It is a privilege at Temple Christian College to not only be involved in the education of young people, but also in their spiritual formation. Our desire is that Temple students have an opportunity to nurture their faith in an honest and supportive environment, and in doing so, that they might develop a robust trust in God that will last a lifetime. Through all that we do we want to encourage students to find their place, their identity and their sense of meaning, purpose and mission in the grand unfolding story of God. Our hope is that their time at Temple will help them to develop skills, talents, understanding and experiences that will enable them to go out into the world and create culture that reflects the Kingdom of God “on earth as it is in Heaven”. A significant part of this vision is to provide opportunity for students to experience short term mission trips in both Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. Trips such as these continue to shape the lives of our students as they learn more about themselves, the needs of our world and how they can participate in God’s mission. We are also committed to fund raising for a number of different projects the school is involved in, and we are incredibly proud of the generosity within our school community. What an honour it is to serve God, and to live for a cause so much bigger than ourselves!

Mark Ryan, Head of Christian Life, Faith and Mission

They have a saying in Papua New Guinea to “Expect the Unexpected”, and that was certainly our experience as 11 Temple students and 4 staff travelled to Port Moresby for a 10 day mission trip in 2014. It was 10 days full of wonderful hospitality, surprising opportunities, challenge, adventure and rich learning for us all.

Whilst we have in the past sent students over to trek along the Kokoda Track, this was the first trip of its kind in which we were there to primarily work with the students and staff at Sunrise Bethel Christian School. I was incredibly proud of our Temple students as they confidently, and very ably, led an elective program over a number of days at the school, including lessons in Cooking, Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Computing and P.E. The Sunrise students absolutely loved having the team at the school, and enthusiastically embraced all of the activities.

We also had the opportunity to accompany the Grade 6 class on an excursion to the Port Moresby Nature Park, for an “Amazing Race” style challenge. This was another fantastic relationship building exercise, as the Temple students helped to lead the Sunrise teams, and the Sunrise students then taught our team some of the Pidgin language. On our final day at the school we held an assembly to showcase our activities for the week. It was just wonderful to see the students sing, dance, display their art work and tell of all that they had learnt through the elective classes. There was also some tears on both sides as we said our goodbyes to a beautiful school community, testimony to the fact that even over a short time there were some significant relationships developed and lives impacted.

During our time in PNG we also had the privilege of being present for the official opening of the new classrooms at Sunrise Bethel. It was a very special day as the students and school community sang, danced, and told the history of the school, before the ribbon was finally cut to open the new,
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building. With the classrooms already in use, it was lovely to be able to wander through and see how the new classrooms have provided valuable space, and a highly conducive environment for learning.

To top things off we were then treated to an enormous feast with the whole school community including staff, students, parents and pastors. A particular highlight of our trip was an overnight stay in the beachside village of Gaire. To experience traditional fishing on a reef off the coast, and to spend the night sleeping on grass mats was quite an adventure, but once again it was our time with the local people that made this such a significant time. We had the privilege of being involved in an impromptu open-air service on the Saturday night where we were treated to some Pidgin worship, before the service was handed to our team to sing some of our worship songs and deliver a message. We were also able to lead the majority of the local church service the next morning, and even baptise two people down at the beach. It was a very special time, and also a great learning opportunity as we noticed that while the people lived simply, their contentment in life, focus on relationships and spontaneity in their worship was inspiring.

Another valuable ministry opportunity came in the form of ARK ministries, an outreach program run by students at the Bethel Bible College for children in the local community. We had the opportunity on two different occasions to participate in games, songs, Bible stories and helped to distribute some afternoon tea. Once again, it was great to see what can be done with a simple tarpaulin, guitar and a love for God. Seemingly everywhere we went people could play the guitar and sing beautifully. It was a real privilege to listen to people worship in home fellowship groups, church services, classrooms, or sitting on their porch late at night.

The trip also gave us opportunity to learn more about the history and culture of PNG. We visited Parliament House, the Museum, and the beautifully maintained Bomona War Cemetery which recognises the lives that were lost during the Kokoda campaign of World War 2. We also managed to fit in a relaxing day out on Loloata Island, where we got some valuable rest and the chance to snorkel around a coral reef with lots of tropical fish.

