

This is a snapshot of who we are and what's been achieved in the last 12 months, July 2019 to June 2020. That's our financial year here in Australia. COVID-19 has made this year a very different time so some activities have been scaled down but are still active.

### ***Heart for Kids structure.***

Our head office is located in Sydney and operates out of the business facility of one of our major supporters. This helps drastically reduce administration overheads.

### ***Our Sydney team:***

- David Ryan; founder and snr. leader
- Frencing Sastradjaja; operations manager, 3 days per week
- Peter Chung; accountant and finance manager, 2 days weekly
- Ken Lee; board chairman,
- Beth Ryan, Tom & Adele Chan; board members

We are also blessed to have volunteers located in Australia, the UK and USA

### ***What does Heart for Kids do?***

We're currently directly operating 10 programs in China:

- Doves Wings foster home
- 8 village / city areas providing education scholarships and mentoring
- Short-term teams (when travel permits)

We also serve in 7 areas where we partner with others, sharing resources and leadership:

- 3 programs with Little Fish
- India, partnering with an organisation in 3 children's homes
- India, a new partner in northern India running child development centres & planning to build a school
- Indonesia, an organisation providing a young adults home and assisting childrens programs in a slum area and a hospital.



*Village educational support*

## China

COVID-19 has changed our ministry in 2020 dramatically. But our care for the kids continues. In our own programs we employ the staff and provide all the resources. These are quite diverse programs.

Our in-country project team oversee these programs. Two of the three people in our project team have served with us for 10 years. They divide the work between themselves and ensure all aspects of the ministry are carried out. David oversees the team providing direction, training and mentoring.

**Doves Wings** is our foster home for the care of babies and toddlers in family size groups. The children come from the government orphanage who provide institutional type care. Doves Wings provide much smaller family type care.

We employ child carers; known as ayis, who look after the children. This dedicated team of ladies are the children's primary care team. During this



Team member with Doves Wings child

year we have averaged 9 children. We have had 2 children adopted from Doves Wings during the year, bringing the total number adopted to 46.

The home has a lead ayi who reports to our program leader Wendy. Before COVID-19 struck we had approx. 6 volunteers who lived locally and helped in Doves Wings, often for half-day periods once or twice weekly.

We also have a team of ladies from England and Australia who provide guidance and mentoring for the Doves Wings staff through Wendy. This team all have skills in the medical or educational care of children and have all visited Doves Wings at least once. They provide guidance, recognise resources that would benefit the children's treatment and growth and liaise with Wendy.

**Village educational support** enables children to remain in school when they would otherwise have had to leave early, maybe at 12 or 14, to seek employment. Children are identified and their needs

assessed to ensure they really do need the type of help we can provide and they are committed to the basic requirements needed to join the "Heart For Kids Family". Apart from the financial situation of the family being such that they are unable to keep the child in school, the children themselves must also be committed to build a relationship with our team and remain in school.

Some of the children have graduated from high school and were able to gain admittance to university. However again without a scholarship of some sort they would not have been able to attend.

Children live either in their village home with whatever family members they may have, or they may live in the university dormitory. Villages are mostly 1.5 to 2 hours from our office. Children's family situations can vary dramatically. They may be with their parents / grandparents. They may have experienced past situations where one or both parents have died through accident or violence. Parents who have left them with grandparents for various reasons. Children may have been picked up from places of abandonment, such as beside roads or rubbish dumps.

Our staff visit the children a number of times during the year. During these visits they spend time mentoring them, discussing children's individual needs and situations, hopes and dreams. They discuss and help with struggles in the home, village or school. Visits were put on hold when lockdown was introduced in January 2020.

We continue to receive encouraging testimonies from older children and young adults who have shared their thanks for having been part of the



Short term team

family and received help. One university age girl in particular said, *"I don't know what my life would have been like without the help I received"*.

We have averaged 105 children receiving educational scholarships during 2019-2020.

**Short-term teams** are not directly bringing aid to children however are doing so through the members of each team sowing into the lives of the children in most of our China programs. Our teams are made up of people from different countries that come to China for 1 to 2 weeks and serve in the various programs.

