



ALLIANCE COUNCIL 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT PACKAGE

AGM MEETING DETAILS

9.30am - 12.00pm

Saturday, 15 September

**Central Christian & Missionary Alliance Church
193 Greenlane West Rd. Cornwall Park District School**

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AGENDA
Council Annual General Meeting
15th September, 2018

- 9.10am Registration of Delegates
- 9.30am Call to Order
1. Opening Prayer
 2. Apologies
 3. Adoption of Minutes of Council AGM 2017
 4. Key Ministry Area Reports
 - a. Alliance Youth Ministry
 - b. International Missions (& Global Women)
 - c. Licence & Ordination
 - d. Rules Committee
 5. First Reading of Nominating Committee Report
 6. Church Reports
 7. Second and Final Reading of the Nominating Committee Report
 8. Election of Officers
 - a. Appointment of Tellers
 9. Director's Report
 10. Financial Report – Part A (Accounts)
 11. Financial Report – Part B (Budget)
 12. General Business
 13. Closing Prayer

Procedural explanation

Discussion of reports will be preceded by a motion to receive or adopt, a seconder called for, then discussion, then a vote to receive or adopt. [Amendments – Move Motion, second, discussion, amendment – moved and seconded, discussion, vote ^(Renton Chapter 5)]



MINUTES

Council Annual General Meeting **Saturday, 23 September, 2017, 9.30am** *Northwest Anglican Church, Moire Rd, Massey*

Call to Order

Motion that the Council Reports package, with the exception of the Nominating Committee Report, be "taken as read" was moved and carried. (Alistair Clark)

Call for (significant) items to be added to the Agenda – none were added

1. Opening Prayer (devotion on Mt.28)

2. Apologies

Fiona Marshall. Motion that apologies be accepted moved and carried (Alistair Clark)

3. Adoption of Minutes of Council AGM 2016

Motion that Minutes be adopted was moved and carried (Mario Varre)

4. Key Ministry Area Reports

a. Alliance Youth Ministry

Motion that report be received was moved (Mario Varre). Discussion followed and a correction was made to the date in the report – adjust to "2016". Carried

b. International Missions (& Global Women)

Motion that report be received was moved (Ron Maddox). Discussion followed and an amendment to p.13 was made - Penelope Yeung was not part of the Evangelism Explosion Mission Trip to Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands in April 2017. Carried.

c. Licence & Ordination

Motion that report be received was moved (Alistair Clark). Discussion followed and an amendment was made to p.15, to include Dave Nuualiitia, Dan Forest, Gordon Miller and Derek Lee as Official Workers. Carried

d. Rules Committee

Motion that report be received was moved and carried (Alistair Clark)

5. First Reading of Nominating Committee Report

6. Financial Report - Part A – Accounts (Note- Budget discussed later in Agenda) (p.17)

Motion that Financial Report – Part A be adopted was moved. (Ron Maddox) Ron spoke to the report and advised of corrections of percentages on P18. Carried

7. Church Reports

A motion to receive Church Reports as a group was moved (Gordon Miller) Discussion followed and correction to the title of Rev Gary Chan (CACC) was made – should have read "Interim Lead Pastor"

8. Second and Final Reading of the Nominating Committee Report

Motion that report be received, (Seconder Mario, discussion, all in favour...none oppose)

9. Election of Officers

- a. *The Chairman appointed the Tellers – Tom McKean & Dave Nuualiitia*
- b. *Ballot papers were handed out with explanation of how to use them and then collected and counted after voting.*
- c. *Announcement of Election results. The following people were elected to serve on the National Leadership Team*
 - *Ron Maddox*
 - *Rev Gordon Miller*
 - *Rev Gary Chan*
 - *Grace Nuualiitia*
 - *Rev Paul Chan*
- d. *A Motion to destroy ballot papers was moved and carried*

10. Director's Report

Motion that report be received was moved (Mario Varre). Discussion followed, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am for morning tea and resumed at 11.00am

11. Financial Report – Part B (Budget)

Motion to adopt the Budget was moved and carried (Gary Chan)

Ron Maddox gave a presentation about “Wise Investing for Funding our Vision” to help us consider future investment strategies for the Alliance.

The following motion was moved and carried (Ron Maddox)

“That the NLT appoints a Finance Sub Committee to continue the work of the investment Advisory Committee in considering appropriate risk profile for the Alliance.”

Rev Andrew Marshall referred to his Director's Report in which he spoke about the possibility of planting a Vietnamese Church. The relevant section of the report is listed below:

1. Church Planting

- a. *Investigating a new church plant with support of our current churches and the Alliance US.*
- b. **Look at funding Pastor Phong to plant a Vietnamese Church for the Alliance – he is ready to start now but requires funding assistance from the Alliance.**
- c. *Look at ways to support Pastor Farid planting churches for the Alliance in the next 2 years.*
- d. **I believe we need to be bold in our approach to Church Planting and Partnership and put aside a significant amount for these purposes – perhaps \$100,000 – so we can get things moving. An investment of \$40,000 would enable us to plant a Vietnamese Church in 2018. This is not currently budgeted but I will be bringing this up for discussion at the AGM.**

The following motion was moved (Alistair Clark) and carried: “That the National Leadership Team have the power to invest funds for Church Planting with Pastor Phong.”

