

# Pakistan Disaster Relief Focus



**Every Home**

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# Disaster Relief and the Gospel

Disaster relief is viewed as an act of faith in practise, where the practical aid provided through churches and other Christian organisations like us (EHC) is seen as a tangible expression of the Gospel.



This approach is rooted in the biblical principle that faith without works (James 2:17) is dead, leading believers to engage in both physical and spiritual support, demonstrating God's love and hope through actions like rebuilding schools, providing aid and offering support and pastoral care through projects such as our water wells, prison ministry and child sponsorships.



The theological and biblical basis demonstrated through our action is making disaster relief a vital component of Christian discipleship. The New Testament book of Acts provides an example of early Christians gathering resources to help fellow believers in need during a famine, establishing a precedent for providing aid to those suffering.



Disaster preparation and relief efforts present opportunities for Christians to proactively connect with and serve their neighbours.

It is for this reason I am pleased to advise that we have set up a **Disaster Relief Fund** with a view to building up funds that would be used to support our neighbours (Matt 22:39) - such was the case with the recent floods in **Pakistan**. The heavy monsoon rains caused severe flooding across Pakistan, submerging a third of the country, destroying villages, crops, roads and displacing millions of people. The disaster resulted in widespread humanitarian need, with homes, livelihoods and infrastructure heavily impacted. Last year, your generous donations to the devastating landslides in the Enga Province in Papua New Guinea resulted in us providing food, clothing and equipment for surviving villagers.

This month, our newsletter focuses on Pakistan, where Rev. Imran Masqood shares an update on the important work taking place on the ground to support communities affected by the recent floods. ...The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than this. Mark 12:30-31

# Bringing Acts Chapters 13-21 Alive

Last month 27 Christian brothers and sisters completed a gruelling 17 days journey in the **Footsteps of Apostle Paul** covering Greece and Turkey.

The pilgrimage traced the missionary journeys of Apostle Paul throughout Greece and Turkey visiting significant biblical sites where Paul preached, taught and established early Christian communities allowing us to gain a deeper understanding of his impact on Christianity.



Paul's travels played a crucial role in the formation and development of the early Christian church and many of the communities he encountered on these missionary journeys were the same ones he wrote to in his pastoral epistles.

The value of a "Footsteps of Apostle Paul" journey lies in gaining a deeper, tangible understanding of early Christianity



Rev. Alex Thomas, Chairman EHC Aust. delivering a devotional on the tour

by connecting with the historical and geographical context of his missionary work. For us, it offered a spiritual enrichment through immersive pilgrimage, prayer and reflection in significant biblical locations, making scripture more real and personal.

I am personally grateful for all those who assisted with devotionals (Alex Thomas), singing (Reggie John) and for those who helped with the daily bible reading at each destination. In short, it was pleasing to have Paul teach us that the messianic prophecies were fulfilled in Christ.

We were literally walking by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)



Blessings,  
Greg Bondar, National Director Aust & NZ



# Pakistan Floods 2025

In mid-2025, Pakistan was hit by devastating floods during an unusually intense monsoon season. Regions including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan suffered torrential rains, landslides and rising rivers. By mid-September, the floods had caused 946 deaths (255 children), injured over 1,000 people and affected more than a million lives. In Punjab alone, around 5 million people were impacted, with thousands of villages submerged and vast farmland damaged.



## Who Were Significantly Affected: Christian Minorities

Pakistan's Christian minority, already vulnerable due to social, economic and geographic marginalisation, has been severely affected. In the Punjab region near Faisalabad, around 50 Christian families lost their brick and mud homes and took refuge in a surviving church. In villages near Quetta, Christian agricultural workers lost both homes and livelihoods, as basic houses in narrow flood-prone valleys were destroyed. Remote communities in Sindh also saw homes, belongings and incomes washed away, leaving many families sleeping outside with little shelter or means to recover.



## Relief Efforts and Responses

Members of the Christian community, churches and charities have played an important role in relief efforts. Churches, schools and parishes have been used as shelters for displaced families. Local parishes in Pakistan have distributed food, clean water, hygiene kits and other essentials to all affected. Christian organisations have also supported the hardest-hit families by providing tents, mosquito nets and medical aid.

## Challenges and Ongoing Needs

While relief continues, major challenges persist:

- Many Christian families live in remote, under-resourced areas where weak infrastructure hinders rescue, aid delivery and communication.
- Churches and temporary shelters are overcrowded and only suitable short-term; secure long-term housing is urgently needed.
- Clean water, sanitation, healthcare and disease prevention remain limited and waterborne illnesses continue to pose serious risks.

