

World Vision

Church



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**“Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your **good deeds**
and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

– Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

At World Vision, we have always seen the world from a **different** view.

We acknowledge one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ the love, mercy and grace of God are made known to us and all people. From this overflowing abundance of God's love we find our call to ministry.

We believe that the Church is God's primary instrument to transform lives and also address the spiritual causes behind poverty and injustice. For this reason, we consider local churches our indispensable partners.

Since the beginning, Jesus has uniquely called World Vision to mobilise His Church to bring hope and transformation to some of the most fragile places in the world.

World Vision was founded in the 1950s when Bob Pierce, while following Jesus to the margins, personally met the needs of a single war orphan in Asia. In the 1970s, World Vision mobilised "Operation Sea Sweep" and headed out into the open ocean to rescue families and children fleeing post-war Vietnam.

We helped spearhead one of the largest global humanitarian responses ever seen during the Ethiopia famine in the 1980s. During the 1990s, we helped shape a pathway to reconciliation for an entire nation after the Rwandan genocide. In the next decade, we mobilised thousands of staff in Sub-Saharan Africa to implement effective new responses to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS.

We're passionate about being one of the first organisations on the ground providing immediate relief in disasters and ongoing support for vulnerable communities all over the globe.

As oppression and injustice aggressively drive the most vulnerable people deeper and more desperately to the edges of society, we believe that Jesus is calling people of faith to a great responsibility and a new opportunity. He is calling us to follow Him to the margins and to lead the way in a global response to the needs of those suffering the most.

What if churches in Australia were not only known as welcoming, friendly and joyful, but were also known for taking on the greatest needs of our day? Known for not just what they say about Jesus, but also by what they do for Him?

Our values

We are Christian. We proclaim together, "Jesus lived, died, and rose again. Jesus is Lord." We desire him to be central in our individual and corporate life. We bear witness to the redemption offered only through faith in Jesus Christ. We will maintain our identity as Christian, while being sensitive to the diverse contexts in which we express that identity.

We seek to follow Him – in His identification with the poor, the powerless, the afflicted, the oppressed, the marginalised; in His special concern for children; in His respect for the dignity bestowed by God on women equally with men; in His challenge to unjust attitudes and systems; in His call to share resources with each other; in His love for all people without discrimination or conditions; in His offer of new life through faith in Him. From Him we derive our holistic understanding of the gospel of the Kingdom of God, which forms the basis of our response to human need.

We are committed to the poor.

We are called to serve the neediest people of the Earth; to relieve their suffering and to promote the transformation of their condition of life. We stand in solidarity in a common search for justice. We seek to understand the situation of people living in poverty and work alongside them towards fullness of life. We share our discovery of eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

We respect people living in poverty as active participants, not passive recipients, in this relationship. They are people from whom others may learn and receive, as well as give. The need for transformation is common to all. Together we share a quest for justice, peace, reconciliation and healing in a broken world.

We value people. We regard all people as created and loved by God. We give priority to people before money, structure, systems and other institutional machinery. We act in ways that respect the dignity, uniqueness and intrinsic worth of every person – communities in need, the donor, our staff and their families, boards and volunteers. We celebrate the richness of diversity in human personality, culture and contribution.

We practise a participative, open, enabling style in working relationships. We encourage the professional, personal and spiritual development of our staff.





We are partners. We are partners with the poor and with donors in a shared ministry. We affirm and promote unity in the Body of Christ. We pursue relationship with all churches and desire mutual participation in ministry. We seek to contribute to the holistic mission of the Church.

We maintain a cooperative stance and a spirit of openness towards other humanitarian organisations. We are willing to receive and consider honest opinions from others about our work.

We are stewards. The resources at our disposal are not our own. They are a sacred trust from God through donors on behalf of the poor. We are faithful to the purpose for which those resources are given and manage them in a manner that brings maximum benefit to the poor.

We speak and act honestly. We are open and factual in our dealings with donor constituencies, project communities, governments, the public at large and with each other. We endeavour to convey a public image conforming to reality. We strive for consistency between what we say and what we do.

We demand of ourselves high standards of professional competence and accept the need to be accountable through appropriate structures for achieving these standards. We share our experience and knowledge with others where it can assist them. We are stewards of God's creation. We care for the Earth and act in ways that will restore and protect the environment.

