

**The SIM Effect**  
How Your Prayers & Gifts are Making a Difference

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*Therefore, compelled by God’s great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit... We cross barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, expressing His love and compassion among those who live and die without Him...* (Extract from the SIM mission and vision statement)  
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In Matthew 14, Jesus appeared to His disciples walking on the sea amidst a storm, reassuring them to take courage and have no fear. Peter responded by saying, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water”. Jesus replied with a single word: “Come”. He invited Peter to cross an impossible barrier, to walk on water.

The word “come” is an invitation to commit, an invitation to trust, an invitation to act and an invitation to intimacy with the Saviour through an encounter with Him. As long as Peter fixed his eyes on Jesus, all was well. But the moment he shifted his eyes to his circumstances, the churning seas, he began to sink. The condition of the sea never changed, only Peter’s focus. The story concludes with our Lord’s intervention, bringing Peter safely into the boat.

Jesus’ invitation to come to Him and cross barriers to communities where He is least known

extends to all followers of Jesus. We are all called to respond, to fix our eyes on Jesus, step off the boat, and walk on water. When we respond to Christ’s call, we will receive the opportunity to experience Him newly. The reality is that God invites us to places where He is already present. Whenever God calls, He is already at work. The boat is the safest place in a storm.

How are you responding to the Lord’s invitation to “Come, cross barriers with me?” Perhaps, He is asking you and I, having travelled so far with Him in places that we do know, to take up a new challenge in 2017 and experience Him in new ways and under new circumstances.

Crossing barriers together,

**Dr Joshua Bogunjoko**  
SIM International Director



Thank you for your faithful partnership in 2016! Our supporters are the backbone of SIM Australia. Without your generosity in finances and faithfulness in prayer, we could not do what we do!

The heart of SIM is mobilising men and women to make disciples and reach those who are living and dying without the Good News. In 2016, 203 SIM Australia missionaries and associates partnered with national believers and churches to share Christ’s love in 30 countries. Thanks to your generosity, \$5.4 million was contributed for missionary support and over \$1.2 million was contributed for projects expressing Christ’s love to the vulnerable.

In 2018, SIM will celebrate its 125th anniversary. The Lord has blessed the ministry of SIM over many years in Africa, Asia and South America. As SIM looks to the future, the Middle East has been identified as a strategic region for ministry. I have recently returned from a trip to the Middle East where I was privileged to meet with well-established partners who share our vision of making disciples amongst people living and dying without the Gospel. Please join me in praying that the Lord of the harvest will raise up more resilient workers for this region.

Hope and peace,

**Dr Omar Djoandy**  
SIM Australia National Director

**SIM**  
Serving In Mission

4000  
active  
workers

representing  
around  
70  
nationalities

servicing in  
70+  
countries

## Ministry Highlights



SIM Australia missionaries are able to serve because of your faithful support and prayers. We hope you will be encouraged about some of the ways we have been mobilising more people for global mission!



### Engaging with Young Adults

The year provided many opportunities for engagement with young adults. SIM's mobilisers were able to meet and chat with many young people throughout the year at various conferences and events. Through these connections, mobilisers were able to challenge young people to consider mission opportunities with SIM.

In Sydney, a group for young adults called "Generation SIM" was established. Inspired by old groups that met in the '80s and '90s, Generation SIM provides an opportunity for young people to engage with mission issues in a relaxed setting over dessert. SIM missionaries, David and Christine Jeyachandran, shared about university ministry in Peru at the first meeting in July and gave the challenge that God can empower anyone for His mission.

In Adelaide, the SIM Engage internship was officially launched in June as a way of providing young people with "hands on" training and mentoring in cross-cultural mission. Interns are partnered with their local church and other local ministries that are reaching out to people from least reached people groups. The first intern, Daniel, is growing in his faith, skills and confidence to share Christ cross-culturally.

Please pray that in 2017 the internship can expand to other states in Australia and that God might continue to raise up the next generation of His people to serve in mission.

### Central Asia Prayer Journey Trip

In June 2016, a short-term Prayer Journey team was sent with SIM to Central Asia.

