

Empowering Women... ...to change the world.

International Needs welcomes Dr. Shirin David to Australia

Dr. Shirin David is a renowned obstetrician, gynecologist, health educator. For over 25 years Shirin and her husband Pervez have directed the work of International Needs in India, reaching out to many of the poorest women and girls in that region.

Their work is centred in villages around the Allahabad Region, offering hope to girls, whose livelihood would normally be hard and challenging, having to sometimes collect cow dung for patties, or work in the fields.

Education projects, which provides educational training, health education and vocational training, are some of the various projects carried out by Dr. Shirin and her team. Microfinancing is also available, where women learn how to effectively create, run and sustain a business.

Dr. Shirin David will be in Australia in September 2011.

For your chance to hear her amazing story, or to arrange a meeting, please contact our office.

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Dr. Shirin David

Your Legacy Can Live On

A legacy gift is a way to ensure that your generosity lives on through your estate. This type of giving is growing amongst compassionate and tax savvy Australians. Legacy gifts can take several forms and help donors save on the high taxes that can be levied on their estates.

Some donors choose to bestow the assets in their portfolio mix, like stocks, that have the highest capital gains, and therefore gain a significant tax advantage. The other benefit is that you are equipping the loved ones you leave behind to carry on the tradition of generosity that you have established throughout your life. This may be one of the most valuable inheritances they will ever receive.

International Needs encourages donors who are interested in legacy giving to speak to their financial advisors and their families about their decisions.

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Transforming Lives

Story by Faye Michelson

Kylie Wingjan acknowledges that, in the 21st century, it's hard to believe that women can be forced into servitude as part of a religious ritual.

Tragically, it's true—and Kylie has seen the results of such a custom first-hand. Her job as IN Australia's overseas program co-ordinator has involved working with women in this situation.

In parts of Ghana, the trokosi system was practised for hundreds of years. Until recent times, if someone committed a crime, they would be ordered to atone by sending a young girl from their family to the shrine as a 'trokosi'.

Trokosi literally means 'wife of the gods'. In reality, the girl becomes a slave, working without pay and used as a sexual object by the fetish priest.

IN Australia supported INN Ghana in lobbying to outlaw the practice, and has spent a decade working to transform the lives of 3,000 liberated women and their children through the Adidome Modular Training Program (AMTP).

Established 10 years ago on the outskirts of Adidome, eastern Ghana, to provide support and training for former trokosi, the program wound up last month with many successes to celebrate—3,000, in fact. That's how many women completed the life-changing 12-week residential course, leaving with a recognised qualification from Ghana's national system of vocational training.

'IN Australia has wonderfully faithful financial supporters who, in conjunction with AusAID, made this program a reality,' Kylie says.

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'Each woman learnt a skill, such as food preparation; soap making or batik printing—as well as weaving, handicrafts, and jewellery making. Most women have re-settled and achieved independence by establishing micro-enterprises.'

Because of AMTP's success, International Needs is launching the Women's Empowerment Project. As well as continuing to provide training for vulnerable women in Ghana, WEP will establish community co-operatives and support groups, working closely with district governments to focus on preventing abuse against women.

'Women who are trafficked, abused, or in desperate poverty need skills to earn a living, they need self-esteem so they know they're valuable, they need to know how to be safe and healthy and they need a social network to support them. These are the women who will be empowered through WEP'



Two participants in the life changing program.

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A group of empowered and transformed women.



Soap made by women at Adidome.

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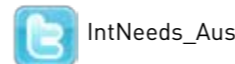
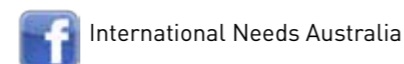


International Needs Australia supports the Micah Challenge and the Make Poverty History Campaign.

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*We'd like to let you know that gifts of \$2 or more to the 'International Needs Overseas Assistance and Development Fund' account (which is the one you are giving to in this appeal) are tax deductible.

The Heart of Australians

Carla Tyrrell

During May, International Needs Australia hosted Executive Director of International Needs Uganda, Rev. Justus Miwanda. Justus was abandoned as a child. From such a humble beginning, he is now the head of three schools in Uganda serving more than 2,800 students. Thanks to our supporters, Justus and his team have been able to help children not only get a better education, but also a better way of life.

With 36 events and thousands of kilometres travelled, Justus and INA's Marketing Officer Gail Thannhauser, made the trek around Victoria and Tasmania. Visiting churches, businesses, schools, conferences, small groups and public meetings, they were very busy meeting sponsors and prospective supporters.

Though tired, cold and jet lagged, Justus was nothing but positive. He says he always feels proud and privileged to visit our great country. Justus was able to meet with some wonderful people and hear some amazing stories. He and Gail were so uplifted and nurtured wherever they visited. They discovered that although we are miles away from the children of Uganda, the people of Australia really have a heart for helping those in need. Of this we should be proud.

