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## TRANSFORMING LIVES WITH JESUS' COMPASSION





### **Message from the National Director**

Dear Friends,

Our world seems to be constantly focused on the individual and self-preservation. Often it seems that compassion toward others is something we try to fit in (and then only if it doesn't put us out or necessitate

sacrifice). However, the truth is that lives are transformed and impacted when we live in a compassionate way towards others. As followers of Jesus, this can take many forms. In this edition of *Mission Together*, we will introduce you to some of the ways SIM mission workers are transforming lives with Jesus' compassion all around the world – both in the present and for eternity.

In the Gospel accounts of Jesus, we witness His compassion toward the whole person, addressing both external physical needs and the internal needs of their heart and soul as individuals. The key importance was that Jesus noticed and cared for people who were often overlooked or discarded by others. At the start of John 5, the lame man who had been sick for 38 years was lying at the entrance of Jerusalem and no one ever helped him to get into the pool of Bethesda. But Jesus noticed him and responded. At other times, Jesus' compassion extended to large crowds. In the next chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus sees the multitude looking for Him and His immediate concern is to feed them – all 5,000 of them.

The essential thing to remember is that as Jesus fed or healed people, it was not an isolated event to simply help the physical needs of people. These instances pointed to the reality of Jesus as the son of God – the One who brings life, both now and for eternity. They reveal to us who Jesus is and how we are to live for Him in this world today. As we look back at the history of early cross-cultural workers with SIM, their motivation in going was to bring the Good News of Jesus to communities where He is least known. They had a deep compassion to respond and give their lives to serve others. In many ways, the ministries of health care and discipleship went hand-in-hand to see and respond to those who were forgotten and overlooked. This kind of ministry continues today as SIM Members serve as Gospel workers in hospitals, among refugee communities, to those suffering trauma & affected by disease and through many other ways.

Jesus has called us to live with compassion in this world. As you read the articles in this edition of *Mission Together*, there will be insights on how this is happening today through SIM globally. It is a reminder and challenge to all of us to consider how we respond with compassion to those who are overlooked.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting those who are responding with Jesus' compassion and seeing lives changed together in God's mission.

Together in Him,

Malcolm Watts National Director

### Compassion in Action at Galmi Hospital

Since 1950, SIM's Galmi Hospital has stood as an oasis in the desert. With 180 beds, this hospital offers compassionate care to people from all walks of life. It also serves as a training centre for surgical residents from several African countries. The outpatient clinics serve up to 300 men, women, and children daily.

The workers serving in Galmi are motivated to use their expertise and knowledge in healthcare as a bridge to share the love of Jesus. Each day, patients have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message.

Located in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries, the difficult reality is that many patients at Galmi cannot afford healthcare. Galmi is the only hospital in the country that provides emergency, life-saving care without requiring payment upfront. SIMaid's Galmi Benevolent Fund aims to tangibly demonstrate God's compassionate heart by either reducing or covering the medical fees for patients who are unable to afford them. The hospital has a case manager who assesses needy families on a case-by-case basis and allocates financial assistance.

Every year, the hospital subsidises chemotherapy treatment for certain types of treatable cancers through the Benevolent Fund. One example is choriocarcinoma, a cancer of the placenta that affects many young women in this region. Without timely treatment, these cancers can be fatal, leaving behind many motherless children. Unfortunately, the cost of chemotherapy for this cancer is approximately equivalent to a year's wages, making it unattainable for most people in Niger.

Recently the hospital saw a young woman, Zara\*, in the gynaecology clinic. She returned to show staff how her baby was growing after giving birth. Two years beforehand, the team were seeing Zara week in and week out for treatment of this cancer. After many rounds of chemotherapy, she eventually became cancer-free. She then patiently waited a full year to make sure that the cancer didn't come back before becoming pregnant. Zara's lifesaving chemotherapy and care was unaffordable to her family, but thankfully, she received support from the Benevolent Fund.