The Prayer Journey team visited different parts of the country to learn more about unreached minority groups. The team was encouraged to visit a church where more than 500 people gather weekly and receive faithful teaching from the Word. Another highlight for one couple was visiting SIM Australia missionaries, Josh\* and Renée\*, who work amongst an unreached minority group. This couple were invited by Josh's language teacher to a feast to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

Praise God that SIM Australia missionaries such as Josh and Renée are faithfully making Christ known in Central Asia. We continue to appreciate your prayers.



### Home Ministry

SIM Mobilisers and home staff journey with applicants to move them to serving in the field. We praise God that 43 people attended orientation throughout the year. SIM home staff have continued to journey with those applicants who have gone on to become associates and members.

Please consider partnering with us in supporting SIM Australia's home staff as they mobilise people, prayer and funds for mission. Over half of all home staff however do not get paid a 'normal' salary and rely on gifts from their local church, family and friends to support them in their vital ministry.

You can contribute to our SIM Australia home-missionary team and our operational costs by giving to our Home Ministry Fund. We received over \$200,000 to this fund in the last fiscal year.

## SIM Project Highlights

### reaching the unreached

SIM Australia supports a wide range of projects in communities around the world where Christ is least known. We give thanks to God for providing over \$1.2 million for projects for the period 1 October, 2015 to 30 September, 2016.

## REACHING THE UNREACHED PROJECTS

Funds received: \$314k

*Reaching the Unreached* projects contribute directly towards Christian evangelism and discipleship ministries making Christ known amongst people living and dying without hearing the Good News of the Gospel. These projects are run in partnership with local churches, Christian organisations and SIM missionaries. Below are two examples of *Reaching the Unreached* projects:

### EASTERN MANDE CLUSTER TRANSLATION

#### The Bible for Bokobaru People

SIM has undergone a joint venture with The Seed Company (affiliate of Wycliffe) to translate 30% of the Bible into three West African languages: Kyanga, Shanga and Busa by 2018. The project has the potential to reach up to 60,000 Bokobaru people in fifty towns and villages. In faith, the vision is that by translating Scripture and other material into the heart language of the Bokobaru people, many will turn to the Lord and churches will be established.

The project is coordinated by Australian SIM missionary, Ross Jones, who has served for 48 years. He said, *"I have never lost my sense of call, which has extended from my first language, Boko, to five others."* In 2016, Ross finished translation work that he commenced in 1969! There is still work to be done in providing tools to support the Bible translation (e.g. language dictionaries). It is expected that the project will be completed by 30 September 2017.

Thanks to those who have been generously supporting this work.

### FULFULDE MINISTRY TRAINING CENTRE

#### Equipping for Evangelism

Adrian\* is one of the teachers at Fulfulde Ministry Training Centre. His passion is to teach and train Fulani and Wodaabe people to be lay pastors and teachers because he sees the potential for more believers to be equipped to share the Good News of Jesus.

The Fulfulde Ministry Training Centre is now in its seventh year of operation. More than 91 students who have attended the centre have been greatly strengthened in their personal faith and grown in their skills to contextualise the Gospel in a way that resonates with the Fulani/ Wodaabe people. For example, there is a strong focus on oral story telling.

*You can support priority projects that partner with churches to help make Christ known where He is least known by giving to our Reaching the Unreached Fund (09310).*



## SIMaid Project Highlights

### ministering to human need

SIMaid contributes to projects providing practical assistance through clean water, food security, education, income generation and health services. SIMaid projects demonstrate the love and mercy of Jesus by ministering to people's physical, intellectual, social and emotional needs.

Included below are some highlights from a selection of our SIMaid projects:

### GIRLS OFF THE STREETS

Funds received: \$209k

#### BANGLADESH: CHILDREN'S UPLIFT PROGRAM

##### Giving Vulnerable Girls a Lift Up

SIM's *Children's Uplift Program* (CUP) helps meet the needs of women and children who live and work on the streets of Bangladesh.

The project runs a drop-in centre for girls, mothers and pregnant women, offering counselling, health advice, literacy classes and vocational training. The program currently has 35 women enrolled for the next 1-2 years. One woman happily participating in CUP and experiencing God's love is Sara\*. Sara desires to get a decent job after being trained by CUP in sewing and tailoring. Her dream is for her son to experience a better life and receive an education.

Thanks to your generosity and support, nineteen girls/women were given certificates after completing a training program in June 2016.