## Looking Ahead

As floodwaters recede, Christian communities will need continued support: Rebuilding homes in safer, less flood-prone areas.

- Restoring livelihoods for agricultural and day-labour workers.
- Improving access to healthcare, education and infrastructure in remote regions.
- Ensuring relief is inclusive and equitable for vulnerable religious minorities.

In Christ,  
Rev. Imran Masqood

# 50th Anniversary Prayer Breakfast

On 22 October 2025, parliamentary, community and church leaders gathered at NSW Parliament House for a special Prayer Breakfast commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Every Home for Christ (EHC) in Australia. The event marked five decades of Christian mission, prayer ministry, humanitarian aid and community outreach across Australia and the nations.

A motion to acknowledge the occasion was formally given in the Legislative Council by The Hon. Susan Carter MLC, noting the significance of the milestone and commending Every Home for Christ for its ongoing work in sharing the Gospel and providing practical care to communities in need.



Greg Bondar EHC, Rev Mark Leach NAIN, The Hon. Susan Carter MLC

The motion read in part:  
***That this House commends Every Home for Christ for their decades of Christian mission and philanthropic outreach.***

## Speakers and Reflections

The Breakfast featured an inspiring line-up of Prayer leaders, ministry partners and community advocates, each reflecting on the legacy and impact of EHC over the past half-century:

- Mr Greg Bondar, National Ministry Director, Every Home for Christ
- Rev Dr Ross Clifford, Executive Director, NSW Council of Churches
- Rev Alex Thomas, Chairman, Every Home for Christ Australia
- Rev Mark Leach, Never Again Is Now



Freya Leach NAIN, Jacqui Bakker C4I, Wayne Zwar NAIN, Kaliopi Diamantis EHC, Tallesha Lamack-Taylor, Jemima EHC

- Rev Viniana Ravetali, Senior Chaplain, MLC School
- Pastor James Dargin, Wiradjuri Elder and cultural leader
- Ms Jemima Ayoub, NexGen Disciples Leader, Every Home for Christ
- Mr Paul Sedrak, Christian Alliance Council of NSW
- Mr Mark McCrindle, Social Researcher, McCrindle Research



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Speakers highlighted unity in prayer, intergenerational discipleship and the ongoing mission to bring hope to every home.

## Parliamentary Attendance

- The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC
- The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC
- The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC
- The Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC
- The Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC
- The Hon Susan Carter MLC
- Mark Coure MP
- Matt Cross MP
- Dr Joe McGirr MP

Their attendance acknowledged EHC's valued role in strengthening communities and supporting social cohesion.



# Celebrating Tonga–Australia Friendship

September 2025 marked a momentous chapter in the enduring friendship between the Kingdom of Tonga and Australia. Their Majesties King Tupou VI and Queen Nanasipau'u visited as Official High-Level Guests of the Australian Government to celebrate two historic milestones: Fifty-Five Years of Diplomatic Relations between the two nations and The Golden Jubilee of the Consulate-General of Tonga in Australia, first led by Honorary Consul-General Bill Waterhouse and later by his daughter Louise Waterhouse.



Their Majesties King Tupou VI and Queen Nanasipau'u

The week-long State visit began with a formal ceremonial welcome at Government House, Yarralumla, hosted by the Governor-General of Australia. This was followed by the signing of a Statement of Intent, *Kaume 'a Ofi* — meaning “close friendship” — by Tonga's High Commissioner, His Excellency Curtis Tu'ihalangie and Australia's High Commissioner to Tonga, His Excellency Brek Batley. The signing symbolised a renewed commitment to cooperation, shared democratic values and mutual respect between the two Pacific neighbours.

A highlight of the visit was the Choral Service of Thanksgiving at Sydney's historic



St Stephen's Church, organised by the Uniting Church in Australia and led by Reverend Charissa Sul, President of the Uniting Church. More than 1,000 worshippers attended the service, joined by a combined choir of 408 singers—including 80 who travelled from Queensland—to perform a breathtaking rendition of Handel's *Zadok the Priest*. Among the dignitaries present was Her Excellency the Hon. Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, who remarked afterwards that she “felt the roof explode” in celebration and praise.



Tonga's High Commissioner, His Excellency Curtis Tu'ihalangie,

The week's culminating event took place at the NSW Parliament House, where the Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, President of the Legislative Council, hosted a Commemorative Reception in honour of Their Majesties.

The event marked both the Golden Jubilee of the Consulate-General and the Fifty-Five Years of Diplomatic Relations, bringing together government leaders, diplomats and community representatives from across the Pacific.