12. General Business

There was no general business

The meeting was closed in prayer at Closing Prayer by Gordon Miller

KEY MINISTRY AREA REPORTS

ALLIANCE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Our goal is to unite the youth and young adults of the ACNZ by hosting a number of different events throughout the year. Some have been well attended by a wide variety of churches, while others have only seen involvement from a couple. We hope to improve these connections this year. The main events that we ran last year were a Christmas Party, Mission 48, and Refuel Camp.

The Christmas Party took place in December at BBCC and everyone came dressed in their Christmas themed outfits. We enjoyed a great Christmas dinner, competed in a quiz together, and talked about Christ being born anew in our lives today. We are currently planning our next Christmas party for Sat, 15 Dec at BBCC. The format will be similar to last year and we're hoping to get more involvement from the other ACNZ churches.

Mission 48 was a challenge for our young people to perform 48 acts of kindness in 48 hours. We started off on Friday night with a worship set and a call to be on mission for Jesus. We prepared for the next day by baking cookies and writing cards. On Saturday we went to a local care home and sang some songs, chatted with the residents, and gave out cookies and cards. After that we went to the mall and did other acts of kindness. In the evening we put on a fundraiser quiz night to raise money for two organizations, "Remember Nhu" in Thailand (working to prevent young people being caught up in sex slavery) and "Lifewise Merge Café" in Auckland (ministering to homeless people in the city). From the quiz night and further fundraising we were able to raise \$4,552.50 – which was \$500 more than we raised last year and exceeded our expectations this year! Thanks to everyone who participated with us in raising these funds. During the next school holidays we plan on visiting Lifewise Merge Café and learning more about the work they are doing.



Refuel Camp took place this winter at Moirs Point Christian Centre in Mangawhai Heads. The focus of our time was 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." This generation is facing so many different pressures from school, family, social media, and we wanted to provide a place for our young people to get away from the busyness and stress of life and find rest in Jesus. We took everyone's cellphones away and gave heaps of time for them to meet God in nature and in

silence, but also in community, in play, and in worship. The Saturday evening session was particularly significant as everyone had an opportunity to open up and share their worries at the fireplace. We listened and shouldered each other's burdens for long time that night as almost everyone came forward. There were tears and there was laughter as the Spirit brought healing and freedom that night. The weekend overall was a great success with a number of fun activities, great good and fellowship, and powerful Spirit-filled sessions.



Currently our team consists of Brayden Silby, Dan Forest, Emily Marshall, Rebekah Marshall (BBCC), Bo Wong (WHCACC), and Johnny Moore (WHAC). As you can see, only three churches are represented on this team and we would love to have involvement from the others as well. Please consider someone from your church who could expand this already great team!

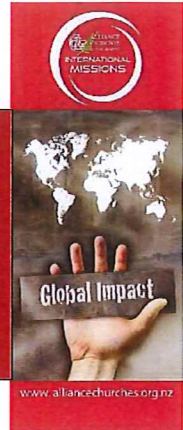
Respectfully Submitted by

Pastor Dan Forest

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TEAM

OUR MISSION

To have **global impact** by uniting and mobilizing Alliance churches to advance God's Kingdom worldwide and to provide a missional vehicle that will enhance our discipleship and spiritual growth in New Zealand.
Wherever possible we will work through the global Alliance family network.



INTRODUCTION

The International Missions Team (IMT) is made up of Dave Nuualiitia (Chairman), Rev Andrew Marshall, Fiona Marshall, Dr Vijay Dasari (BBCC), Esther McKean (WHAC), Rev Stephen Yang (AAC/CCMA), & Penelope Yeung (CACC). Due to the illness of our Chairman we have not met together as a team in the last 12 months, however we have continued to stay in contact with the people, places, and projects we support and we look forward to gathering the team together again soon. Our areas of responsibility are listed in the diagram below and new members who share our passion for International Missions would be most welcome.