While our time in PNG wasn’t without its challenges, the students showed incredible resilience in pressing on and throwing themselves into every opportunity. As we travelled home on the plane I was able to record some of their feedback and overwhelmingly it was a positive experience. There is no doubt that their lives have been impacted, as they were able to impact the lives of the students they had the opportunity to meet and serve. A huge thank you must go to Roger and Jill Tumes for the way they looked after us, and to the whole community at Sunrise Bethel Christian School (and the Bethel Centre) for making us feel so welcome and accepted as part of their family.

Another common refrain we heard in PNG is, “God is good all the time…All the time God is good”, and without doubt this was also our experience throughout the 10 days. What a blessing it was to see how God is working in the community at Sunrise Bethel and in PNG as a whole.

Mark Ryan
Head of Christian Life, Faith and Mission
Papua New Guinea Mission Trip
Applications for travel July, 2016 now available from School Front Office.

Total fundraising amount given by both campuses $5,486.05
CAMBODIA

Term 2

Each year, towards the end of the trip, we gather together as a team in Common Grounds Café in Siem Reap to debrief on all that we have experienced during our two weeks in Cambodia.

This year the team was challenged to try and encapsulate their experience within the limits of a social media status update. Admittedly, this was a really tough challenge given the breadth of people, projects, activities, emotion and significant learning opportunities that are involved. Nevertheless, it was clear from the responses that this had certainly been a transformational time for our students.

This year’s team, consisting of 22 students and 4 staff members, was an absolute pleasure to lead. Despite the early mornings, full days and late nights, they approached every aspect of the trip with enthusiasm and energy, and brought a whole lot of life to the people we met along the way. As we have done in previous years, the team interacted with hundreds of kids at schools, learning centres and orphanages, using face-painting, balloons, songs, dances, drama and sport as a conduit for spending quality time with underprivileged kids. As always, there was a lot of fun involved, but more importantly, an opportunity to bring life, blessing and value to young people growing up in a context of poverty, abuse or exploitation. It was a delight to sit with the team at the end of each day, and listen to how their perspectives, attitudes and faith were being shaped by what they were seeing and doing.

Visiting these projects also gives us an opportunity to pass on much needed money that the students, and broader school community have raised. It is wonderful to see how this is put to use, and as one who has been back multiple times, it is very exciting to see the legacy of previous Temple teams. This is perhaps most evident in Takeo, a village around one and a half hours from Phnom Penh. Each year we spend a few days at A Greater Hope Orphanage, and it is always a very special time. This year we were kept extremely busy, decorating new classrooms, preparing and running a Vacation Bible School for over 300 community kids and visiting village families to offer food packages and prayer. Our team always builds really strong connections with the kids at Takeo and so it was an absolute privilege to also be involved in baptising 27 of the local kids who have recently given their lives to Christ, as well as 3 of our own team members!

We were also able to spend an extended time at Justice House, a Destiny Rescue project in Phnom Penh, which is another venture that Temple has ongoing commitment to. We took the DR girls off to the Tamao Mountain Wildlife Park for a fun day out, before returning the next day for worship and activities at Justice House. Since returning to Adelaide I have seen photos of the large banner we created on the day, and photos of our Daughters of Grace group at school, proudly displayed on the walls of the house – a visible sign of the special connection we have with DR. In addition to those I have already mentioned, we also visited two schools (PSE and PIO) built on the outskirts of the old Phnom Penh dumpsite, Sunshine Cambodia, Cambodia Care Centre and Reaksa Himm’s project outside of Siem Reap – each of which are doing a remarkable work in their particular contexts.

There is an incredible amount of contrast in an experience such as this. The excitement of overseas travel, the experimentation with new and exciting foods, the opportunity to visit the phenomenal Angkor Wat Temples, the challenge of market shopping and the fun of traditional Cambodian photos, is balanced with

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the difficulty of touring the Killing Fields and Genocide Museum, walking around the utterly devastating Deum Sleng and Graveyard slum areas just outside the Cambodia Care Centre, coming to terms with how much more needs to be done to alleviate poverty and corruption, and persisting in ministry under some very trying conditions at times. But that’s what makes this trip such a rich learning opportunity for our students, and one which I pray, shapes them for service in God’s mission for many years to come.