At Parliament House, guests were invited to tour a major historical exhibition, *Tonga and New South Wales: A 200-Year Connection*, curated by the Australian Museum, which traced the deep cultural, educational and spiritual bonds between Tonga and Australia—from early missionary ties and student exchanges to contemporary development partnerships.



L to R: Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, Louise Waterhouse, Consulate-General of Tonga in Australia, Their Majesties King Tupou VI and Queen Nanasipau'u

The occasion also featured the official launch of Louise Waterhouse's memoirs, *Driving Three Kings: Fifty Years of the Waterhouse Family Serving the Kingdom of Tonga*. The book chronicles the Waterhouse family's half-century of service and friendship with Tonga's monarchy, offering personal anecdotes, historical insight and candid reflections on Tonga's modern journey. It stands as both a record of service and a testament to the trust shared between the Waterhouse family and three successive Tongan monarchs—Their Majesties King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, King George Tupou V, and King Tupou VI.

Following on from the visit will be a celebration in Tonga of a new partnership born of faith and compassion. A special joint



L to R: Kaliopi Diamantis, Lemima Ayoub, Curtis Tu'ihalangie & Greg Bondar at Tonga High Commission, Canberra

initiative will be announced between **Her Majesty Queen Nanasipau'u's charity** in Tonga and **Every Home for Christ Australia**, who will deliver Audio Bibles and a Mobile Medical Unit to serve remote island communities.

The Audio Bible project—coordinated by Greg Bondar, Kevin Keegan and supported by Kaliopi Diamantis had Rev. Jason Kioa and Mrs Fotolina Kioa kindly volunteering their voices and time to record the Bible narration.

EHC Ministry Director, Greg Bondar will travel to Tonga to handover 500 Audio Bibles and officially launch the initiative on Tonga Day, 4 November 2025, coinciding with the 150th Anniversary of the Tongan Constitution. That milestone recalls the visionary leadership of King Tupou I, whose 1875 Constitution safeguarded the sovereignty and dignity of his people, ensuring Tonga remained the only nation in the Pacific never to be colonised.

As the celebrations drew to a close, the events of September 2025 stood as a powerful reaffirmation of the “*Kaume 'a Ofi*” spirit — a bond of close friendship that continues to unite Tonga and Australia in mutual respect, faith and shared purpose.

By Louise Waterhouse, Consulate-General of Tonga in Australia



# You are invited to Christmas

A Re-Churching Movement Campaign by Every Home for Christ

This Christmas, we are encouraging believers across Australia to make a simple, personal invitation to someone who may not currently attend church. Many people are open to faith during the Christmas season—sometimes they just need someone to invite them.

In this newsletter, you will find two Christmas Invitation Cards:

1. **One card is for you to give** to a neighbour (Matthew 22:39), friend, colleague, or family member who does not have a church to go to this Christmas.
2. **The second card is for your pastor or church leader**, inviting your church to join the national **You Are Invited to Christmas campaign**.

## About the Campaign

The goal is to help churches welcome people back to Church this Christmas. When a church signs up, they receive:

- Printed and digital **Invitation Cards** with a shared QR code that helps people find a participating church.
- **Promotional materials** for services (slides, social posts, bulletin text).

- A simple **Welcome Guide** to help greet and follow up with guests.

This campaign is open to all denominations and runs through Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2025.

## Christmas Appeal

Participating churches can also share our Christmas Appeal, which provides gift packs to children in our Child Sponsorship projects. <https://donate.everyhome.org.au/page/FUNZKSQZFUQ>

## Pre-Christmas Celebrations

### Christmas Spectacular

Wednesday, 19 November 2025

NSW Parliament House Theatre, Sydney  
Featuring choirs, cultural performers, live music, and family gift bags.

## Learn More & Get Involved

Full campaign details, church sign-up, downloadable assets and event information are available at:

<https://everyhome.org.au/campaigns/christmas/>

Please:

- **Give one card to someone you know, and**
- **Pass the second card to your pastor**

Let's invite Australia to put Christ back into Christmas.



# Pray for Upcoming Events for 2025

## NOVEMBER

### National Prayer Breakfast

Sponsored by



**Date:** Monday 3.11.25

**Location:** The Great Hall, Parliament House, Parliament Drive Canberra

**Time:** 7:15am to 8:15am AEDT

**Further Prayer Session run by EHC Australia**

**Location:** Forecourt (Mosaic Pavement)

**Time:** 8:50am to 9:35am AEDT

**Register by clicking [here](#)**



### Every Home for Christ Christmas Spectacular



**Date:** Wednesday 19.11.25

**Arrive:** 5:00pm - Registration and Refreshments

**Start of Performance:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm AEST

**Location:** Parliament of NSW, 6 Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

**Register by clicking [here](#)**





# Let's Pray!

## NOVEMBER 2025

Bible Readings: This month the daily text will be taken from the book of Malachi, Matthew. For those wanting to do the one-year Bible reading program these chapters are in brackets.