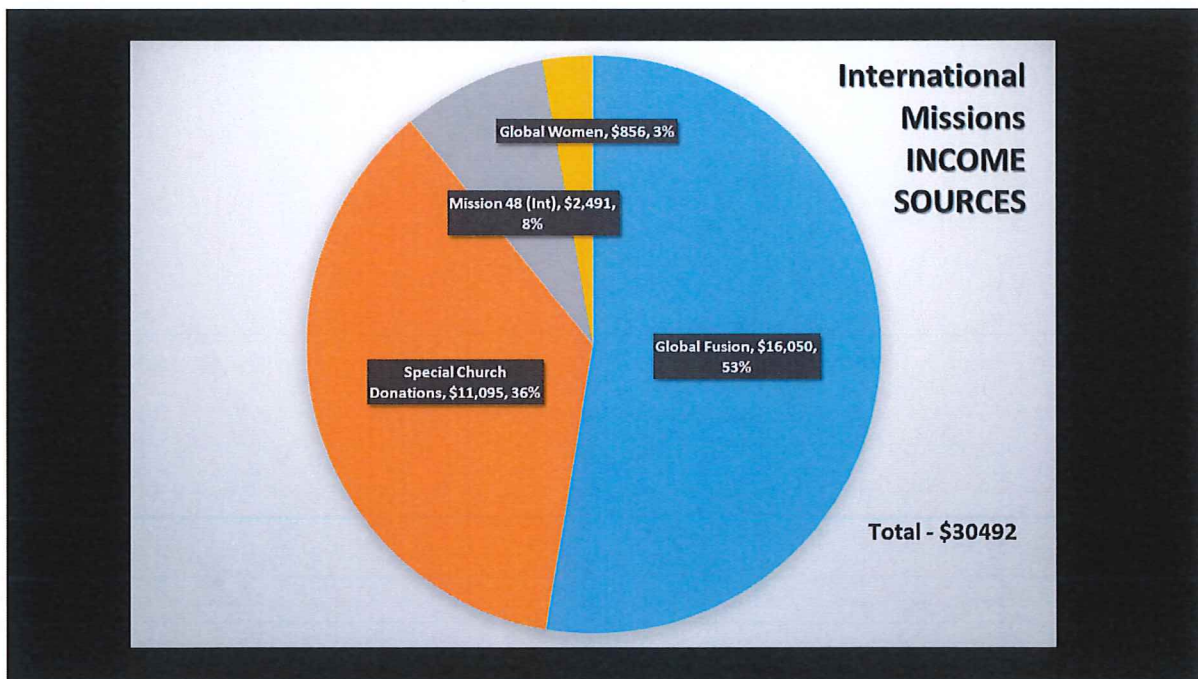
Our areas of responsibility include three area which are not directly organised by the IMT. The first is Global Women who run their own ministry and are represented on the IMT by Fiona Marshall. The second is Mission 48 run by Alliance Youth who consult with IMT about the projects they support. The third covers the various local Church initiatives that relate to international missions but are outside of our main support areas. Churches are encouraged to fully adopt the Alliance Missions programme and keep us informed of other initiatives driven locally.

Over the past 12 months we've seen continued strong support from our churches for the work of Alliance International Missions. This support enables us to assist ministry in the places listed on the following chart. One of the countries previously listed is now known as an Undisclosed Country to protect our ministry partners working there.

