



## Newsletter Autumn 2018

Dear HealthServe Australia friends,

I would like to thank all HealthServe Australia members, friends and team for their great efforts and important partnerships. This is allowing us to make further steps toward our vision of global health transformed by accessible, compassionate and high-quality health care for all.

### FUN-RUN FUNDRAISERS

There has been much activity and many of the office team as well as our partners have participated in various fun runs around the country. There are more opportunities to come. We have so far raised more than \$6000 in the last 9 months from fun-runs, for the programs in Tanzania, South Sudan and Uganda. And we are all fitter and healthier for this activity.



City2Surf  
Sydney  
2017  
raised  
over  
\$3000 for  
HSA  
Projects



### PRIME

We are delighted with the progress of our Partnerships in International Medical Education (PRIME). These education programs are delivering, coaching and facilitating targeted education to health workers and communities.

We have received an invitation for Indonesia in June this year. Carolyn Russell and Sharon Darlington will lead this team. We are also continuing to strengthen our Australian-Hainan (China) General Practitioner Support network. Visits to Hainan are planned for August and we hope to have Hainan people visit us again in Sydney later in the year. Les White continues his PRIME Chaplaincy training in Papua New Guinea and in new settings in the Solomon Islands and Vietnam.

I was able to attend PRIME training in the UK in March (yes! the temperature was thirty-three but Fahrenheit and not Celsius) and that white material on the ground was truly snow. Nevertheless, the welcomes were warm and friendships genuine and the learning important and strategic. We may well adapt and use their program models: Whole Person Medicine, The Good Teacher and Compassion Without Burnout, both for sharing with our overseas partners and with our local partners as well.

### OUR 2018 VENTURES

We are continuing our partnerships in implementing affordable and sustainable solutions to health needs. The Yotkom program in northern Uganda continues to build its capacity and services under the able and committed leadership of Andrew and Anne Wright. The Tarime Water and Sanitation



program in northern Tanzania is underway. St Mark's Clinic in the Wedweil community of South Sudan is moving ahead. We thank all our partners and supporters as we journey on with these new endeavours.



Tarime Water project, Tanzania – Tank installed from Healthserve funds raised on fun-runs

## NEW DIRECTIONS

2018 has produced an opportunity to advocate for improvement in access to health care with our near neighbours. We are delighted to have commenced a special women's health program in the Pacific Islands – the Pacific Island Cervical Cancer Screening Initiative (PICCSI). Dr Nicola Fitzgerald (Melbourne) and Dr Amanda Hill (Fiji) are undertaking a pilot program in Fiji to develop a program for Cervical Cancer Screening across the Pacific Islands.



PICCSI Program: Cervical Cancer Screening Pilot Program, Fiji set to commence in August 2018

We are collaborating with decision makers and stakeholders to implement evidence based practice. The Papua New Guinea Community Health Worker manual program continues with important work from HealthServe Australia's Gerri Koelma and John Oakley.



We are taking more steps to empower individuals and communities to transform health outcomes for people in resource-poor settings. We are facilitating scholarships for delegates from low income countries to attend the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA) World Congress in Hyderabad India in August 2018.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome Nicole Hughes from Melbourne as a new board member. Nicole has much experience in program management. She will greatly strengthen this aspect of our work. We are also most grateful for the leadership of recent added board member, Rachel Gijbers-Hayman for strengthening our commitment to Child safety standards across all our settings and partnerships.



New Board Members: Nicole Hughes (left) and Rachel Gijbers - Hayman (Right)



I see this work in all its various aspects and settings is your work and your ministry in building towards global health transformed by accessible, compassionate and high-quality health care for all. This is in keeping with Christian teaching of seeing God's Kingdom and all born in His image flourish.

If any of our supporters would like to donate to any of our projects please click on this link below

<http://www.healthserve.org.au/how-to-support.html> and select a project from the bottom of the donations page

May God bless you,

Dr Michael Burke  
Executive Officer  
HealthServe Australia

**HSA VISION** – Global health transformed by accessible, compassionate and high-quality health care for all.

**HSA MISSION:** To empower individuals and communities to transform health outcomes for people in resource poor settings