#### SOUTH ASIA: REDLIGHT-GREENLIGHT

##### Never Alone

*Redlight-Greenlight* works alongside girls who are survivors of sexual abuse and sex trafficking, helping them move toward healing.

Fourteen-year-old Kristi\* from a neighbouring country was trafficked into the city where the Redlight-Greenlight aftercare home operates. Kristi ran away after repeated incidents of rape by her sister's husband and ended up at Redlight-Greenlight. She has a very open heart. One night around a campfire she shared tearfully in front of more than one hundred people,

*"I thought I was all alone, since I couldn't go back to my family and country. But now I realise... that I'm not alone."*

Kristi has now been successfully repatriated to her home country to live with her parents. There were roughly twelve girls in the home at a time. Four girls have turned eighteen and been transitioned into a women's home, five have been restored to their families and four have gone to different homes.

### HOPE FOR AIDS

Funds received: \$197k

#### HOPE FOR AIDS THAILAND (RADICAL GRACE)

##### Relational Approaches to HIV

*HOPE for AIDS Thailand (Radical Grace)* project uses a holistic, relational approach to offer support to people living with HIV and AIDS. The cover photo of this year's SIM Effect features the project's Holistic and Support Worker, Sutin Keereekaiwan, with his daughter. Sutin is an integral part of the team and has a pastoral heart which is a perfect fit for journeying alongside, supporting and empowering people living with and affected by HIV.

In March 2016, *HOPE for AIDS Thailand (Radical Grace)* was blessed to have a small team from a partner church, Werribee Baptist Church in Melbourne, visit and conduct a three-day interactive staff development workshop. The workshop was focused on issues of sexuality and addressed the innate need as humans to be loved. The workshop received good feedback and the team was keen to try to translate these key ideas into a Thai context and incorporate this teaching into *HOPE for AIDS Thailand (Radical Grace)* ministries.



## HOPE FOR AIDS

### ZIMBABWE: OPERATION NEIGHBOUR CARE

#### Helping Orphans Soar

*"What do you hope for in the future?"*

Year Seven student, Paula\*, replies with a broad smile, "I hope to become a school teacher". She lets out a little giggle and then adds, "so that I can teach all orphans [for] free."

Paula is one of 187 orphaned or vulnerable children who are assisted financially through HOPE for AIDS' Operation Neighbour Care project. Paula lives with her uncle's family because her father died from HIV and AIDS when she was seven and her mother abandoned the family. If Paula did not receive a scholarship, she would not be able to attend high school and would have had to find a job to earn an income. Thanks to the generosity of HOPE for AIDS supporters, she not only attends school but often tops her classes. She has also been chosen for leadership opportunities because of her conscientiousness.

Thanks to your support, Paula is on her way to achieving her dream of becoming a school teacher.

## COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION FUND

Funds received: \$374k

### NIGER: SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE

#### Seeds of Transformation

In the Sahel region of Niger, farmers and their families in rural village communities struggle to survive due to insufficient food, poor nutrition and sanitation. SIM's *Sowing Seeds of Change* project is training farmers and facilitating land regeneration and food sustainability programs. In the past year, the project was able to buy 3.5 hectares of land.

The project also runs a health program designed to empower women through hygiene education and traditional birth attendant training. This program is helping to reduce the risk of disease and complication during pregnancy and childbirth.

*Your contributions to the people of the Sahel region are helping families to provide for themselves.*

### NIGER: GALMI HOSPITAL BENEVOLENT FUND

#### Life Giving Treatment

Treatment for cancer is expensive no matter where you live, and more often than not requires more than a single treatment. In Niger, the situation is no different but the economic level of most people near Galmi Hospital is one of the lowest in the world. Yet, life-giving treatment is possible. Galmi provides two possibilities for treating cancer: surgery and chemotherapy.

Most people in Niger cannot afford cancer treatment and so the *Benevolent Fund* helps to stand in the gap by covering hospital costs for disadvantaged people in Niger with serious illnesses and significant need.