We are responsive. We are responsive to life-threatening emergencies where our involvement is needed and appropriate. We are willing to take intelligent risks and act quickly. We do this from a foundation of experience and sensitivity to what the situation requires. We also recognise that even in the midst of crisis, the destitute have a contribution to make from their experience.

We are responsive in a different sense where deep-seated and often complex economic and social deprivation calls for sustainable, long-term development. We maintain the commitments necessary for this to occur.

We are responsive to new and unusual opportunities. We encourage innovation, creativity and flexibility. We maintain an attitude of learning, reflection and discovery in order to grow in understanding and skill.

“Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;

our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.”

Bob Pierce (1964)

Founder of World Vision

Our feet are on the ground and our hands are dirty.

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Motivated and guided by the love of God shown in Jesus, World Vision works toward a holistic vision for the wellbeing of children, in which all girls and boys:

- experience the love of God and their neighbours;
- enjoy good health;
- are educated for life; and
- are cared for, protected and participating in their world.

We deeply desire to participate in God's work and pursue fullness of life for the most vulnerable children, wherever He has called us to be. In this pursuit, we seek mutually transformative relationships with children, communities, colleagues, supporters, the Church and partners across the world, recognising

that God can use anyone as His agent of change for His purposes.

In caring for the vulnerable for over 40 years, World Vision Australia has become one of Australia's leading Christian international non-governmental organisations, working in long-term community development, emergency response and advocacy:

Development: World Vision's unique, integrated model of development has been fine-tuned for more than 50 years and is the foundation on which our work is built. Above all, this model of development is child focused. It reflects our Christian faith and calling, and it empowers communities, families and children themselves to improve and sustain child wellbeing.

In our development work, World Vision seeks to be a catalyst, bringing partners together to improve and sustain the wellbeing of children – especially the most vulnerable. The local partners we work with include churches, other faith communities, governments, businesses, community-based organisations and other non-governmental organisations.

Emergencies: In natural disasters and conflicts, World Vision's global emergency response capacity means we can deliver life-saving aid immediately and then walk alongside children, families, and communities to help them recover and rebuild.

Advocacy: We stand in solidarity with vulnerable children and their families to help them create a brighter future, through advocacy. The focus of our advocacy work includes campaigning for greater investment in Australian aid, ending violence against children, working with governments to create systemic change, upholding the rights of refugees and meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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A photograph of four children playing in a savanna landscape at sunset. They are holding a large, circular branch that forms a hoop. The children are wearing colorful clothing: a red and white striped shirt, a yellow shirt, a green shirt, and a purple patterned shirt. The background shows palm trees and a sunset sky with orange and blue hues.

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Our programming integrates our global expertise in **FIVE** priority sectors to maximise impact in the lives of the most vulnerable children – water, sanitation and hygiene, education, livelihoods, and child protection.





World Vision builds trust with Hindu community

Odisha, India

Odisha, an eastern Indian state on the Bay of Bengal, is known for its tribal cultures and its many ancient Hindu temples. When World Vision started its programming there were no Christians, as Hinduism is the major religion of the region. Therefore many were suspicious about World Vision when we started. We were Christian, foreign funded and our staff lived close by the community they were serving.

A few months into the program, an eight-year-old boy fell very ill, and was diagnosed as having a hole in his heart. Soon after, World Vision staff took him to hospital seeking treatment. But no local hospitals accepted him due to lack of confidence in being able to assist. Staff ended up taking him to the Christian Medical College hospital (three states away – about 1,200km) where one of our staff members donated their own blood to assist with his surgery.

At the hospital there was a chapel where World Vision staff would pray daily during their stay. Confident in the power of prayer and God's love for all, World Vision staff encouraged the boy's mother to pray as well. Surgery went very well, and soon the young boy was discharged from hospital.

A month or two later, the National Director of World Vision India met with the boy's father who happened to be the village Hindu priest. He told him that his son was in good health, and running and playing now like a normal boy. But when asked, "What did this mean to you as a family?", the reply was startling:

"We are really grateful for all of the help of World Vision staff. But in looking at what you did for my son I wanted to understand who your God is. So I went and bought your Bible and I read it

regularly ... When no-one is watching I take it and read it," said the father.

This is just one of many stories, showing we are God's instruments. We are known for our programming in countries where we raise funds, but in the field we are known by our investment in life. Our programs are not an end in themselves, but the opportunity to deeply invest in life.