David, who serves with SIM at Galmi in administration, said, "Galmi Hospital views our investment in chemotherapy as strategic – not only can it be lifesaving, but patients have ongoing contact with our hospital over many months. This enables many opportunities to see God's love in action and hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus."

\*Name changed to protect identity

**GIVE**: Galmi has the heart to extend compassion to more people in Niger who cannot afford lifesaving healthcare. Do you want to financially partner with this project? You can give a tax-deductible gift at <u>sim.org.au/</u> <u>galmibenevolent</u> or fill in the form on the back page.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

•Galmi's Benevolent Fund financially supported 924 patients last year (a total cost of \$133,000 in medical care).

• The Fund assists those who are most disadvantaged, including cancer patients, typhoid patients and orphans.

• Currently, the Benevolent Fund only has approximately 15% of its ongoing monthly budget met by monthly pledge supporters.







Kira - SIM Australia Mission Worker Frances has journeyed with Kira who is preparing to serve in Central Europe Dr Omar Djoeandy SIM Australia Missions Engagement <u>Consultant</u>

### **Do Justice & Compassion Ministries have a Place in Missions?**



Growing up in Ethiopia as a SIM Missionary Kid, Frances witnessed at a young age what it looked like to care for people holistically on the mission field. Her parents, Steve and Terry Early, were committed to extending compassion to vulnerable people by addressing both spiritual and physical

needs. Steve focused on community development, while Terry visited villages as a community health nurse and midwife.

"Around the year 2000, my mum transitioned to working alongside our partner church in Ethiopia in their response to HIV and AIDS," Frances explained. "Although I was very young when it started, seeing how much she cared for others was really important for me."

Frances was exposed to conversations about the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS. A person living with HIV can sometimes face rejection, even by their family. During that period, there was a widespread belief that you could contract HIV by visiting someone with AIDS, and if you did contract it, it was seen as a consequence of sinful behaviour.

Mission and church leaders worked together to combat this stigma in the community. The church's project aimed not only to provide compassionate care but also to educate about prevention and principles for Biblical living. Terry joined the church ministry later as a joint project manager.

At the age of 13, Frances helped at a vacation Bible school for children affected by HIV & AIDS. The two-week program included games, arts and crafts and memorising memory verses. "It was a really impactful time for me because it was about reaching out to people who were vulnerable children, who were close in age to myself," she said.

"We provided them with a safe place, and we also built trust within the community. They knew that it was a safe place for children to come where they're going to be loved. The people who worked in this project helped empower the community to heal from the impacts of this disease."

In the end, the Early family left Ethiopia because SIM successfully transitioned the project to be managed by people from the Ethiopian church community. Frances saw God transform the hearts of mission workers and the local church, which ultimately led to transformation within the community.

Now serving as a Mission Mobiliser in Australia, Frances focuses on engaging the next generation of cross-cultural workers. In this role, she journeys with Australian believers and churches as they explore getting involved in global missions. One of Frances' highlights is listening to the stories of those who enquire with SIM and supporting them as they prayerfully discern where God would have them serve.

One SIM mission worker Frances has journeyed with is Kira, who is preparing to serve in Central Europe. Trained as a counsellor with a special interest in areas related to trauma, Kira will partner with local churches and organisations to reach those impacted by human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. As the country where Kira will be serving is largely secular, she will also serve in various areas within the local church, including pastoral care, discipleship and teaching.

Frances explained that Kira has a long-term focus on caring for trafficked women and individuals who have experienced trauma. At the same time, Kira felt a calling to serve in mission but didn't necessarily know where she could do that or how she could do that.

After talking with Frances, Kira shared the region she had on her heart. Frances then connected Kira with the SIM team in Central Europe to explore potential opportunities. The response was positive – they were excited about Kira's vision and expressed their willingness to support her.