Heart For Kids organise the team logistics and the team members organise the program activities. We have run two teams in this reporting period:

- Team 57 July 2019
- Team 58 October 2019

Teams are either International, whose members come from various countries, or Boutique. Boutique teams are groups who come with their own leader and we organise all the logistics for them.

**Partner programs.** Our snr. leader, David, is also on the board of our partner organisation Little Fish. We've had a relationship with them for over 12 years, helping with leadership, mentoring, training, finances and volunteers.

**Little Fish Orphanage program** is for primary age children, mostly with special needs, who live in the orphanage we serve. Programs are run which give the children opportunities to explore and express their personal desires, interests and skills. The children learn various crafts, explore singing



*Little Fish partner program*

and music, reading and general personal relationship skills through weekly classes. Our short-term teams lead these classes when available.

**Little Fish Welfare Home program** is for adults with special needs. Members grew up in the orphanage but when they reached 15-16 years old were moved to a welfare home for adults. Our programs provide them with similar outlets as the younger children.

**Migrant workers children** have trouble accessing education. With Little Fish we help provide classes during the week and on Saturdays which teach the children English and increase their reading skills. Our short-term teams are involved in these classes too.

### **India**

Due to local government regulations the children's homes have been re-structuring. Some children's have had to move to areas closer to their villages and this has been unsettling for them. Our partners have been running these homes for nearly 20 years. There is one home for about 20 girls and two boys homes for about 20 boys each.



*David with children from one of our partner child centres*

We have also funded particular projects. For instance the education for all the children.

We have entered into a new partnership in Nth India. We will help lead Child Development Centres. During COVID-19 times we have also been providing emergency relief food parcels. Together we have purchased a large block of land on which a school, hostel and farming activities are planned.

### **Indonesia**

The work in Indonesia is different from both other countries. Here we partner with an organisation that has provided a group of young adults with a safe home in Denpasar. The object is to provide this safe place for them to live, gain an education, seek employment, be mentored in leadership in the local church which runs youth programs.

Our work here is fairly small. The safe house has been completed. Youth from the safe house are also leading activities in a child cancer ward and slum area, however due to COVID-19 these have been suspended. We're also helping with emergency food relief.

We do hope to increase the work in Indonesia during the coming year.



### **Supporters and Sponsors**

The model for support varies from program to program and then from country to country. It's not always possible to include children in sponsorship programs due to local cultural expectations or restrictions.

As people sponsor a child's program their support allows us to lead the program and support the child. Doves Wings provides 24/7 care.

Village children receive educational support and scholarships. So each program is different.

Partner program funding is a mixture of sponsored children and general funding.

In India we have child sponsorships and we support the Child Development Centres as well as our long term project to build a school / hostel / farm.

Indonesia is not a sponsorship program and is funded from general donations.

Every sponsor or donor enables us to provide the best programs suitable for the child.

At the end of the year we had 184 children in our sponsorship family. There are approximately another 100 children in programs that are funded from general donations.

### **Sydney events**

At the end of 2019 we held a volunteer and supporter thank you dinner in Sydney. This was a very enjoyable evening where we were able to show our gratitude to those who have been helping in many ways.



*Debbie and Chris spoke about their visit to Doves Wings*

Due to COVID-19 all events in 2020 have been cancelled.



## Finances

This is a summary of funds for country programs in the 2019 / 2020 year. This is not a financial report but a simple guide as to the amount of ministry being done in respective countries. Funds are not always sent to the country if they are allocated for emergency relief, medical allocations or future programs and resources.

Total income for 2017-2018	\$411,734
Total funds sent to China in this year	\$164,099
Total funds sent to India in this year	\$92,145
Total funds sent to Indonesia in this year	\$19,592
Other funds allocated to projects in general	\$262,457

Our achieved goal is to allocate 83% or more of donations to the programs.

## 2020-2021

Because of COVID-19 many plans are on hold. We simply don't know when teams and events will commence. However we do plan some new activities:

- In July we will begin monthly international online prayer meetings hosted in 3 countries
- Emergency aid will increase for children and their families.
- We are looking forward to the day when our short term teams can again serve



46 Doves Wings kids have been adopted



COVID-19 emergency relief in our child development areas has been an important part of our support this year