The investment in one's life always carries a deeper message. Our actions point towards a deeper and more meaningful reason for their occurrence. Our prayer is that people will see these connections of God at work. This is why World Vision continues to see itself as part of the Church and works in ways and places that others cannot.

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Sharing glimpses of the future hope for which we await.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

(Micah 6:8, NIV)

The Church lives a redeemed life filled with actions of love and mercy, flowing out of the same love and mercy Jesus has shown us. World Vision exists as a platform, a stage, in which Christians can live out this action, bringing hope to the vulnerable and change to Australians here. In partnership together, we can see the Church:

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Inspire hearts through stories, insights, speakers, prayer support, and much more.

The local church is the primary narrator for human need and aid. It is also the great incubator for generosity and love – a place where believers can gather to remind themselves of the gospel and be sent out to change the world. It is this vision of the Church World Vision seeks to serve, by sharing stories of change, providing “first response” updates in emergencies and suggesting creative ways for people to act on their heart's calling.



Engage in mission through community engagement and common good initiatives.

The gospel calls us to live such good lives among unbelievers, that in seeing our good deeds they might both ask what is our hope and also glorify God in the future to come. World Vision therefore seeks to be a vehicle in which believers can do good with their neighbour, providing opportunity for engagement and mission. By utilising our brand and reputation as a leading international non-governmental organisation in Australia, alongside our cause, your church can invite others in to make a difference with you.



Support the gospel servants through connected relationships and encouragement.

In predominantly Christian communities, when World Vision helps churches meet the basic needs of the community, a credible platform is created for pastors to share the gospel.

And, not limited by the lack of Christian infrastructure in many countries and where there are no churches, World Vision is taking the love of Christ to the unreached and paving the way for churches to operate. In many contexts World Vision staff are the only Christians that these communities will ever witness.

Upholding our programs in prayer

Citizen Voice and Action

All over the world, individuals, churches and small groups uphold World Vision's work through countless hours of dedicated and determined prayer. These prayerful petitions to the Father continue to open doors and shine God's love into communities where many people remain living in poverty.

In 2005, World Vision began experimenting with a pilot program to support people in these communities to advocate, as citizens, for better essential public services – such as basic healthcare and education. At the same time, a small group of Christian activists, academics and retired ministers in Australia gathered to collaborate in prayer with World Vision and these communities.

This program experimentation, supported by prayer, yielded an approach called Citizen Voice and Action, which seeks to transform relationships between governments and people. By persistently praying at increasingly greater depth over more than a decade for Citizen Voice and Action's development and spread,

the Australian group's own model of intercessory prayer partnership also emerged, called "engaged spirituality".

Based on passages such as Ephesians 6:10-20 ("the armour of God") and the Lord's Prayer, "engaged spirituality" involved this group in prayerful struggle with the principalities and powers which undermine child wellbeing and the fullness of life which Jesus promises in John 10:1-11. In partnership with the Holy Spirit, they accompanied communities in peaceful struggle to hold governments and other duty bearers accountable for their promises, budgets and service performance. Empowered by the Holy Spirit as their senior partner, they stood against the systems of power which perpetuate poverty, and alongside those whom these systems exclude and marginalise from essential services.

Beside praying in solidarity with impoverished communities, the group interceded for international and local Citizen Voice and Action project leaders. Staying abreast of Citizen Voice

and Action processes and their local and wider outcomes, as well as the struggles leaders at all levels were facing, enabled them to spiritually discern and "pray into" challenging situations.

Fast-forward to 2019, and Citizen Voice and Action continues to be integrated into World Vision's global community development work. Now introduced to over a third of the areas where World Vision works, Citizen Voice and Action is freeing millions of the world's most impoverished men, women and children to become peaceful advocates for right relationships.

We remain thankful to this dedicated team of engaged prayer partners. Their partnership with the Holy Spirit created deep roots which sustained the growth and spread of this life-transforming work to communities in over 40 countries.



“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

— — Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)



World Vision

**Working
together.**
Here and across
the globe.





Engaging with local and global communities

Opportunities to partner

We want to equip your church to be fruitful in its engagement with issues of poverty and justice, and help you show your wider community your heart to serve. Here are some of the ways we can support you:

Faith in action

What would it look like to have a social justice champion in your church? Someone who can engage people in conversations about poverty in your local community and around the world? Our **Church Ambassador Program** will teach members of your team to frame their understanding of how the Church can respond to the physical and spiritual needs of our broken world. They will be resourced to not only tackle injustices that are close to the heart of your church, but to also take your congregation on the journey.