Frances elaborated, "I think the nice thing about SIM is that we're both specific, but we're also general in who we are. We're specific in that we believe that God has called us to share the Good News with people within least reach communities. So, that's specifically what we're doing but we are purposefully diverse in how we outwork that."

"When we talk about SIM being multi-skilled, multiethnic and multi-denominational, we're not limiting ourselves and who can serve with us. As long as we're sharing God's Good News, there is space to explore that diversity in ministry and gifting for someone like Kira."

When asked about why it is important for SIM to care holistically about the people we minister to and advocate for social justice in least reached communities, Frances reflected: "I think it's about being responsive to our times, and I also think it's about following the example of Jesus.

"He came to save us from our sin - ultimately dying on the cross to bring us into relationship with God. Yet, Jesus never neglected the felt needs of the people in front of Him as well. He fed the 5000 and He healed people who were sick. At the marriage in Cana in the gospel of John, He provided wine at a wedding and it's almost this insignificant miracle. Yet, Jesus was caring for the person right in front of him and their needs in that moment, which was to not be shamed in front of their wedding guests.

"I think Jesus' example helps us to look at the person in front of us and ask, 'What do they need? How can I show them love?' That is a huge witness and testimony for us as Christians. It invites us into friendship, relationship and trust where we get to demonstrate God's love over and over again through both our actions and words."



GO: Do you have a passion to serve in God's global mission with your unique skills and giftings? Whether you are a counsellor, farmer or coach you can use your talents to share the Good News of Jesus in least reached communities. Start the conversation with a Mission Mobiliser, like Frances, by filling in the form on the back page or visiting sim.org.au/ startaconversation.

### Bringing Hope and Healing to Those Affected by Trauma

Approximately 70% of the world's population have been exposed to a traumatic life event<sup>1</sup>. Trauma is the impact in the heart and mind of someone who has experienced suffering, including violence, abuse or disaster. Trauma drastically affects an individual's psychological, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Without God's healing, trauma can greatly impact an individual's daily life, relationships with others, and intimacy with Him. Through the truths found in His Word, God offers hope and healing to those affected by trauma. Motivated by the love of Jesus, SIM is crossing barriers of brokenness and trauma to share the freedom and hope found in the Good News.



SIM's Trauma Healing ministry is a church and community-based program equipping believers with integrated biblical and mental health principles to care for victims of trauma in their communities. Nancy Writebol, SIM

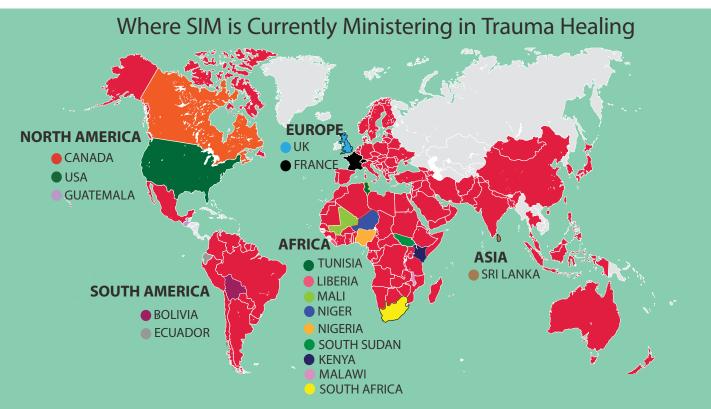
Global Trauma Healing Coordinator, explained: "We must become representatives of our Lord to suffering people. The total number of those suffering from trauma is staggering. People who are suffering long for help and comfort. It is an open door for the church to bend down, like our Lord bent down for us, and to enter into the great traumas of this world with real help and companionship and comfort. Such work often opens the hearts of people to the redeeming work of Jesus Christ."

Jennie Girard, a SIM Australia mission worker based in France, dedicates herself to trauma healing ministry. She leads the 'Healing the Wounds of Trauma' (HWT) training program offered by the Trauma Healing Institute. This training integrates applied Scripture and mental health principles to address spiritual and emotional wounds resulting from trauma related to war, violence, natural disasters, and abuse.