Through all events and deputations we were able to raise \$20,000 and 78 sponsorships. Thanks to your help Justus can now return home and tell 78 children that they have a brighter future. The excitement from these children when hearing this news is, as you can imagine, out of this world! Money raised will go towards community development, which in turn provides a more sustainable life for not only one individual, but many. Because of you, these projects can now be put into action and for that we say thank you!

Having Rev. Justus Miwanda visit was such a rewarding experience not only for Justus himself, but all those that came into contact with him. We have learned a lot from each other and though it will be a while before we see each other again, we know that together, even countries apart, **we can** make a difference in this world!

If you would like to get more involved, learn about current projects, or sponsorship, please contact us or visit our website.

'Just Like Me'

Educating children through a fresh, new perspective.

Launched this year, International Needs Australia is proud to present some quality teaching resources Just Like Me.

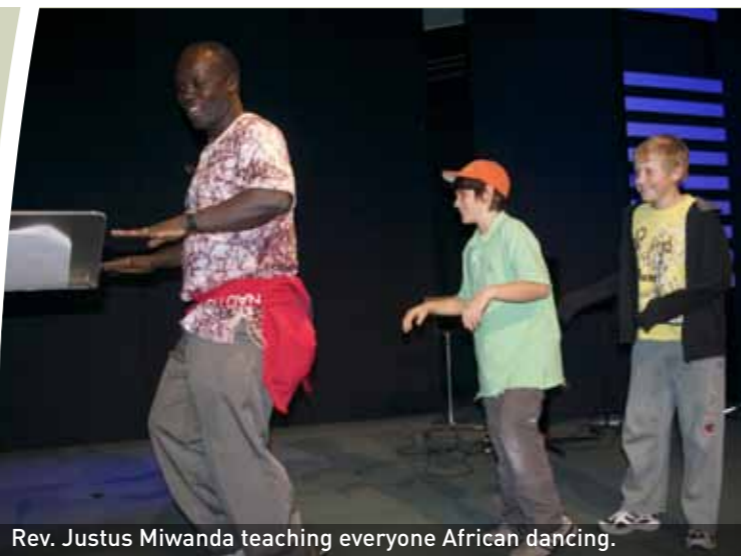
Created by the INA team with some specialists, the pack aims to educate children what life is really like for children their own age in poorer countries. Some children today struggle with the idea that they are not disadvantaged. Just Like Me is a way to educate and open their eyes to some of the issues we face today, and most importantly, how they can help.

The Just Like Me resources are set at a primary school age level, but has also been used in younger high school age groups.

The pack contains; **Blackline masters** full of information and activities, **Action cards** to encourage children, and teach them how they can make a difference, **DVD's** with photos and stories following real-life children in India, Uganda and Ghana, **Access to the official Just Like Me website** (www.justlikeme.org.au).

Available for **only \$27.95** Just Like Me is perfect for any school, family, small group, Sunday school or club. For more information just go to the Just Like Me official website at www.justlikeme.org.au.

We would also like to thank AusAID for their funding to support this work.



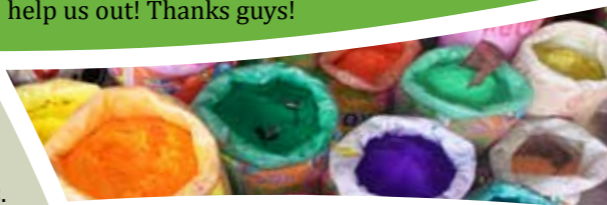
Rev. Justus Miwanda teaching everyone African dancing.

Behind the scenes...

International Needs Australia has been operating for many years, and over time we have had some outstanding staff members. At the moment we have three full time and five part time members in the team.

- Sheldon Rankin CEO
- Anna Burley Sponsorship
- Kylie Wingjan Programmes
- Ivan West Programmes, Community Education, IT
- Gail Thannhauser Marketing
- Carla Tyrrell Marketing
- Kevin Gillett Finance
- Katie Coulson Finance

We would also like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers who donate their time and effort to help us out! Thanks guys!



Just Like Me pack.

Appeal Update

With thousands of women in developing countries facing exploitation, physical, sexual and psychological abuse, poverty and oppression, which is why our Women's Empowerment Project Ghana is one of our most important appeals.

Help us raise \$65,000 to provide 200 women with skills training, general education, health education, enterprise development training, protection and counselling this year. With your help, these women can have the full and happy life they deserve!



Learning Batik.



Mat weaving.