Once again, I need to thank each member of the team for their heart and significant contribution, as well as their families for supporting them in coming on the trip. I need to acknowledge the wonderful help we receive from Chan Thol, our host, translator and great friend from Harvest House in Phnom Penh, and of course Mrs Montesi, Mrs Cibi and Mr Adams for their organisation, support and for being such gracious traveling companions. The nation and people of Cambodia have a special place in our hearts, and we look forward to giving many more Temple students this opportunity in years to come.

Mark Ryan
Head of Christian Life, Faith and Mission

Cambodia Missions Trip
is planned for
Term 3 in Sept/Oct
for 16 days

Total funds raised across both campuses
$36,270.53

“Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times. Some people are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

Sydney J. Harris
KIVA PROJECT

This year marked the fifth year of this micro lending project. It was started in 2010 by a group of Year 12 students and has been maintained by the Year 12 cohort ever since. This year, the boys’ support group GENTS conducted some fundraising events, including a pancake breakfast, to contribute to the project but it is generally funded through a once off donation from the Year 12 group.

KIVA is a micro lending organisation which operates globally. We donate money online to our choice of recipients across 81 countries. Borrowers use the money to buy seed, grow crops or buy stock for their business and when they can, they repay the debt. Some use it to pay their tuition fees for school or higher education. This money is then loaned out to other borrowers.

Since 2010, we have loaded $1,038 into the account but $4,050 has been loaned out in 152 loans across 42 different countries. The only money lost has been in transaction fees and we receive regular reports on our borrowers’ progress and the repayment of their loans.

Mary Smith, Year 12 Coordinator 2015

WORLD VISION

The 40 Hour Famine is one of Australia’s biggest youth fundraising events.

It’s an opportunity to do something real: give up food or something else that really matters for 40 hours and raise funds for kids living in poverty overseas.

It’s a great way for our students to experience what life’s like for children who have to go without – every single day.

World Vision Australia started the 40 Hour Famine in 1975 to raise money to help children, families and communities in desperate need. Today, World Vision continues to provide both short-term and long-term support to tackle the causes of poverty.

Young people hold the key to freeing the world from poverty. The 40 Hour Famine has become a rite of passage for young, socially-minded Australians where they can learn about fighting for justice.

This year, once again, we sent 12 enthusiastic students to the Global Leaders’ Conference at the Entertainment Centre. The whole aim of the GLC is to encourage students to get involved in the 40 Hour Famine and to create a 40 Hour Famine tradition in each school. The theme of the 2015 Conference was to “Stand” against poverty and injustice.

We learned about the use of power and the nature of leadership. We participated in simulation games which demonstrated the politics of inequality and spent time planning our campaign to motivate the school.

After presenting our mission at a school assembly, we set about organising BBQs, ice creams and pancakes to supplement our fundraising from sponsorship and the annual World Vision Casual Day.

Paralowie Campus raised $7,118.07 and Mile End Campus $3,472.04 Several thousand dollars was banked online and the total money donated is unable to be reported. The total above does not include online giving.

Mary Smith, Year 12 Coordinator 2015

Paralowie/Mile End Campus
“Whatever you do for the least of these…”

DAUGHTERS OF GRACE,
Mile End

Daughters of Grace in 2015 was organised by a very large, enthusiastic group of Year 12 girls who worked together to organise a wide range of nurturing activities and continue fundraising for our Destiny Rescue project.

As before, our fortnightly meetings were usually comprised of devotional and fun activities, as well as the devising of many fundraising events. We held bake sales, sold milkshakes and icecreams, served donuts, pancakes and Vietnamese Rolls. These food events organised for students were augmented by our Open Evening stall which sold potted herbs raised as an activity by the group and served tea and cupcakes in the “Destiny Garden.”

Our pattern of sponsorship for Destiny Rescue changed from previous years. Whereas before we had sponsored two specific girls from the Phnom Penh House, due to the restructuring of Destiny Rescue, in 2015 we began sponsoring the whole of Justice House and were thus committed to raising $150 per month. We have been generously aided in this project by Mrs Edwina Bendikov, one of our Temple librarians, who graciously bakes a tray of goodies for sale each Friday in the school canteen.

