

empowering communities to
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REPORT 2010





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We believe God's greatest gift is a life-changing experience of Jesus, and our heart is to see this gift embraced by people around the world. With deep compassion and cultural sensitivity, Global Interaction is empowering communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus.

Our **Mission**

*Global Interaction exists to...
Empower communities to develop their own
distinctive ways of following Jesus*

Our **Vision**

*We see...
Growing, vibrant faith communities engaging
least-reached groups with Jesus.*

*Australian Baptists rejuvenated through
greater missional engagement in cross-cultural
mission through prayer, giving, understanding
and going.*





From the **Chairperson** of the board

The work of Global Interaction is motivated by our belief that God's greatest gift is a life-changing experience of Jesus; our passion is that people embrace this gift.

Our strategic deliberations have resulted in Global Interaction seeking to be effective though a clear focus on unreached people groups in Asia and Africa. We will measure our effectiveness over the next five years through God using Global Interaction to:

- Establish functioning faith communities in nine unreached people groups;
- Enter the final phase of localisation in selected areas of work;
- Motivate and resource Australian churches to be more effective in culturally sensitive and innovative mission; and
- Gain significant prayer support, sufficient skilled staff, and adequate financial support to fulfil our mission.

Our workers are engaged in a range of different activities including evangelism, church planting and nurture, Biblical training and leadership development. We also recruit staff for Service Fellowship International, a specialist agency established to manage and implement development, educational, medical and social justice programs.

As with all walks of life, there are new ways that those who are called to missionary service wish to serve their time with us. Global Interaction is seeking to be responsive to the changing world and is able to offer a far wider range of service opportunities ranging from short-term Global Xposure trips to long-term service.

We continue to place greater emphasis on designated giving, requiring staff to engage intentionally with supporters in terms of prayer and finance. God continues to work in the hearts of individuals who willingly exercise stewardship and support for our people and our work. We thank God also for the many churches and individuals who stand with us in our work.

The Board is thankful for the devoted service of Rev Keith Jobberns, our directors, all members of staff and our voluntary workers during the past year.

We also thank all of our friends and partners and trust that you will continue to see God's hand at work in the coming year in your own life as you assist us to engage in cross-cultural ministry. We thank you for your prayer, giving and understanding. Please continue to pray for Global Interaction, for those who have been called to serve, and those in whose hearts God is at work preparing them to be sent in the future.

John Peberdy
Chairperson of the Board



From the **General Director**

I continue to be overwhelmed by the lack of access so many people have to the good news of God's love as manifested in the ministry of Jesus. As we conclude the first decade of the 21st century, close to one third of the people with whom we share the earth have never had the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus in a way that would make any sense to them linguistically or culturally.

As an organisation with more than 120 years of service, our core commitment to 'empowering communities to discover their own distinctive way of following Jesus' remains as critical as ever.

Our focus continues to be centred on nine of the poorest and most marginalised people group communities in the world. Our vision is to see members of these people groups experience the transforming love of Jesus.

We have already seen significant breakthroughs in some of these least reached groups in southern Africa as well as in Thailand. The movement of the Spirit in these communities encourages us to trust that we will see others experiencing the transforming love of Jesus in those areas where we have our cross-cultural staff living such as Kazakhstan, South East Asia, Central Asia and Africa.

Our most pressing need in the coming year is for a growing number of people, called by God, to be His agents in cross-cultural ministry. We believe that if we are to take up the opportunities that God has laid before us we need an additional 40 cross-cultural staff members in the next two years. This can be a somewhat daunting goal, but one we believe God desires to see accomplished so that His kingdom may come here on this earth.

On behalf of the staff I want to express our thankfulness to God for the gift of our retiring Chair and Vice-Chairman. Ivan James completes ten years of outstanding leadership as the Chairman of the Board and Gary Le Cras completes five years in his role as Vice-Chairman. We have seen major changes in the structure and operation of the Board over these years as well as significant changes in our operations especially in terms of our financial support raising methodology. The leadership of Ivan and Gary has been critical in the process of these changes being successfully implemented.