Discipleship

What does caring for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:35-40) look like? What does it cost us and how can gaining a deeper understanding of this change the way we view God’s love for the poor and the marginalised? In the week-long **Matthew 25 Challenge**, your people will be encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and actively share God’s love with those around them.

Community outreach

What better way to engage your local community than to come together to walk for water? Every May, hundreds of church and community groups take part in the **Global 6K for Water** challenge, walking, riding or running six kilometres – which is the average distance people in developing countries walk to get water. Hosting this fun and engaging event will connect you with the community around your church, while raising vital funds for the global water crisis.

Engaging with young people

For more than 40 years, the **40 Hour Famine** has been a rite of passage for the youth of Australia. This makes it the perfect vehicle for engaging with young people in your community – using the leadup and post-40 Hour Famine experience to talk about faith, poverty and our responsibility to advocate for a more just world. Participating in 40 Hour Famine can also open opportunities for the youth of your church to share their faith with their classmates.

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After stating the importance of His own centrality, Jesus reminds His disciples that we will always have the poor with us (Mark 14:7). Therefore we continue to love and serve new people and new communities every year, as we await the fulfillment of our future hope. Opportunities to love the poor are never lacking at World Vision.

One of our distinctives is that we invite churches to partner with us in areas where few Christian non-governmental organisations are able to serve. Our long-standing global footprint and deep community relationships allow World Vision to work in places where governments are fragile and communities are closed. We are excited to enable the Church to make a lasting difference in these communities, and so much more.



1.2 million people
assisted through World Vision's
Syria Crisis Response in 2018

opportunities



56 faith and community leaders worked to end family violence in Indigenous Australian communities during 2018



\$1 = \$18 of food assistance provided to people in need through our partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme¹

1. Donations to World Vision's Big Impact Appeal throughout 2019 are multiplied in value by 18. The multiplier may change in future years.

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“Channels of Hope for Gender is a good thing – it gives us more knowledge and experience to support and educate our own people, [drawing on] our own language within our lore.”

– Warlpiri community leader and pastor, Lynette

“This community has school and health buildings; clean, safe water piped into community water points; food in the market, seed in the reserves ... [and] the children are healthy are happy. Life might be simple, but this is where ‘life in all its fullness’ starts.”

– World Vision Australia’s Director of Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs, Daryl Crowden

Partnering with World Vision means developing a relationship with communities around the globe where your help and support makes all the difference. There are a number of ways you can partner, but here are some suggestions:



Emergencies. Every year, millions lose their homes and loved ones to natural disasters and conflict. Vulnerable communities and countries aren't the only ones hit by disasters, but they have fewer resources and less robust infrastructure to respond.

By 2030, World Vision expects a high percentage of children to live in countries identified as having fragile contexts. These are places where political and social pressures have fractured the institutions that usually protect children, leaving them vulnerable to conflict. In fragile contexts, children suffer high levels of violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect.

Making change happen in the most challenging places on Earth isn't something World Vision can do alone. Trust-based partnerships with other influential agencies, governments and donors allows us to multiply our resources and expand their reach, helping more children transform their lives.



Australia Program. World Vision is known for its work with the most vulnerable children around the world. Some of the most vulnerable children in Australia are Indigenous children in our remote, regional and urban areas. At a time when discussions about reconciliation and options for constitutional recognition of Australia's first peoples gain momentum, World Vision Australia will continue to make a strong contribution to the conversation.

Over the last few years, we have been working to demonstrate how community-led development can provide a new model. We are applying the experience we have supporting community-led development across the globe to empower Indigenous communities in Australia. Importantly, our approach provides opportunities for the Indigenous communities we work with to determine their own objectives, their own measures of success and a way to realise their own vision for the future.



Community projects. We believe the best way to build better lives for children is to invest in the communities in which they live. Strengthening communities and families creates a safety net that empowers children to experience fullness of life. By partnering with families and local community groups, we strengthen the good work they're already doing, ensuring that the ownership of their children's future remains in their hands. We work best by supporting those who already have a vested interest in the future of their children.

By working with community stakeholders, we aim to effect change at a structural level. Many issues and challenges in these communities have deep roots, and it takes time to address these issues in constructive ways that will lead to lasting change.