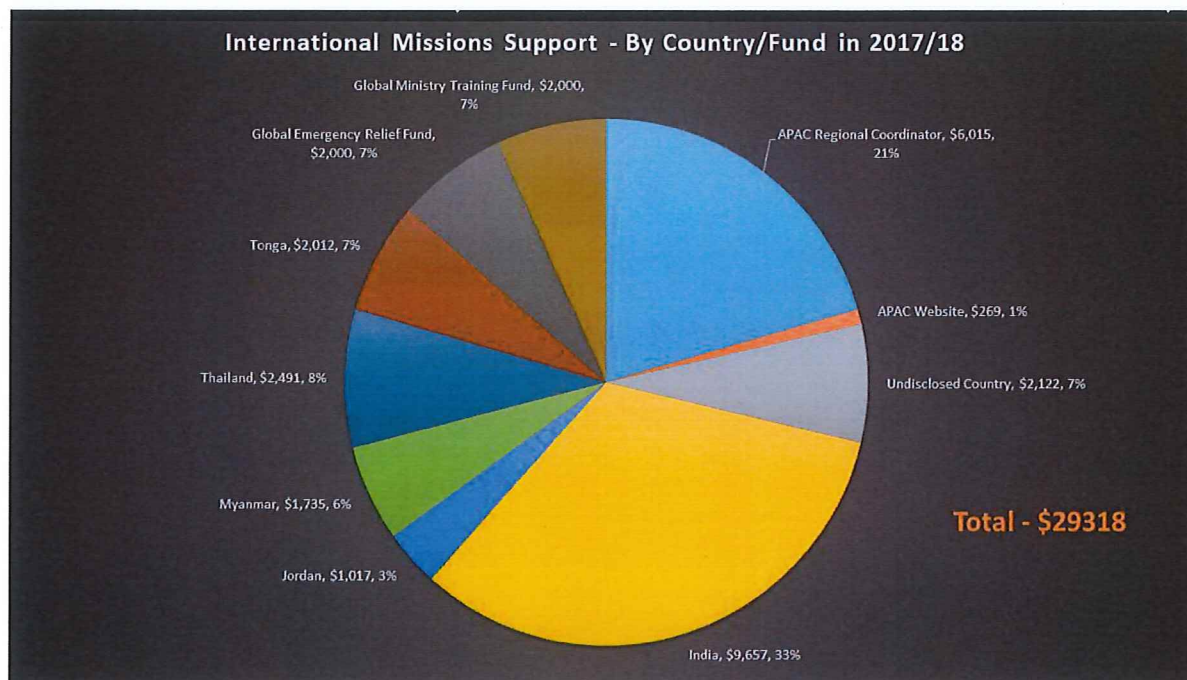


During the past year we have managed to maintain our financial support of International Missions without needing to allocate any of the churches levies. In fact we've received more in donations than we've allocated and this surplus is being carried over to the next financial year. This is the first time we've been able to do this for many years and is an encouraging and necessary part of our changing focus towards the strengthening of the Alliance in New Zealand, whilst maintaining a healthy interest and support of International Missions. It must be noted that this was only possible because of the very generous gift from the Chinese Alliance Christian Church.

There is already a significant financial reliance on our few churches to fund the operation of the Alliance and we don't want to place additional burdens on churches for extra International Missions giving so fundraisers such as Global Fusion, Global Women, and Mission 48 – which collectively raised over \$19,000 (64%) of the total – deserve the full support of all the churches to enable us to keep investing in the Lords work beyond our shores.



The distribution of funds for International Missions in 2017/18 is summarised by the following diagram.



INFORMATION FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Keith & Annette Bennett, Delhi, India

Having our own missionaries is a significant responsibility and a great privilege and most of our churches have generously stepped up to support their work. The Bennetts faced significant challenges and changes as they moved in their new roles in India with the whole ministry needing to be restructured as corruption was exposed within some of the local ministry partners. They have now established a successful rescue agency which is working with NGO Care Homes to rescue child from the horrendous environments of child prostitution and sexual slavery. The Bennetts are very much on the front line of ministry in India and they need and value our support.

Andrew and Fiona Marshall have kept in regular contact with Keith and Annette and will be part of a team visiting India at the end of September visiting all our ministry partners in this great country.

An excellent summary of the Bennett's first year in India is included below:

KEITH & ANNETTE BENNET - OUR FIRST YEAR IN INDIA

Culturally

When first arriving in Delhi I thought life is not much different than it is in New Zealand. Besides the buildings looking a little different, from the inside you could imagine walking into some homes in New Zealand, plus the volume of people. They even drive on the same side of the road as us in New Zealand. The people we have meet are friendly and helpful. There have been times when Keith and I have looked lost and strangers who speak English will come over and just ask if we need help, point us in the right direction and go on their merry way. Maybe going from the least corrupt country in the whole world we can be naïve and that this is something Keith and I had to learn very quickly.

Even though the cast system is not here anymore you can see it everywhere you look. Not so long-ago Keith and I were in a market waiting for a taxi and a little beggar girl sat down next to some young men on a step who looked like Uni students or maybe office workers. These young men just pushed the young girl off the step. She was not begging, she was just sitting minding her own business, but it was like she was not allowed to sit there because of who she was.

There are several different religions in Delhi but of course the main one being Hindu but also Buddhism, Muslims and Christianity. The one thing that stands out to me is karma. You may have a difference of opinion which gets heated, the next day you can be best friends. Nothing gets resolved but this will come back to you in your next after life. I have heard this from the words of Christian so know it must come from the way you are brought up. When living in Koral Bagh we often heard the Muslims prayers on loud speaker. It reminded us to pray for them.

We have not learnt the language but keep saying we must. It does make it hard to speak or understand what others are saying at times plus there can be a communication break down in translation. Believe it or not but India decided English is to be the main language and is taught in most schools as a second language. The reason for this is there is so many native languages in India they decided to have one main language and they chose English. Every document that is legal has to be written in English. But quite often you find the poorer people only speak Hindi and these are people we are dealing with.

Financial

From a financial perspective cost of living is more than what we had budgeted for as when we first applied to Destiny Rescue we thought we would be heading for Thailand. Delhi is one of the more expensive places to live in India, maybe because it is the capital. There is a lot of consulates and High Commissions here and so I believe this has probably pushed the economy of this city and state up.

The money that has been sent to us in the last year has really gone on helping us to cover our cost of living. Rentals are about a third of what we spend in New Zealand. Food is probably one of our biggest costs. Power and broadband are also probably of about a third of the price. Destiny Rescue do help covering costs with anything work related so quite often cover things like taxis or if we are meeting people in cafes etc. The only luxury item we have purchased here is two laptops and you could say the money you sent us to buy a scooty help purchase these two items. The reason we did not get a scooty in the end was our circumstances changed with the division of an NGO that we were partnered with in Delhi and Keith and I find it easier to commute by Uber taxis on a fixed price. Also, we have seen several accidents with people and motorbikes which did not help, two serious ones where people rushed to hospital, but in those instances, they were not wearing helmets.

