**AUC Global Partnership Offering – July 27**

**Laos and Timor-Leste – Our New AUC Global Partnership.**

**The Results of our Previous Global Partnership Offerings**

* The Adventist Movement grew up with a focus for Global Mission.
* In 2003 the AUC launched its Global Partnership with Mongolia Mission and began sending teams to work with the fledging church leadership in Mongolia. With a primary focus on evangelistic work and a strategy that kept teams returning to the same areas to serve in the community and develop relationships, the Mission Mongolia project has been a blessing to Mongolia but also the AUC.
* Teams come back excited and enthused about the global mission of the church and how we can make a difference beyond ourselves.
* Over 50 teams from the AUC, including over 600 people, made the trek to Mongolia to work on various projects.
* Teams from every conference in our Union have been a part of Mission Mongolia.
* While the AUC, using funds collected in the Global Partnership Offering, has financially supported each team they have had to raise significant funds themselves to make a project work. This means that church members all across our Union have attended fundraising events and been part of various fundraising sponsorships to support Mongolia Mission.
* Projects have included building churches and schools, teaching health and cooking, working in prisons, running kids clubs, building community playgrounds and greenhouses. In 2015 a team from SQld taught sewing (along with supplying sewing machines).
* The strong relationships built in the community supported the strategy of the Mongolian Mission.
* The evangelistic efforts have been successful and today the Adventist church in Mongolia has over 2500 members.
* While there is still a lot of work to be done Adventist Mission has asked our Union to refocus our Global Partnership energy and work in Laos and Timor-Leste in a similar way to how we have with Mongolia.

**Laos and Timor-Leste**

* ADRA is already working in both Laos and Timor-Leste with a focus on providing clean drinking water and sanitation.
* In Timor-Leste (population 1 266 000) we have a membership, 536 but only 1 church. In Laos (population 7 077 000) we have 4 churches with a membership of 1 232 people.
* In a similar way to how we have worked in Mongolia we working with churches in Australia to put together teams to support the work already happening. The teams will help with building projects, serve in the community and facilitate evangelism.
* At the moment we are particularly focusing on the Timor Adventist International School in Dili where we are encouraging churches to raise funds and put together teams to erect classrooms. We have a team there right now erecting the first of these buildings.
* Other projects will include building centres of influence in Same, Atauro Island, Liquica and Ossu.
* The AUC is also sponsoring young people in Timor to become pastors and teaches. We currently only have one ordained Adventist pastor in Timor-Leste.

**Mission Partnership Offering on July 17**

* Our Mission Partnership offering on July 27 will go toward supporting community building projects in Timor-Leste and funding the development of pastors and teachers who can come back and serve in their communities. Your offering today really will make a difference for our neighbours in Timor-Leste.

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