These are just a few examples of areas of World Vision's work in which your church can support. Journey with us as we show you how wide-reaching your support can be.

**“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me
will do the works I have been doing,
and they will do even **greater** things than
these, because I am going to the Father.”**

John 14:12 (NIV)

Stories

#KIDSOFFNAURU

Advocacy

Melanie was born into indefinite offshore detention. Her parents fled their home, in fear of their lives. She and her family were called more often by their boat numbers, than by their names. Meanwhile, 60 percent of Australians did not know that Melanie – or any other children – were left in detention on the remote island nation of Nauru.

Australians deserved the truth; we would never accept these conditions for our own children. Alongside other like-minded organisations, World Vision connected with Melanie's family and others on Nauru to help them share their faces and stories on front pages of the nation's biggest newspapers.

Australians learned that Melanie (not her real name) was just one of 130 children trapped on an island the size of Melbourne Airport. The children suffered physically – living in mouldy tents, playing on phosphorous mounds and enduring extreme heat. Depression, suicide and self-harm had become common. The environment was making them sick.

In launching the campaign with other refugee and humanitarian organisations, World Vision CEO Claire Rogers set a deadline for politicians to have the #KidsOffNauru by Universal Children's Day, 20 November 2018. They had three months. The campaign assembled a coalition of organisations, doctors, celebrity ambassadors and faith leaders to call on the Australian Government to address the medical emergency.

Christians added strength to the campaign. Seventy-four Christian churches, organisations and entire denominations formally joined the campaign, while thousands of Christians and churches held countless events in support. Pastors, priests and faith leaders from across Australia spoke out to defend the children on Nauru, and churches across Australia contacted local MPs.

More than 170,000 Australians signed the petition to get kids and their families off Nauru. Thousands took to the streets, jumped on buses to rally on the lawns of Parliament and held #BlueForNauru

events at churches and workplaces. It was a movement too big to ignore.

Within two months, 80 percent of Australians supported action to get the Kids Off Nauru. By the deadline, only a few children were left on Nauru. The last child left in January 2019.

Today, Melanie lives in Australia with her mum, dad and little brother. They are still awaiting certainty and a permanent home, but the family has a name, not a boat number, and they're on the way to being safe and free.









Talking about family violence

Channels of Hope for Gender

Family violence is often a topic kept private, but this secrecy can leave victims powerless.

In two remote Indigenous Australian communities, World Vision's Channels of Hope for Gender program is helping bring these issues into the open by supporting faith leaders, local service providers and community members to talk about family violence and find ways to prevent it. Used around the world, the program recognises the special role faith communities and faith-based organisations have in leading their communities and equips them with resources to tackle these difficult issues.

The Channels of Hope for Gender resources used in these communities were developed in collaboration with local Aboriginal leaders. They look at the gender equality focus of biblical teachings and highlight their alignment with local cultural and social norms, relationships and responsibilities.

Facilitator workbooks also contain traditional paintings, based on the first three chapters of the book of Genesis, to support people's understanding of the issues. One of the communities has also written songs to support this work. Using these tools, facilitators have more confidence to host community information sessions where they are exploring topics such as family harmony, respectful relationships and preventing violence.

“With talking to the church members about Channels of Hope it did bring family violence out into the open,” said Warlpiri community leader, local pastor and Channels of Hope for Gender leader Lynette. “Before we weren't sure; we had fear to go out and talk about domestic violence. They might say to us, ‘This is our private fight.’ But now we're talking about it openly.”

As well as speaking directly with community members, Channels of

Hope for Gender leaders have formed action groups to work closely with relevant service providers. This is helping foster collaboration on initiatives to reduce the incidence of family violence and improve gender relations, while also supporting services to work more effectively together, and with communities. This process has resulted in increased visibility of these issues and provided a safe space to discuss sensitive issues.

“Channels of Hope is changing [things] slowly for us here.”

— Warlpiri community leader and pastor, Lynette



Hearts engaged for Syrian refugees

Hillsong Church

In 2017, Hillsong United travelled to Jordan with World Vision to see the reality of the Syrian refugee crisis. Members of the Australian worship band, some of whom had previously visited Syrian refugees in Lebanon, expressed shock at the depth of the needs in the region, which continues to suffer after years of brutal conflict in Syria.