**1 PRAY FOR TANNER & BETHANY PEAKE** Tanner is now preparing for the 80th Anniversary celebrations of EHC globally. Please pray for EHC to grow and strengthen and to spread the gospel to new places and reach even more people.. **Malachi 3 (Nehemiah 1-7)**



**2 PRAY FOR GREG AND LYNNE BONDAR** Pray God will guide Greg in his leadership as Executive Director in Australia and New Zealand and his wife Lynne as she supports Greg in the ministry. **Malachi 4 (Nehemiah 8-10)**



**3 PRAY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Pray for the EHC Directors in Australia & New Zealand that the Lord will guide them in all their decision-making. **Matthew 1 (Nehemiah 11-13)**

**4 PRAY FOR OUR REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL DIRECTORS** Pray for Wolfgang Lee (Singapore) and Manasa Kolivusso (Fiji) as they guide EHC ministries throughout Asia Pacific. **Matthew 2 (Malachi 1-4)**

**5 PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY** sons, daughters and grandchildren, plus others to come to Christ. Get a piece of paper and write down their names. Get their photos and pray every day for their salvation; eternity without Christ is a long time! **Matthew 3 (Matthew 1-2)**

**6 AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND** Aust: Pop. 26,439,111 Map 147 NZ: Pop. 5,228,100 Map 148 Please pray for the nations of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for the spiritual awakening and revival among their people. Ask for God's guidance and blessing over the Every Home Global Concern ministries operating in these countries, that they may effectively spread the love and truth of Christ. **Matthew 4 (Matthew 3:1-4:11)**

**PRAY FOR ISRAEL - ROMANS 11:28**

**7 MAURITIUS** Pop. 1,268,280 Map 6 Pray for the team preparing to go to Rodrigues for an outreach. Pray the Lord will go before them, opening doors and preparing hearts in communities. **Matthew 5 (Matthew 4:12-7:29)**

**8 VENEZUELA** Pop. 28,516,896 Map 214 We shared the 2025 "Love Your Neighbor" kit with leaders of the Foursquare Church and the Baptist Convention; pray we can help equip many churches. **Matthew 6 (Matthew 8:1-11:1)**

**9 BANGLADESH** Pop. 175,686,899 Map 132 Political and social unrest is increasing every day. Our team reports that the government's seeming indifference to the problems is creating discontent. Pray for peace. **Matthew 7 (Matthew 11:2-13:53)**

**10 BULGARIA** Pop. 6,714,560 Map 77 Pray for those visiting churches and encouraging evangelism. Their desire is to involve more young people in sharing the gospel. **Matthew 8 (Matthew 13:54-16:28)**

**11 CREATIVE ACCESS - MIDDLE EAST** Pray that the conflicts in this region would open people's hearts to the Lord. Pray for believers, that God would protect them from persecution. **Matthew 9 (Matthew 17:1-19:2)**

**12 CREATIVE ACCESS - MIDDLE EAST** Ask for God's shelter over displaced families, children and those living in precarious conditions, that they would be safe and surrounded by compassion. **Matthew 10 (Matthew 19:3-23:39)**

**PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH**

**13 ECUADOR** Pop. 51,384,894 Map 26 Please pray that God would provide Every Home with collaborators in ministry. Pray that they would reach new areas and that many would come to Jesus. **Matthew 11 (Matthew 24:1-26:2)**

## Catch up on Every Home News in Just 5 Minutes!

We've been working behind the scenes to make staying connected even easier. Over the past year, we've used AI to create short audio overviews of our newsletters — summarised highlights, powerful stories and ministry updates — all in under 5 minutes.

**Perfect for your commute, walk, or quiet moment of reflection.**

Click [here](#) to Listen Now.