Once again, in 2015 we held a successful Daughters of Grace sleepover at the school.

This year our theme was “You are fearfully and wonderfully made” and we focused on the issue of body image. In amongst a packed agenda of hip hop dance workshops, baking for our next sale, cooking our evening meal, a hilarious game of hide and seek in a darkened school and devotions and discussions, we managed to prepare our own church service. We also organised a photo booth, where the girls took photos and made posters of themselves and their dreams and goals. These laminated posters were then taken by the Cambodia Mission team to Justice House where they fill a wall of the house to remind our Cambodian sisters that there is a group of girls in Australia who are supporting them, both in prayer and finance. We look forward to more and more Temple students visiting the project and making connections.

Mary Smith, Daughters of Grace

Total funds raised for Destiny Rescue was $644.61

OTHER FUNDRAISING PROJECTS across both Campuses

Nepal Earthquake Relief $1,337.77
Sampson Flat Fires $11,446.30
RSL Remembrance Day $44.55
Ronald McDonald House $792.36
West Care Can Drive $350.00
Cancer Council $1,744.60
Ovarian Cancer $243.70
Adelaide Zoo $100.00
Teen Challenge $50.00
United Care $165.05
There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today. Destiny Rescue is committed to liberating those enslaved and restoring those that have been abused. Already serving in five nations, Destiny Rescue will keep expanding to reach even more children.

Destiny Rescue is a grassroots, internationally recognised, Christian based, non-profit organisation dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking and sexual exploitation. We help rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restore the abused, protect the vulnerable, empower the poor and are a voice for those that can't speak up for themselves.

We currently operate our various programs in five nations: Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), and India. We also have offices in three donor nations: Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Our efforts are making a huge difference, too. We’ve rescued hundreds of children enslaved around the world, helped keep hundreds more from entering the sex-trade through our various prevention programs, ensured justice for those that have been wronged and have raised awareness to the human trafficking and untold numbers. And, we’ll continue to expand to help reach even more children in the days ahead!

Destiny Rescue realises that human trafficking is a big problem globally with up to 27 million men, women and children enslaved in its deadly grip today. With that said, we’re determined to set captives free worldwide. As long as children are being sold into the sex-trade, and poverty that drives at-risk children into prostitution exists, Destiny Rescue will be fully committed to fighting for their freedom, restoration and offering them a chance to dream again.

During 2015 Temple Christian College staff and students helped support Destiny Rescue through sponsorship of girls rescued. The Cambodia Missions Trip in 2015 also visited and invested funds, resources and time into the girls in Destiny Rescue in Phnom Penh. Kimbra and Matt Smith, both Old Scholars, working with Destiny Rescue in Phnom Penh received personal support.

In 2016 we hope to raise even more awareness to the human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children around the world.

We're Doing Something
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Term 4

Term 4 missions focus is the Good Samaritan Christmas Gift Shoe Boxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

For some 40 years ‘Samaritan’s Purse’ has been involved in practical ministry in many nations throughout the world giving aid to the poor, sick and suffering with food, medicine and other necessities of life. Operation Christmas Child specifically aims at brightening the life of individual children at Christmas time bringing joy and a small measure of respite from the difficult lives they endure.

This is a project undertaken by each Care Group for the first 5 weeks of Term 4.

Student members decide on the age and gender of the child the gift box is being prepared for. Each Student is encouraged to donate small appropriate gifts. $10 per box must also be raised to assist with freight and distribution costs. Care Groups are also encouraged to pop in a Care Group photo and message of greeting and encouragement.

Millions of children around the world are victims of war, poverty, famine and disease. They don’t have too much joy in their life. This is just one small way we can bring a little light and hope to a child living under duress.

In 2015, Mile End and Paralowie Campus put together over 100 shoe boxes and raised over $1,217.72. Please be encouraged to continue this very good work.

“He who is kind to the POOR lends to the LORD and HE will REWARD him for what he has done…”

Proverbs 19:17