*"My hope is that we can cover all the cost of chemotherapy for certain cancers that have very good outcomes when they are treated."*  
Dr Anne Sophie Rowcroft, SIM Australia missionary serving as an Obstetrician at Galmi Hospital

*Please consider partnering with us in the New Year in sharing the love and mercy of Jesus with cancer patients in Niger.*

*You can support priority projects that demonstrate the love and mercy of Jesus through aid and development by giving to our tax-deductible Where Most Needed Fund (68011). If you would like more information about any of these priority projects, visit [www.sim.org.au](http://www.sim.org.au) or contact our Partner Relations team: [partner.relations@sim.org.au](mailto:partner.relations@sim.org.au)*

Note: All figures represent Oct 2015 to Sep 2016 fiscal year outcomes.

\*Name changed to protect identity

# SIM AUSTRALIA

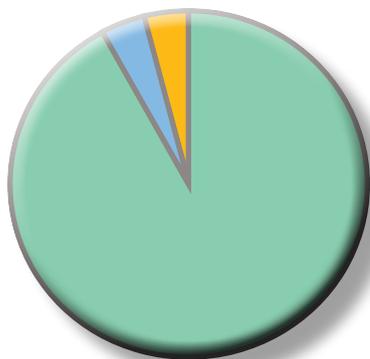
## FINANCE OVERVIEW

1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016

### Income Statement 1 Oct 2015 - 30 Sep 2016

	Consolidated	
	2016 \$(000's)	2015 \$(000's)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	7,355	7,192
Bequests	309	116
Other	355	438
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>7,746</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Missionary Support	5,391	4,601
Project	1,245	1,315
Personnel	712	618
Administration and Fundraising	396	481
Other	268	276
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,011</b>	<b>7,291</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>455</b>

### INCOME



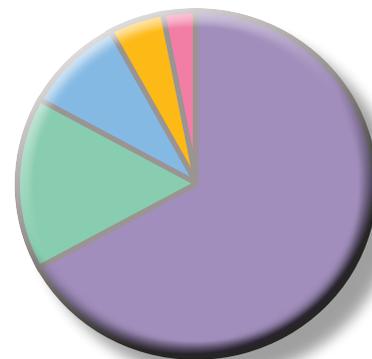
- Donations [92%]
- Bequests [4%]
- Other [4%]

SIM relies on generous Australians like you who support our missionaries and projects. We work hard to make sure the resources entrusted to us are invested in God's kingdom and used efficiently and effectively for cross-cultural mission.

### Balance Sheet As at 30 Sep 2016

	Consolidated	
	2016 \$(000's)	2015 \$(000's)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	508	1,114
Receivables	56	95
Financial Assets	7,365	6,727
Property, Plant & Equipment	1,982	2,019
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>9,911</b>	<b>9,954</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Provisions	70	44
Payables	348	427
Loans	137	137
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>607</b>
Missionary & Projects Designated Funds	5,321	5,115
Operations	(167)	38
Non Expendible: Bequests	2,219	2,175
Non Expendible: Fixed Assets	1,982	2,019
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>	<b>9,356</b>	<b>9,347</b>

### EXPENDITURE



- Missionary Support [67%]
- Project [16%]
- Personnel [9%]
- Administration & Fundraising [5%]
- Other [3%]

## Partnering with SIM in 2017

- I'm interested in exploring mission; please contact me
- Email me your monthly enews
- Post me newsletters
- Send me information about leaving a bequest
- Remove me from your mailing list

Project	Code	Amount
<b>TAX-DEDUCTIBLE</b>		
Where Most Needed Fund (aid and development)	68011	\$
Girls off the Streets Fund	09340	\$
HOPE for AIDS Fund	09330	\$
Community Transformation Fund	09320	\$
Other:		\$
<b>NON TAX-DEDUCTIBLE</b>		
Home Ministry Fund (under-supported missionaries)	67100	\$
Reaching the Unreached Project Fund	09310	\$
Other:		\$
		\$
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$

\*SIMaid is the aid and development arm of SIM Australia. Donations over \$2 to SIMaid projects and funds are tax-deductible. All donations will receive a receipt.

### MY DETAILS \*required fields

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Please make all cheques payable to SIM Australia.

Give to SIM Australia through Steer Inc - visit [www.steerinc.com](http://www.steerinc.com)

### WHO WE ARE

SIM Australia mobilises people, prayer and funds to make Christ known. We facilitate missionaries from anywhere to everywhere to reach the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to partner with local churches to evangelise, disciple and share the love of Christ. We support a wide range of projects to minister to human need, including aid and development initiatives through our tax-deductible arm SIMaid.

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