Some have asked why did we move. The reason being is Koral Bagh is in the central part of Delhi and is where we were living was close to one of the main roads. It was very noisy, as people honk all the time here, plus very dusty and hotter with the heat of the vehicles. We lived in a small industrial area where they sold cars and motorbikes. At the time it was chosen because it was close to where we worked as in walking distance but then our circumstances changed. We had an eleven-month contract to live there and our rent was to increase by 10% so when this was up decided to move out into the suburbs where it was quieter but also more parks. By doing this we are saving 9000 rupees per month (\$180 nz) and living in a similar size apartment. We are on the third floor, and the family who own it live below us in the other three apartments.

With some of our personal savings we decided to have a break from work and spent a week in Nepal in January. This treat was well worth it and it was great way to just get away and have time out.

Destiny Rescue – the work

Our goal for the year was to rescue as many girls from sex work as possible that are under the age of 18 years old as this is illegal in India. In the time that we have been here we have rescued about 150 last year and so far, this year we have rescued 105 girls in the whole of India. The youngest we rescued was an 18-month-old child and the eldest being an 83-year-old, NGO lady who got caught up in a raid, not actually rescued, just managed to get her out just before raid. (she would have been arrested if she was in the brothel when raid happened)

When we first came to Delhi our focus was assisting in the project with the NGO that we were working with at the time. However due to circumstances this partnership split at the end of July 2017 and our focus had to change to where to from here. We started by looking for a new aftercare facility. This

was not an easy task and was truly going to be expensive to set up. At the same time, we had to deal with the aftermath of the split which was not easy and in fact got quite ugly. By the end of the year we had not found an aftercare facility and had to deal with staff issues. This was a truly stressful time for us both and hence the break away to Nepal.

We came to the realisation we needed to refocus and decide how Destiny Rescue looked in India. At this stage we had an orphanage in South India, rescues happening in Delhi and working on a new project in Hyderabad with rescuing Jogini girls (temple prostitutes).

So as of the beginning of this month we have set up two new homes in Hyderabad and have over 40 girls living in the homes. They are all studying either computer studies or sewing classes. This has been done with a partnership OMIF who facilitate the training plus oversee the homes. This is being overseen by an Australian couple who are our supervisors, Robert and Judy Webber. The orphanage is still running in South India with a small number of children. As for us in Delhi our main focus now is rescue and hopefully in the next few weeks going into partnership with another NGO to help build rescue teams. We are very excited about this. We have one rescue team ourselves so hopefully more rescues to come. We are hoping also to work with other NGO's who have aftercare facilities already up and running but are not full so we know that the girls who are rescue can go into safe homes. This is an initiative that is working well in the Philippines and we hope to follow this model here in India. We have also found another area that has come to our attention this year and that is some of the prostitute's children. With them living in harms way we have been approach by the mothers themselves to get their children to a safe place. We are now looking at the legal side of how this will look and insuring the kids are safe.

In the meantime, Keith and I have been meeting with lawyers, accountants, and even ambassadors' networking to make this all happen with the support of officials. Our life here in Delhi has become busy, especially in the last few months. Please pray that God keeps opening the right doors so that we can rescue the girls who need us most.

Travel

In the time that we have been in India we have done a bit of travelling. Not long after we got here Annette went to Chiang Rai in Thailand for training and then in July 2017 Keith also went to Thailand for a bike trip with some of the DR team to build relationships but also exploring different areas where that had been rumours of brothels starting up. Both our trips were for six days each and both found this a great introduction to getting to know people in DR. We have also been to Hyderabad a couple of times. Once for research purposes and the other for training.

Besides the Nepal trip the only other trip taken was Annette went to Thailand for the Global Woman's conference which she spoke briefly at. This was also a great time for Annette to catch up with Fiona Marshall and also a time of rest, reflect and pray. She also got to spend time in Bangkok with some of the church members who had flown over on a trip around Thailand.

Training

As mention earlier Annette went to Thailand for training in June 2017. The guest speaker was Dr Robi Sonderegger. He has a degree in Sociology. Dr Robi has written an empower program to help young people who have gone through trauma. The beauty of the course it is a very simple so once you have been trained to run one of these courses, you can. This means even the house mothers can run the course once they know how. Dr Robi has just created part two so you can continue on if you require more counselling. So, we were the first to have this course run by us. I must admit it is more in depth than the first part and Dr Robi had not quite finished it. However, he is a very good speaker and highly entertaining. Everything he does is scriptural and he is a very clever man. The reason he started the program was he went to the refugee camps in Africa and saw the trauma the people were going through especially the wrong men who were tortured and made to kill their own parents. He knew he

needed to do something so designed the program in such away that anyone could run it. It has been a huge success and that is why DR use it in their shelter homes.

Both Keith and Annette also went to Hyderabad in February 2018 to see the Empower program in action. We had the privilege of Dr Robi's wife Noleen ran through the program for us. She is also an amazing lady who also has a degree in Sociology.

Recently we had the rescue manager from the Philippines over and he and his finance ran a self-defence course for a morning with a few of the team. This was great teaching as well as a lot of fun.