**14 PHILIPPINES** Pop. 116,786,962 Map 169 Pray that all outreaches would go smoothly and that they would not be hindered by any factors. Pray that those who hear the message would believe. **Matthew 12 (Matthew 26:3-27:66)**

**15 IRELAND/NORTHERN IRELAND** Pop. 5,308,039 Map 91 Every Home is partnering with churches to participate in an autumn mission, which includes school visits and various community events. Pray for unity. **Matthew 13 (Matthew 28)**

**16 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA** Pray God would call many people to himself during outreaches in this restricted nation. Pray all who hear the Good News would believe in Jesus and be disciplined. **Matthew 14 (Mark 1:1-13)**

**17 SURINAME** Pop. 9,632,287 Map 79 Please pray for our volunteers, many of whom face significant health challenges. Ask God for strength, healing and comfort for them and their families. **Matthew 15 (Mark 1:14-3:35)**

**18 CREATIVE ACCESS - SOUTH ASIA** Please pray that God would raise up trustworthy, committed people to serve. Pray for the right individuals at the right time to help carry the work forward. **Matthew 16 (Mark 4-5)**

**19 TOGO** Pop. 9,721,608 Map 38 It's wrestling season in the Kozah prefecture. It's also time for traditional African tribal ceremonies. Pray for many to come to Christ during this time. **Matthew 17 (Mark 6:1-8:26)**

**20 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA** Pray for the team travelling to the mountains, that God would prepare people so that when we meet them, they will wish to seek God with all their hearts! **Matthew 18 (Mark 8:27-10:31)**

Send your prayer request to [ehc@everyhome.org.au](mailto:ehc@everyhome.org.au) and we will pray for you too!

**21 CHILE** Pop. 19,859,921 Map 220 Pray Jesus would remove blinders from the eyes of those who resist receiving him. Lift up the hardened hearts that have not yet opened to hear the gospel. **Matthew 19 (Mark 10:32-13:37)**

**22 THAILAND** Pop. 71,619,863 Map 136 Praise God for teams from abroad helping carry Christ to various schools, universities, hospitals, prisons and evangelism events. **Matthew 20 (Mark 14-16)**

**23 HUNGARY** Pop. 9,632,287 Map 79 Please pray for Every Home in the region of Transcarpathia. May God bless, guide and protect the workers. Pray also for Jesus to bring an end to the war. **Matthew 21 (Luke 1-2)**

**24 CREATIVE ACCESS - MIDDLE EAST** Pray God would give strength, perseverance and true transformation to people through Every Home. Pray all would find fellowship with other believers. **Matthew 22 (Luke 3:1-4:15)**

**25 NIGER** Pop. 27,917,831 Map 36 Pray for all those who have received gospel literature, that they would be touched by grace so that they may turn to Jesus. **Matthew 23 (Luke 4:16-6:49)**

**26 HONDURAS** Pop. 11,005,850 Map 182 Pray as workers reach schools to share the gospel with young people. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts to receive the good news. **Matthew 24 (Luke 7:1-9:50)**



# MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

## ZOOM WEBINAR

TUESDAY

18th November

see your regions times below

3:00 pm Perth

6:00 pm Syd / Melb

5:00 pm Brisbane

8:00 pm NZ / Samoa

5:30 pm Adelaide

7:00 am UK

Register by emailing, going to our website or clicking on QR code below

[ehc@everyhome.org.au](mailto:ehc@everyhome.org.au)

<https://everyhome.org.au/events/>



**NOTE:** Once you register you can decide if you wish to participate each month AND you can use the SAME link each month so no need to re-register each month.



Our Special Guest this month will be **Morgan Gegera** the National Director of EHC Samoa.

He will be speaking and praying about the importance of the Pacific, Outreach Missions and Christmas.

This will be the final prayer meeting for the year and will be broadcast from our Boardroom on our Teleconference set up. So all invited to join us either online or onsite at - EHC HQ | The Strand Penshurst 2222 NSW



**27 SAMOA** Pop. 219,306  
**Map 158** Pray for coverage of 48 villages by December 2025. Pray for strength to walk in power, for people to come to Christ and for open doors. **Matthew 25 (Luke 9:51-12:59)**

**28 NORWAY** Pop. 5,623,071  
**Map 94** Pray as leaders work to establish the new Norwegian office of Every Home. Ask for God's guidance over every step - both practical and strategic. **Matthew 26 (Luke 13:1-18:30)**

**29 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA** Please pray for wisdom, courage and protection for volunteers as they give material to Muslims. Pray for hearts to be opened to the call of Christ! **Matthew 27 (Luke 18:31-21:38)**

## PRAY FOR ASIA PACIFIC

**30 RWANDA** Pop. 14,569,341  
**Map 17** The margins ministry activities are unfolding. Pray for a great harvest, that the Holy Spirit would move mightily, bringing lasting transformation. **Matthew 28 (Luke 22-23)**

Join us for our Special Christmas Prayer Meeting this month either online or onsite.

## Join the Re-Churching Movement!

Take a stand in restoring and revitalising our Churches by placing your Church address here and circulating this newsletter to your congregation. Contact us today to get started—details below.

Together, let's rebuild and re-ignite the spirit of our Churches!

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