



HOA

Serving in South Asia

HoA is a remarkable man. He grew up in an orphanage and suffered childhood polio which left him with severe disabilities. He came to Australia when he was eight years old and was adopted by an Australian family shortly after.

As a boy, he faced the challenges of cultural adjustment as well as coping with his disabilities. As a young man, hopelessness overwhelmed him and he turned to drugs. In desperation, he called out to God for help, and, as he puts it, “God miraculously changed my life. Since then I have given my life to serve God by helping my own people. I trained in Adelaide.”

After gaining experience with ethnic communities in Australia, he returned to the land of his birth in South Asia in 1998. His memories of his “home” country were limited, and he had to re-learn the language and culture.

Getting around the city where he lives on his motor bike, HoA has a dynamic ministry among people whose life experiences are similar to his own.

- He is setting up a centre to help children who are orphaned and/or who have disabilities.
- He teaches English to young men, many of whom have disabilities, and who need employment.
- He meets with people with leadership potential, mentoring, teaching and encouraging them.
- He helps disadvantaged and marginalised people in his local area to find ways through which their lives can be improved.

In all that he does, HoA aims to live in a way that reflects Jesus’ love. As a result he has many opportunities to answer people’s questions about life and about his own personal journey. He has also written a book, “Heart of Stone, My Story.” It is a must-read!

HoA is seconded to Service Fellowship International for his humanitarian work.