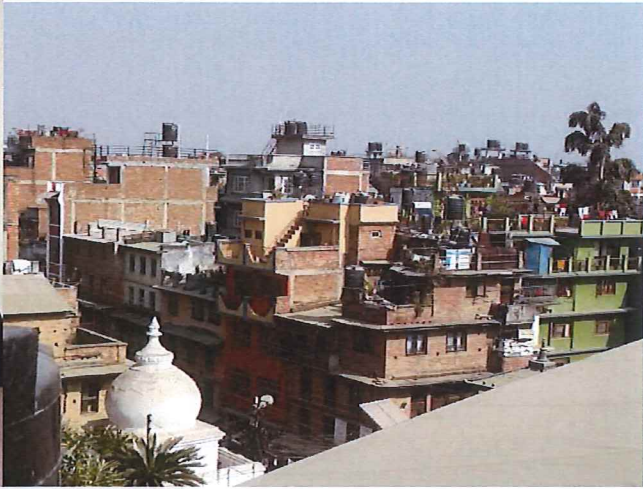
A Story

To end with I will leave you with a story from one of the girls in Hyderabad.

I will call this girl Annie for her own protection, she is 17 years old. Annie was sent as a migrant worker to do manual labour at just 13 years of age. Her supervisor also offered the girls for sex. Her sister was already a Jogini and she was being prepared for dedication as a Jogini when she returned to her village. She had always been told she was nobody, and treated poorly and abused. Annie thought her future was out of her control that she would always be nothing. Annie was keen to come to Cherish homes because it meant she was away from the abuse, escaped being a Jogini and was going to have the opportunity to learn a skill. However, she didn't believe she could do it or know if she could trust DR.

Since coming to DR she has embraced the opportunity given to learn a tailoring skill, basic English and participate in the Empower Program (counselling course). Through the Empower Program Annie had a change of mind (self-worth and self-confidence) to believe that she can change her future, and help others to do so as well. Annie had to learn something new about herself, and make the choice that she could take control of her life. For her to recognise that she had value and the ability to change the negative effects that her abuse was having on her life, she could set goals and work to change her future, was a huge breakthrough for Annie. She shone throughout her vocational training, so keen and excited that she was learning something that would mean she wouldn't have to be abused anymore. Especially she flourished doing the Empower program which was all about dealing with the trauma that she had experienced throughout her life and learning coping strategies, self-worth, changing her thought patterns, goal setting and forgiveness. Her personal growth exploded. She was sharing with everyone in Cherish homes what she was learning in Empower and at the completion of the program Annie was excited to be able to share it with others. She intended to tell her family, her village, and anyone else the skills she had learnt that had changed her life. Her goal is now to finish her training in tailoring and would love to set up her own business in her village.

Annie had only been with DR for 3 months when she had to go back home as she got the news of her sister's death while giving birth. Since she was in Cherish Home when she got the news, it took her a while to reach her village. Meanwhile her village people started harassing and blaming the in-field social worker that she had sold Annie off because she was the one who sent her for the training. However, once Annie reached her village and went to see her sister's body, she wept. After she had cried, she stepped out and spoke to the crowd boldly and told them about how she had joined the vocational training, and how the Empower training had helped her and also showed the Empower certificate to the crowd. The Empower program definitely has had a lifelong impact on her. Since then she has been taking care of her mother who is not keeping well. She has a younger brother but she had sent him to pursue his studies in some other place and is now living in a hostel. She is the only one who can take care of her sick mother, and has not been able to return to Cherish Home to finish her training. However, we have been able to secure her a position so she can continue learning tailoring in the OMIF Tailoring centre in her village, Pulimamidi.



Rev Rajesh Patole and the Alliance in India

Following his visit to NZ for Global Impact Week last year we have maintained regular contact and provided prayer support and advice for the multitude of challenges the Alliance faces in India. Our Director has been actively involved in discussions with the President of the Alliance World Fellowship regarding the various groups who want to connect with the Alliance in India and the upcoming trip to India will continue this dialogue with Rev Patole and the churches in Hyderabad we are already connected with.

Tonga

Our Mission Trip to Tonga was cancelled due to the Dave Nuualiitia's illness and so Andrew Marshall took a quick trip to Tonga to check on the progress of our ministry partners. Tonga Faith Church is still lacking a strong vision and strategy for its future but it has begun a small plantation to provide food and income for its Pastor and church family which is a positive step forward. This project has consumed most of Pastor Sione's time and we hope to encourage a stronger church growth focus in the coming year.

The Radio ministry is also facing some challenges with the collapse of Pacific Partners following the resignation of Graham Carter. There are serious issues to be resolved around the leadership of the radio ministry and this may be an area where the Alliance can help with. At present a Mission agency called Missionary Ventures is providing the greatest support to Willy Florian and his team and we will know more about a role we can play in the coming months.

Report from Pastor M, Undisclosed Country

Church has been developing gradually, Praising Group established, stable gathering every week. Saturday and Sunday worship, Tuesday Bible study group, Friday evening prayer meeting, pastoral workers training for local churches holding at the Church place. Outreach mission trip to other Province Hill village (160km away) regularly and gained grateful fruits, which has encouraged greatly the passions of brothers and sister of the church preaching Gospel.