She aims to support those who need the restorative work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Jennie derives great joy from seeing broken lives restored. The training has facilitated significant progress for participants seeking healing. The program is also beneficial for mission workers who desire to be equipped to help others who have suffered trauma.

Jennie explained, "SIM mission workers in many countries are faced with the trauma of the people they were called to work with: including wars, epidemics, natural disasters, social disasters and personal suffering. They are not necessarily equipped to recognise the effects of trauma on people, nor know how to help. It is also vital that mission workers themselves be aware of how trauma affects them and how to deal with it since many experience their own trauma through life, including while serving on the field."

<sup>1</sup> Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress, 2024



Jennie has always had a heart for France. After serving as a teacher to SIM mission kids in West Africa, she completed a theological diploma in French Bible College in 1993. It was during this course that she met her French husband, Pascal. In response to the call to serve the French church, Jennie remained in France.

With a background in Christian counselling, Jennie assisted her denomination in France as part of the Congregational Vitality team. "I was particularly interested in pastoral care and spiritual mentoring which not only helps individuals but is a definite plus for any local church community, especially if it wants to grow and be living witnesses to non-Christians," she said.

Jennie heard about Healing Wounds of Trauma (HWT) through SIM. "I heard about the very positive results it was having in helping parishioners heal from their suffering and moving on with God," she explained. "People going through the program are able to restore their relationships on all levels, to forgive and to grow spiritually again. Healthy Christians create missionally healthy churches. That grew my interest for the Vitality work I was involved in." In 2017 she completed the training so she could lead healing groups and train others to lead them. "HWT is a journey together, sharing our personal experiences and understanding of the dramas we have been through," said Jennie. "It is suitable for helping with all kinds of traumatic experiences and designed to be used as a ministry tool for churches and Christian organisations."

The modules integrate optimal mental health practices and a robust biblical foundation, incorporating exercises from art therapies and methods for managing intense emotions. A list of trained professionals is always available for individuals requiring more personalised assistance at a deeper level.

SIM's Trauma Healing Ministry is praying that there would be trained leaders running groups in every region where SIM is present. "Our vision is to overcome Gospel-barriers through biblical, compassionate trauma care and see every person experience healing in the Lord Jesus Christ," Nancy explained. "Not only do we desire to train SIM leaders but to help the churches SIM has planted address the effects of trauma and loss with resources that integrate biblical and mental health principles."



Training Others to Display Compassion

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." – Psalm 34:18

Read Two testimonials from individuals who have participated in the Healing Wounds of Trauma training:

GK, a church-planter from an immigrant family that fled to France, is involved in a ministry to victims of human trafficking. Having recently completed trauma training, GK shared the following about the experience: "My expectation about this training was that we would learn a lot of technical stuff and theory. But what I loved was the simplicity. We treat a lot of things in the heart but the way to help things is simple. The subjects are hard, but the simplicity of treating it was crazy. I loved it."

**PRAY:** Join us in praying for our mission workers involved in trauma healing ministry around the world. Pray that participants would receiving healing and restoration.

Claire-Elise is an architect involved in a ministry to prostitutes in the south of France. She said about the training, "I think what I keep in mind is the power of listening and how important it is not to project our thoughts on people who are suffering. We can do a lot by listening. God gave us two ears and one mouth, and we should act accordingly."

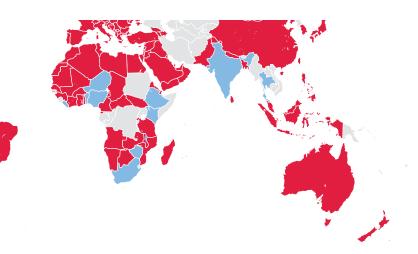


### **Transforming Lives with Hope in Chiang Mai**

Since the height of the HIV epidemic in the 1990s, SIM has been responding to the issue of HIV globally through a range of health and development projects, known collectively as 'Hope for Life' (HFL). Motivated by a desire to display Jesus' love, the heart of SIM's HFL projects is to open doors into communities where people are impacted by HIV, to serve them and to see holistic transformation in their lives. HFL is also equipping churches to respond to local HIV needs in communities and to express the Gospel through compassionate ministries. Currently, SIM has over 20 HFL ministries responding to issues of HIV across 12 countries.

