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*"...We distributed the medicines you gave to our bush mission workers and delivered a wheel chair to one boy. His family, especially his mum, was very glad to receive such a wonderful gift. I am sending you some photos of Paschke and his family. Thanks for your support."*

- T Won, Vanuatu



### Achievements

From our rooms in the basement of Building Greenlane Campus 580 boxes of goods plus other larger items have been shipped to countries in the Pacific and further afield. Dr Tony Wansborough, MAANZ's Store Manager reports:

*"We also shipped an anaesthetic machine, wheelchairs, walkers, shower stools, baby scales, perfusion pumps, autoclave, and education materials."*

*"On average we packed 12-15 cartons a week and arranged shipping. Not bad, for the one day a week we are open!"*

Most of these supplies went to the Pacific: Tonga and Fiji, the Solomon Islands, PNG and Vanuatu. Some places in the Pacific present challenges, such as PNG with its difficult road access to the interior with the added difficulty of bandits. Bougainville has no direct shipping link, thus requiring inter-island shipping transfers.

We are also able to respond to *acute* need: early in 2009 following a severe cyclone in Fiji we sent 100 cartons of requested aid. More recently we sent 50 cartons of requested goods to camps in northern Sri Lanka for Tamils displaced by the government offensive against the Tamil Tigers.

### Dental Aid

Under the guidance of Arun Pragji, dental supplies have been provided to workers in 7 countries.

- Cambodia - Callum Durward, Tooth Angel Project, Pam Lawton and Therssa Jeffs, Impact Charitable Trust, and John Dell
- Borneo (Kalimantan) - Lois Douglas Whyte
- Nepal - Ted Bealing and Robin Drake, Bandaid Box Trust
- Fiji - Johnson Leun and Neil Ewart, Rotary
- South Pacific Islands - Emma Cox, Marine Reach,
- India (Bihar and Orrissa) - Ray Lonergan and Rosemary Tutton

### Christchurch Branch

John Tavener from our sister organisation in Christchurch writes on what his group has achieved over the past year.

*"We have sent goods with doctors and nurses to Indonesia, Cambodia, Africa, and Fiji. The approximate value of gifted re-cyclables was \$17,000. Canterbury MAA has a team of 5 retired or semi-retired pharmacists sorting the discarded medicines of Canterbury at the rate of 60 sacks per month. We are indebted to the 0800HUNGRY Ministries Food Bank and their director, Kerry Bensemann, Canterbury Pharmacy Guild, Toniq Computers Ltd and San-i-pac for their help. We are continuing in 2009 and trust we may assist you with our medicines should you need them. Best wishes for your continued operation."*

### Administrative progress

Trustee Dick Seddon's tackled essential legal matters that incurred significant costs. We thank Dick for his time, efforts, generosity and wisdom in bringing this work to a conclusion. The following has been achieved:

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1. Revised Trust Deed
2. Registration under the new Charities Act as a suitable charity for income tax purposes and as a designated charity
3. Registered with IRD as 'Donee Status' - this allows donations to be rebateable at tax rates
4. Registered as an Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act to become a legal entity and therefore avoid any personal liability by officers of the charity
5. Letter of Indemnity for Supplier Safety
6. Form of Gifting for Customs Purposes and avoidance of liability

## Supporters

MAANZ receives help from many sources. In particular we are indebted to Tony and her husband Norman for the huge investment of time and effort they put in at the store and in carrying goods to our rooms from donors around Auckland. We are also very grateful to the committed group of about 8 people who come to the rooms each Wednesday morning to unpack and shelve gifted goods, pack orders ready to go overseas, undertake stock control, and stock rotation.

We were delighted with the construction at no cost to us of superb shelving and improved lighting in our main storeroom from the Graduate Program of *Brookfield Multiplex*, a major construction company.

Many other partners enable our operations: *Auckland DHB* has given us superb rooms to operate from, and their Inwards Goods Dept deliver goods to us from the other hospital sites; *Wilson's Parking* allow us free parking, the *Pharmaceutical Wholesalers Russell* collect medicines from pharmacies in Auckland, *Diagnostic Medlab* have arranged a collection of medications from GPs, and the *Ostend Medical Practice* arrange a similar collection on Waiheke Island. Several drug companies and suppliers of medical goods are very generous with many items. In addition there are collections organised by hospital staff and individuals. Rotary clubs, medical centres, individual pharmacies, freighting companies and members of the public donate their unwanted drugs. Many give their time to pick up goods and deliver them to us or assist with delivery of goods overseas. In particular, *David Nunn* of New Plymouth has arranged shipping particularly to the Solomons, and *Pacific Freight Management* has gifted freight to us.

## Trustees and Executive

We are grateful for the advice and help from our *Trustees*, Dick Seddon, David Halstead and Peter Vanniasingham. The *Executive Committee* meets monthly. Members include Murray Kerr (Chair), Chris Bullen (Secretary), David Morris (Treasurer) and Graeme Woodfield. Dick Seddon and David Halstead attend and also Tony Wansbrough as Store Manager. Kathy Ross joined the Executive last year and assembled the membership and mailing list before leaving for overseas. Graeme Woodfield is standing down from the Executive after decades of involvement. Without his energy, advice and wisdom over so many years, MAANZ would not be where it is today. Graeme – we are deeply indebted to you. Chris Bullen will also stand down this year after 15 years in his role.

## The Future

The need and demand for medical supplies is endless. Fortunately, we have been able to continue to respond as the supply of goods remains encouraging despite many obstacles. The variety and quality of what is donated to MAANZ is amazing.

Like many other small NGOs, MAANZ's finances are somewhat precarious. We are encouraging our supporters to commit to giving a modest amount every month by automatic bank payment, and pursuing corporate sponsorship, but without confirmed success to date.

Again, we thank all our donors, supporters, workers and volunteers – for without you – MAANZ would not exist.

Murray Kerr

**Chairman, on behalf of the Auckland Executive Committee, MAANZ  
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