Please see the pictures below which share the ministry story of Pastor M.



Saturday Worship



Friday Prayer Meeting



Outreach Mission Gospel Preaching Team
Lead by Pastor Couple



Clothing donated to People
living in the outreach Place

Gospel Bags & Materials



Preaching Gospel in the street
After leafleting Gospel bags



Invited village people to have meals, distributed clothes helped repairing their houses



New Believers in March 2018,
Next step, will be plant a church there. Please pray for it.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE – Our Guest Speaker was Rev Rajesh Patole, the leader of the two main leadership groups in the Alliance in India. There was a few nervous moments around the granting of his visa but God opened the door at the final hour and we enjoyed a fruitful Global Impact week.

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

Thailand (November 24 - December 5, 2017)

The team consisted of Fiona Marshall (Team Leader), Rebekah Marshall, Emily Marshall, Brayden Silby, Jan Nyemetz, Victoria Sequeira & Bo Wong. Highlights in Bangkok included Annette Bennett joining the team for the weekend in Bangkok. It was a real blessing to hear first-hand how she and Keith were doing working with Destiny Rescue in Delhi; Roland and Nancy Lumawag also joined the team in Bangkok; the team attended a Thai-speaking Alliance Church then sharing a delicious lunch with the congregation afterwards; we took a group of girls rescued from sex trafficking by Destiny Rescue out for brunch and fun activities. Highlights in Chiang Rai included a day at Promise Home, a Destiny Rescue aftercare home, where we met rescued girls and learnt what they do in aftercare; we enjoyed a day trip which included visiting Mae Sai, a border town between Thailand and Myanmar; then the Golden Triangle, a vantage point where you can view Myanmar, Thailand and Laos; we loved a relaxing raft trip on a river that took us to visit hill tribe village; we visited an interactive museum about the Opium Trade which once dominated the region. Highlights in Chiang Mai included visiting a Hmong Alliance Church; spending a day doing activities with children at two Remember Nhu prevention homes. These homes were started by a Christian man from an Alliance Church in the USA. Feedback from the team was positive and everyone loved the trip.

GLOBAL MINISTRY TRAINING FUND – This fund has been a very important resource to help leaders in the APAC region attend important conferences and seminars. In the past year we've funded Sucheta Patole to attend the Asia Pacific Alliance Women's Conference in Thailand and Pastor Sione and Elavina Finau attend our Global Impact Week in NZ.

GLOBAL WOMEN - Highlights for 2017/2018

1. Global Women helped host Global Fusion on September 30, 2017.
2. Fiona Marshall, joined by Annette Bennett from Delhi, attended the APAW Conference in Khon Kaen, Thailand, on November 18 – 23. Global Women paid for Sucheta Patole from Mumbai, India, to attend the APAW Conference and Prayer Journey. There were 200 women from over 10 countries in the Asia Pacific Region in attendance. At one of the sessions was about "Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation" where Annette spoke about her ministry with Destiny Rescue in Delhi and Fiona talked about Global Women's support of Destiny Rescue and Remember Nhu. After the conference Annette and Fiona attended the Prayer Journey to Nakhon Phanom, a province in Northern Thailand on the Thai/Laos border.
3. Two Global Women team members attended the Short-Term Missions Trip to Thailand, November 24 – December 5, 2017 (see details under "Short Term Missions Trips")
4. Global Women had surplus donations of \$1290.56 going into 2018, of which \$1000 was sent to Keith and Annette in Delhi.
5. Gail Ormsby from West Harbour Alliance Church joined the Global Women team in 2018.
6. On April 28, 2018, Global Women hosted an afternoon tea at Priscilla and Jeevan's home. The team who went on the Thailand short-term mission trip shared and showed a photo presentation. Global Women announced they would be focussing on India in 2018. We enjoyed a yummy afternoon tea of Indian goodies.

7. The next Global Women event was planned for July 27 but this was postponed until August. We held another Movie & Dessert Fundraiser, after the success of "Lion" last year. We showed "The Greatest Showman" and raised \$1440 for Keith and Annette.

Future Plans

8. September 15, 2018, Global Women are hosting a women's luncheon at Greenlane Christian Church. Joelene Kinser will be guest speaker.

9. On September 22, 2018, Global Women will help host Global Fusion.

10. India short-term mission trip, September 27 – October 11, 2018. Fiona Marshall is part of the team. Keith and Annette will join the team in Hyderabad then accompany them to Mumbai where they are hosted by Rajesh and Suchetta Patole. Finally, on to Delhi where Keith and Annette are based with Destiny Rescue. The mission team will see first-hand where they work and what they do, which hopefully will be an encouragement to them.

11. October 15 – 19, 2018, Keith and Annette join Fiona and Andrew in Manilla, Philippines at the APAC Conference. Keith and Annette are guest speakers and will share about their ministry with Destiny Rescue to the Asia Pacific Alliance Church Leaders.