Rev Keith Jobberns
General Director

Board members: John Peberdy (Chairperson, Special Expertise), Michelle Farrall (Vice-Chairperson, Special Expertise), Michael Pittendrigh (Treasurer, Special Expertise), Keith Jobberns (General Director), Norm Nix (NSW), Ivan James (TAS), Ashley Saunders (QLD), Kaye Walker (VIC), Gary Le Cras (WA), John Gronow (NT), Ken Clendinning (Australian Baptist Ministries), John Hickey (BWAA)



Financial Report

Global Interaction has been blessed again this year through the prayer, encouragement and financial support of our partners, supporters and donors. Your support has enabled our ministry to continue in fifteen countries around the globe. Our team members are committed to empowering communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus.

In a financial sense the year has been full of uncertainties. Volatility in debt markets, share-markets and currency fluctuations have made the financial management of the organisation challenging, but we are encouraged by the continued commitment of our supporters and staff in these difficult times. Global Interaction recorded a significant deficit for the year.

Our overseas expenditure has again been impacted by the lower Australian Dollar. Our home base expenditure is monitored closely in order to control costs while still continuing to improve the care of our staff and our communications with them and our partners.

We are conscious of the responsibility that we have in overseeing the work of Global Interaction and being good stewards of the resources that God has made available, and we believe will continue to make available to support this ministry.

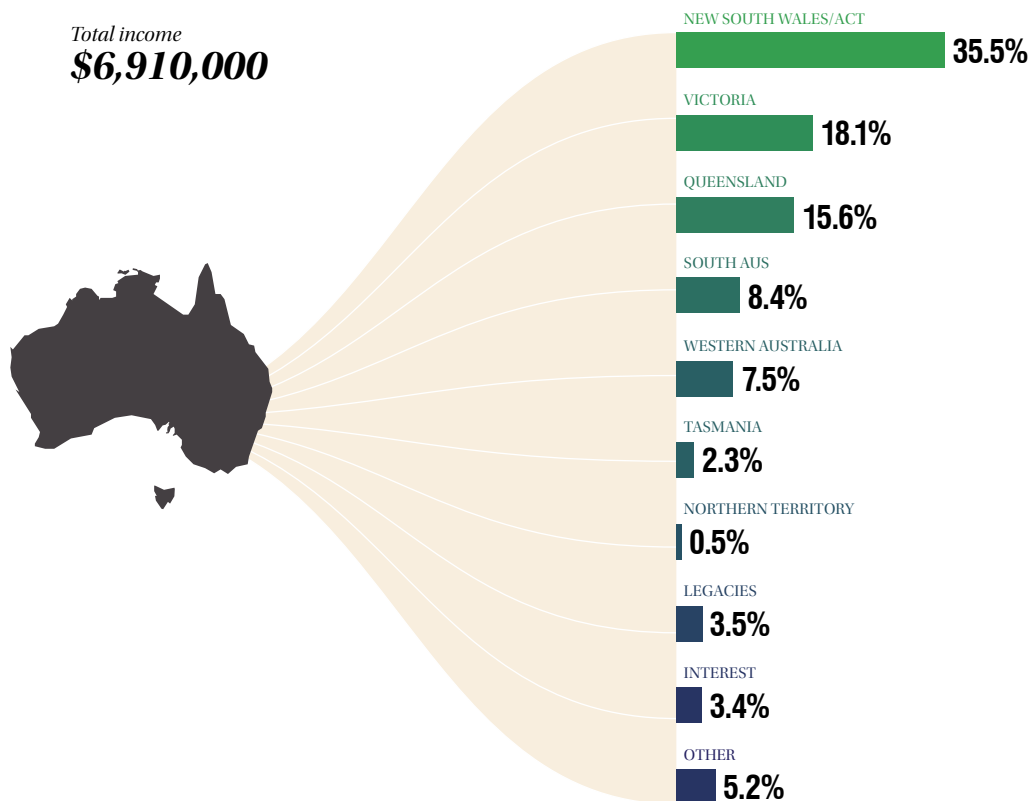
If you would like any further financial information, a copy of our audited financial statements or if you have any questions about supporting Global Interaction please contact finance@globalinteraction.org.au.