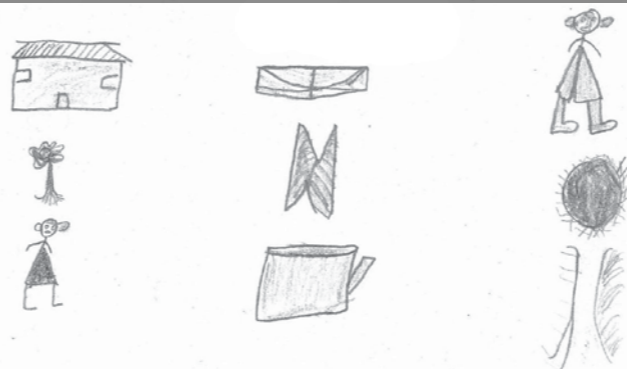
Gift Catalogue

Remember, the 2010/11 Gift Catalogue is available all year round for birthdays, weddings and any other special event.

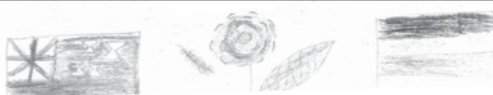
Visit our website or call 1300 731 550 to give more than one person hope, opportunity and joy.



Ivan's drawing to his sponsors.



Brenda's drawing to her sponsors.



Left to right: Anna, Justus, Carla & Gail at the Blackburn Nth Uniting Church event.

'World Changers' is coming...

World Changers is INA's volunteer network! It comprises of people who have a real heart to make a difference in this world. If you're young, old, a student, a worker, unemployed or retired, we would love for you to get involved! Run events, involve your friends, fundraise, spread the word...the possibilities are endless!

Contact us for more information or a chat on 1300 731 550!



Nitu now has an established vegetable cart business thanks to IN.

Sponsor a child...Change a life

Thank you letters from sponsored children.

In this edition of INspiration we are sharing stories from some of our sponsor children in Uganda. Remember that it is because of YOU they have more enriched lives.

With them, we say thank you!

I love you, so much dear friends. How are you? God is good to me, am well and alive. Grandmother is not well. Her right leg got broken and doctors are putting it in order and I hope it will get well. Good news, I passed well to P.2. Am now in a new class and may God be glorified. I am working for this year to see that I pass also, so pray for me. It has started raining and people are busy planting crops. Am from the holiday I had to help my grand in gardening and domestic work. On Christ-mas, I enjoyed good and nice foods, I also took sodas. I like that and may God bless you.'

-Ivan Age 7

I love you so much my beloved friends. I hope you are having a good time all together. My health has not been so good because I have been suffering from Malaria but I got treatment and I am glad that I am now doing fine. Thanks very much for your support in my studies. Your help has really enabled me to progress well in my education. I am also happy to inform you that I passed my primary learning exams very well. My best subject was English but Mathematics was a big challenge for me. I feel so happy to be in secondary level now and senior one is indeed an interesting class. During my vacation, I was so much involved in digging and doing homework. I am happy that my mother has been able to teach me how to prepare good rice. I learnt this during the holiday. I knew how to prepare boiled rice but I can now prepare well fried rice. I want to become a prefect in secondary. My desire is to become a head girl. I had a good Christmas and a New Year celebration. I hope you also enjoyed yours. I wish you well. God bless you.'

-Brenda Age 15



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROVIDES A CHILD WITH:

- FOOD
- CLOTHING
- EDUCATION
- SHELTER
- OPPORTUNITY



Sponsorship Corner

Introducing 'Community Development' and 'Women's Empowerment' sponsorships.

There is some very exciting news in the way of sponsorship and International Needs Australia. We are now offering **three types of sponsorship!**

At International Needs Australia we understand that issues facing the developing nations around the world are not entirely focussed on children. This is why we are introducing two new sponsorship options.

'Community Development' Sponsorship

Sponsoring a community for only \$25 per month gives you the knowledge that you are helping build not only facilities and buildings, but also lives. Imagine a world without a home, a toilet, a school, a church or doctors to go to. This type of sponsorship can provide communities with; schools, clean water facilities, medical facilities, housing, hygiene facilities etc.

'Women's Empowerment' Sponsorship

Sponsoring women on a monthly basis for only \$39 per month will support women around the globe! Help them find confidence, gain an education, learn life skills, gain a health education, heal from the pain caused by their past, and most importantly...create a bright and sustainable future for themselves and their family! This type of sponsorship can provide women with; maternal health care, counselling, medical assistance, vocational training, capacity building and business skills.

Thank you to our child sponsors...

We want to thank all those who are both new and existing child sponsors. With your help we can provide these children with the basic needs and opportunities that every child deserves!

The Holistic Sponsorship Bundle

If you would like to support communities, empower women, and sponsor a child, you can get our Holistic Bundle for only \$99 per month! This includes all three sponsorship types.