12. Global Women are planning a Christmas Fundraiser on Saturday November 24, details to be advised.

LOOKING FORWARD

Despite the illness of our Chairman, and the lack of meetings of our team, our interest and support for International Missions has not waned. There have been a few tweaks in the areas we support and we'd always like to do more, but for now we are content with our mission portfolio and recognise the need to grow the Alliance in New Zealand before expanding further overseas.

We're looking forward to another successful Global Impact Week (GIW) which unites our churches around a common vision of being a missional movement of local churches and we're excited to welcome Jo from our Undisclosed Country to share her ministry story with us. The confidentiality required around the speaker of the upcoming GIW is a reminder of the difficulties and dangers many people face daily as they serve Christ and a challenge for us in New Zealand who still enjoy considerably greater freedom.

A small team from BBCC (Andrew & Fiona Marshall, Carolyn Officer, Lila Haitoua, and Vijay Dasara) will be heading to India after GIW from the 27th September – 11th October to visit our ministry partners and they'll be joined by Keith and Annette Bennett and Rev Rajesh Patole for much of the trip.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Marshall

On behalf of the International Missions Team

Greetings all,

I'd like to thank Andrew for writing this report and to see that the people of the Alliance churches still have a strong vision for missions. Prayers and Blessings to the upcoming India team mission and the 2019 teams to Tonga and China mission, dates to be announced.

It has been a difficult year for me personally as I have had health issues that also challenged me in all aspects of my life. My personal theme song has been "Through it all, through it all, I've learnt to trust in Jesus Yes I've learnt to Trust in God. Though all I've learnt to depend upon his word...."

In regards to missions I share these reflections not from the perspective of a spiritual giant, but one of a rather ordinary Christian who in Christ has extraordinary possibilities. The foundational ethos of our mission is the principle of the fishes and loaves that Jesus used to feed the multitudes. The scope of a small church from a small nation reaching out to the needs of a global world defies the logic that only the God of a David who defeated Goliath or a God who would use a small group of Jewish disciples to preach the Gospel to the world. A God that constantly uses the weak to confound the wise. Many of you know that I am a former soldier and served in the New Zealand Defence forces for eight years from a sense of duty and patriotism. However commendable this may seem, for me missions comes not from a sense of duty but a sense of Love for Jesus.

Jesus restored the Apostle Peter to Ministry after he denied Christ three times. Jesus' question to Peter was; "Do you love (Agape or unconditional love) me?" Three times Peter replied; "Yes I love you (Philadelphia or brotherly love)." Interesting that Peter was only able to reply using brotherly love whilst Jesus always gives unconditional love word of Agape. However God can take the crumbs we have to offer and in feeding the multitudes it's not what we do for God, but what God does for us as he transforms us from Philadelphia or a conditional type love, towards an understanding of the Agape the unconditional love that is the foundation of the Kingdom to come.

I am happy when the people of God support missions, however even better, when we give our works to God with all our hearts. Then God is Happy, and he transforms our filthy works into gold and diamonds that will adorn our robes of righteousness at the marriage feast of Christ for we as the church are both guests and the bride. Missions for me Heavenly participation, is like Heavenly gold mining where we have the opportunity to store riches and treasures in Heaven, for we are part of other people's legacy, who have prayed and worked for our salvation, yet others wait as they are our treasures waiting for us to redeem these precious stones for the eternal Kingdom. I invite you but more importantly God invites you to be a Co-labourer in Christ

Happy Gold Mining

David Nuualiitia (Chairman)

LICENSING & ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Following the retirement of Rev John Gummer, we have been unable to fill the position of Chairman and as such this committee has not been functioning during the past 12 months. This is an important team and we need to find a suitable Chairperson as soon as possible to continue the good work of this team.

Many thanks to Rev Gummer who has remained in contact with us and is available if required urgently. Also, thanks to the other team members: Mario Varre and Rev Eddy Chan

Respectively submitted in absence of Chairperson

Rev Andrew Marshall
National Director

RULES COMMITTEE

Our team was only involved with checking the 2017 Council AGM Minutes. These were checked first by the National Leadership Team and then submitted to the churches for their reference.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev Andrew Marshall (Chairman)
Alistair Clark, Julia Lee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Annual General Meeting, 2018

The following people have been nominated to serve with the Christian & Missionary Alliance.

National Leadership Team Members (2 year terms) – Minimum of 2 people required

- National Director – Rev Andrew Marshall
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Current Members: Ron Maddox (BBCC), Rev Gordon Miller (WHAC), Rev Gary Chan (CACC)

Nominating Committee (1 year term) – 2 People required

- Rev Gary Chan
- Rev Gordon Miller

Rules Committee (3 Year Terms)

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Rev Andrew Marshall

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Nominating Committee

Grace Nuualiitia (Chan), Paul Chan, Gray Chan, Gordon Miller