US

5th - 15th July 2019

ADRA Connections Vanuatu Individuals Trip

Join our team: www.adra.org.nz/signupvanuatutrip

Support us: www.adra.org.nz/donatevanuatutrip

For more information: www.adra.org.nz/vanuatatutrip

or contact connections@adra.org.nz

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS FOR OTHERS TO THRIVE

COMMUNITY MEAL

This gift will feed a person in need right here in New Zealand through our community transformation partnerships.

\$10

FARMER START-UP KIT

This gift will equip beneficiary farmers to gain 5x packets of resilient seeds and 1x soil test, to maximise their productivity and gain an invaluable income.

\$20

FENCING FOR FARMLAND

This gift will enable farmers to protect their crop from damage when planted, right through to harvest and thereby securing a sustainable source of food and income for a family.

\$27

EMERGENCY SHELTER & FOOD KIT

In an emergency, taking care of your family is the priority. This gift will provide essential food and shelter for families in crisis and ensure that they can maintain some dignity in their time of need.

\$30

LATRINE

Save lives by providing a latrine, as well as hygiene training to a family. Proper latrines keep waste away from living spaces and reduces the chances of contaminating water and food.

\$150

PIPES FOR CANAL RENOVATION

A reliable supply of water means farmers can grow crops all year round, which provides nutritious food for children and a much needed source of income to pay for education and healthcare.

\$300

SOLAR PANEL

Solar powered water systems ensure affordable and continuous supply of safe water. Solar energy is cheaper and cleaner for the environment. After instalment these panels do not require maintenance which provides a lifetime benefit to communities.

\$500

YOU CAN ALSO GIVE MEANINGFUL
GIFTS TO PEOPLE IN NEED
JUST VISIT ADRA.ORG.NZ/CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO GIVE AND CELEBRATE GENEROSITY THAT COMES FULL CIRCLE.

This Christmas, will you give a meaningful gift to help a less fortunate child or family?
Your gift will help others thrive.

VISIT WWW.ADRA.ORG.NZ/CHRISTMAS



ADRA EVENTS

PAST EVENTS | ADRA RUN 2018 | This year on the 14th October, we had over 500 eager runners and walkers come along to Mission Bay early Sunday morning to raise funds for families in Timor-Leste affected by the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami. This year, you helped to raise a fantastic \$66,000 for families in Indonesia and Timor-Leste!

A very special thank you to all our participants and volunteers who helped make this fantastic event possible. And those who did not make it, we hope to see you next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS | COROMANDEL CLASSIC | Take on an exciting 4-day cycling challenge from Auckland to Coromandel. Come along to join the fun and enjoy the breath-taking views! 7- 10 March 2019. Don't miss out!
www.adra.org.nz/ride

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: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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