### Locations of Hope For Life projects around the world

- Global
- Asia
- ThailandBenin
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Libéria
- Malawi
- Niger
- Nigeria
- South Africa
- Zimbabwe





SIM Australia mission worker, Jacqui, serves as the SIM Global Ministry Lead for Hope for Life. She explained, "It's not just about care and support, but we're really helping people to step into healthy and thriving lives." As the HFL Ministry Point Person, it's her privilege to support SIM's global network of HIV ministries, connecting them,

encouraging them and helping them be most effective in reaching out to vulnerable communities. Through the HFL projects, SIM has an opportunity to share the love and compassion of Christ with people across the globe. As well as serving as the Ministry Point Person, Jacqui, who is based in Chiang Mai, has served with the HFL Thailand team for ten years. The HFL Thailand project concentrates on bringing the hope and healing of Christ into situations of brokenness. "When we talk about brokenness, we're referring to broken relationships and challenging life circumstances, as well as a fracturing that occurs in our world due to inequalities and marginalisation, violence, stigma and discrimination," said Jacqui.

"Thailand, as a country, has experienced around 200 years of protestant mission work, yet still only 1% of the population knows Christ," Jacqui explained. With a desire for people to experience the love and hope of Jesus, HFL Thailand seeks



to see transformation in individuals and communities. They pursue this by building relationships, providing holistic care to the vulnerable and creating spaces for learning, including coming alongside the local church

One specific initiative focuses on a community in the north of Thailand. The team has established an outreach centre called 'Shalom House'. Jacqui said, "The heart for this space is that it is a really engaging focus point for the community to come and access support and services that are going to be helpful for them." As well as providing a general drop in space for the local community, the HFL Thailand team offers English lessons and extends an invitation to join in its worship and Bible studies.

"Alongside that, we've been actively starting to build relationships in the surrounding community. One way we're doing this is by investing in teaching an English and a Life Skills program in local schools," she shared.

"We teach upper primary students once a week at each of these schools, and we're witnessing some really positive responses from the students and the teachers."

The positive relationships and connections are evident as more students from the schools begin to engage with activities at Shalom House.

"We really want to see those relationships develop further and as we develop the relationships with the students and with their families, we are hoping to have more opportunities to speak life and hope into their circumstances," explained Jacqui.

**GO:** Do you want to use your skills and gifts to make Christ's love known through SIM's Hope for Life ministries and projects? The team are currently in need of workers who have a background in health, communications, education and development. Fill in the form on the back page or visit <u>sim.org.au/hopeforlife</u> to find out more.

#### Alaina's story

Alaina\* is one 11-year-old girl the Hope for Life Thailand team have been journeying with. The team established a connection with her through one of the schools where they teach.

Alaina's father passed away, and her mother remarried, resulting in Alaina living with her aunt and grandmother—an arrangement not uncommon in this community.

The team invited Alaina to visit Shalom House, where she now attends English classes and participates in other programs. Since joining Shalom House, Alaina has also introduced four friends to the centre.

Jacqui expressed her excitement about connecting with this young girl and the opportunity to inspire hope in her life: "It's early days, but I'm truly excited about the engagement we have with this young girl and the opportunity to speak life and hope into her."

"She is a young life that's already been impacted by so much brokenness. At just eleven years old, her life trajectory could go in a number of ways, and we're really hopeful that through our investment in her, we can help her thrive and really take on some great opportunities."

At Shalom House, Alaina and her friends have the opportunity to hear firsthand about Jesus' love for them.