Trevor Spicer
Director of Finance, Administration & Risk

Thank you all for your prayer support, your financial support and your encouragement in many ways of our staff overseas and here in Australia.

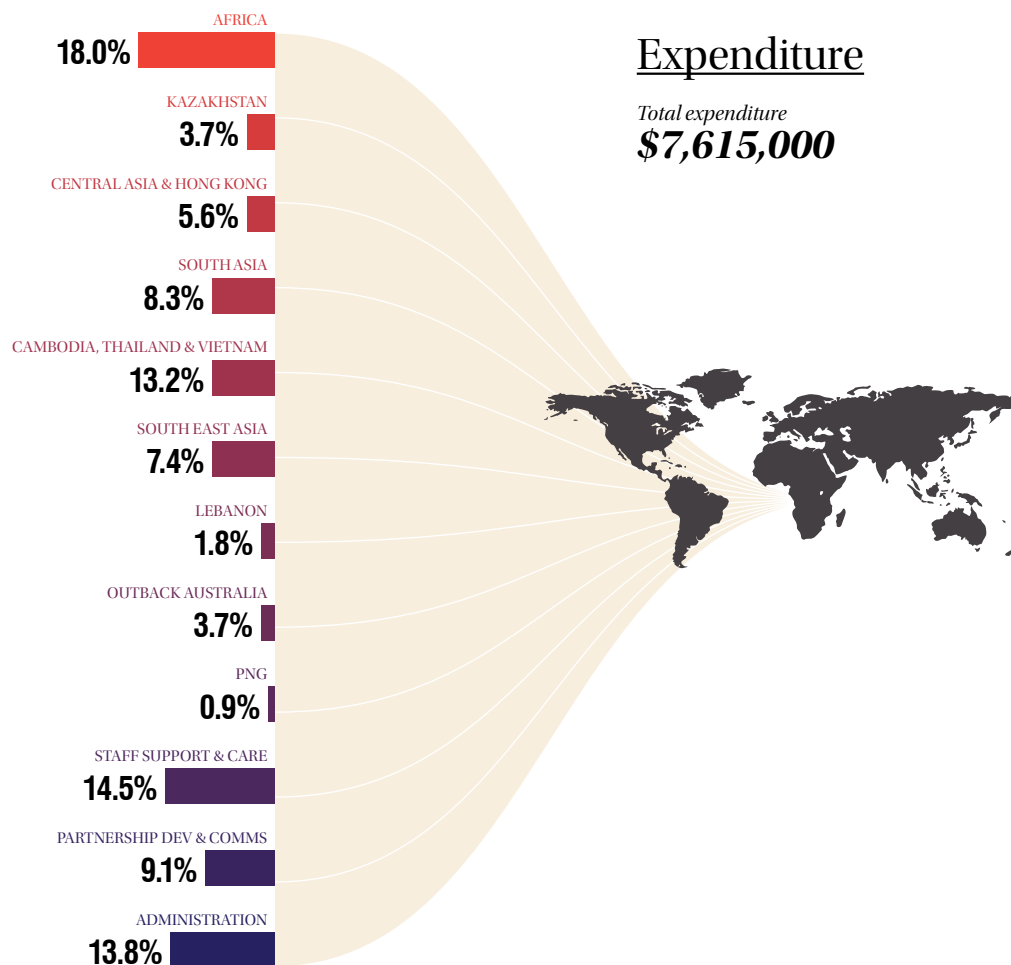
Sources of Income

Total income
\$6,910,000



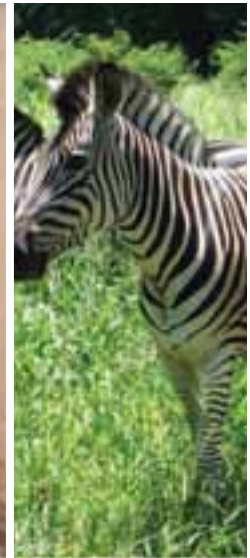
Expenditure

Total expenditure
\$7,615,000





We Value... Dependence on God • Contextualised Gospel • Innovation • Authentic Relationships • Teamwork • Sustainability



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