“We have been to the poorest of poor places – the slums of India, the favelas of Brazil and the projects of the Philippines. But never have we been to a place that seemed so hopeless,” said band member Joel Houston. “The people we met were sports people, doctors, professionals, leaving a developed country and now have nothing. The numbers seem overwhelming, but we feel compelled to do something. World Vision is doing amazing work with refugees and we’re so pleased to partner with them.”

As they prepared to launch their “Empires” tour in the United States, the globally renowned worship band announced a partnership with World Vision to help us serve 2 million children and families affected by the Syrian refugee crisis. As a result, millions of Christians around the globe had the opportunity to learn more about the Syria crisis, through United concerts, and to partner themselves with World Vision.

“Working with Hillsong United is an honour,” said Blake Monroe, who manages the partnership with Hillsong for World Vision. “Their compassion for those in need – and their passion to tell the stories of those who are hurting – is overwhelming. We’re grateful for the tangible comfort and relief that so many Syrian children and families will receive thanks to Hillsong and their supporters.”

“Being here brought up all the prejudices you didn’t realise you had. It changes the way you think about everything.”

– Hillsong United’s Joel Houston



Equipping the next generation of pastors

Ridley College

Developing confident gospel-centered Christian leaders is of central importance to a Christian INGO like World Vision. For it is this confidence that teaches and inspires Christians all around our nation to make a difference. World Vision seeks to add its contribution to this confidence by sharing its own experience and expertise in aid and development, providing insights only an organisation like ours can provide.

We are excited therefore to partner with Ridley Theological College in Victoria. In collaboration with them, World Vision Australia is developing a new online unit on aid and development. To be launched in the 2018-2019 semester, the unit will be offered by Ridley College as part of formal undergraduate and graduate degrees, and also for study by small groups. Ridley, which has

been providing theological teaching and training for over a century, is now offering this ministry more widely through online courses. Drawing on World Vision's global partnership and presence in over 90 countries, World Vision Australia will contribute its learning from more than 50 years of Christian ministry in development, humanitarian relief and advocacy.

Together, we will help equip Australian lay and ordained Christian leaders to apply what doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God means when engaged with the complex contemporary challenges of aid and development. Through unique field insights taken from past and current development projects, Christian leaders will gain a knowledge that deepens their confidence to lead others.

“Helping Christians develop into global-minded leaders is one of our greatest contributions we can make to the Church.”



Bringing life-saving water within reach Kenya

For far too long, the daily search for water defined Cheru's life.

At just five years of age, Cheru would spend three-and-a-half hours most days trekking alongside her older sister in search of just a few drops. And after her long journey in the blazing Kenyan sun, she was only able to collect water from a polluted source; water which often made her sick.

The daily search for water takes countless children like Cheru away from school and robs them of opportunities to play and learn; and to just be children. "When it's very dry, it's hard for kids to get to school," Cheru's mother Monica said. "They have to wait too long at the waterhole or take care of the younger kids."

When World Vision built a pipeline to pump water down from a clear mountain spring into Cheru's village, it changed everything ... for everyone!

Now, Cheru no longer has to spend hours a day walking for water; she simply walks to the community water

point and turns on a tap. As a result, she and all the children in her village are happier and healthier and can be in school every day (there are taps and water points there too!). With a regular source of clean water, people are able to keep themselves clean and many families like hers are also building proper toilets.

There are other flow-on effects of having water close by. Cheru's mother has more time to work and plans to grow a vegetable garden to improve family nutrition. She also hopes to start a business selling clothes and sugar. "We've had water for a month, and it's brought us great peace," Cheru's father Samson said. "We have time and energy for other things."

Around the world, communities like Cheru's are receiving access to life-saving clean water for the first time because of partnerships like yours. In fact, thanks to World Vision efforts globally, we're reaching a new person every 10 seconds, and three schools every day, with clean water.

"Water has changed everything here for the better. We praise God for it."

— Local church pastor, Solomon

“At World Vision I have been deeply inspired and humbled by crisis and development programs that are transforming communities. As a Christian, I have looked to Christ as never before.”

— Claire Rogers
CEO, World Vision Australia

**“I pray that your partnership with us
in the faith may be effective in deepening
your understanding of **every good** thing
we share for the sake of Christ.”**

— Philemon 1:6 (NIV)



we're for
Australian Aid

The Campaign for Australian Aid is a joint initiative of the Make Poverty History and Micah Challenge coalitions, for all Australians who believe we can and should do more as a nation to end extreme poverty around the world.