\*Name changed to protect identity

**PRAY:** Pray for Hope for Life teams over the world that the people they journey with would experience the compassion and love of Jesus.

**GIVE:** You can give a tax-deductible gift to Hope for Life Fund by filling in the form on the back page or visiting <u>sim.org.au/</u> <u>hopeforlifefund</u> to help orphans, vulnerable children and adults impacted by HIV and AIDS in Africa and Asia.

Watch video: SIM's For Freedom https://tinyurl.com/435yjfdr



### **Protecting Indigenous Communities in Paraguay**

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"Modern Slavery isn't legal anywhere but happens almost everywhere, including here in Australia. There are more slaves today worldwide than at any other time of human history." – Karine Woldhuis (For Freedom co-lead)

For Freedom is the anti-trafficking and

exploitation ministry of SIM globally. Its responsibilities include coordinating SIM's global anti-trafficking response and providing training, support and strategic guidance to SIM workers, local churches and partner ministries worldwide.

The ministry is focused on the prevention of human trafficking and outworking our Biblical mandate to safeguard those most vulnerable in the 70+ countries where SIM is present.

"At its core, human trafficking involves the exploitation of vulnerability," explained Karine. "By addressing the root causes of vulnerability, people and communities are kept safe from exploitation and the risk of trafficking."

SIMaid's Equipping for Trafficking Prevention (ETP) partners with *For Freedom* to provide seed funding for SIM work globally to prevent human trafficking in vulnerable communities. Recently, *For Freedom* worked alongside the SIM Paraguay team to support indigenous communities in rural areas. The SIM team have been actively involved in church planting ministries within these communities for many years. These communities face numerous challenges, including food insecurity, loss of traditional lands due to urbanisation and their proximity to the border. Often, community members must leave their land in search of work opportunities. This makes them highly vulnerable to the risk of human trafficking and exploitation.

The For Freedom team praise God that SIMaid's ETP project provided funds to support a capacity-building project in response to these challenges this indigenous community face. The project helps our team in Paraguay support sustainable development through egg-laying hens and fruit trees, address malnutrition and help with physical and mental development for children and pregnant women. Additionally, the project helps integrate a trafficking prevention strategy, supporting the holistic wellbeing of First Nations communities by creating a means of generating income without requiring them to leave their community.

Last year, the project distributed 100 chicks and 140 fruit tree saplings across 5 communities. The local village chiefs have strongly supported the project, resulting in diligent care for the hens. The initiative has already shown promising results, with the hens now laying eggs and the fruit trees growing steadily.

ETP also builds the capacity of the village and church leaders to teach communities about risks of trafficking. The leaders are taught how to identify common risks in their area, such as false jobs and labour exploitation. SIM is working alongside church leaders and members in communities who can provide the on-going spiritual support and help build community resilience. All of these activities work together in protecting the vulnerable by reducing risks of trafficking.

The SIM team eagerly anticipate the impact of this project on these communities' overall health and safety.

**FIND OUT MORE:** Do you or your church want to partner with For Freedom? Visit <u>sim.org.au/</u><u>forfreedom\_</u>to find out more.

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| Hope for Life Fund   | 09330  | \$     |
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About SIM Australia: Convinced that everyone needs to hear the Gospel, our heart is to make disciples of Jesus in communities where He is least known. We partner with local Australian churches in equipping and sending out cross-cultural gospel workers, with a variety of skills and talents, to serve in a diverse range of ministries. We also seek to demonstrate Jesus' love and compassion to the vulnerable by offering holistic care through our aid and development arm, SIMaid.





(L) Kira is preparing to go to Central Europe (read Kira's ministry on page 4) Jacky Hammond, SIM's *For Freedom* Ministry Coordinator for Southern/Eastern Africa and Australia





(L) Jacqui Croxon, SIM Global Ministry Lead for Hope for Life celebrating 10 years of Hope for Life Thailand at Werribee Baptist Church

