



**CBM Australia**



2007 Annual Report



CBM IS AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE WORLD'S POOREST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THOSE AT RISK OF DISABILITY, WHO LIVE IN THE MOST DISADVANTAGED SOCIETIES.

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# Chairman's Message

In the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes describes the strength of partnership with the expression "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" Eccl 4:12 (NIV). CBM Australia works in many strong partnerships including national disability organisations, governments and our generous supporters. In 2007, the entire family of Christian Blind Mission around the globe embarked on a re-branding process to become "CBM – Together We Can Do More". As a result our name has changed to CBM Australia, in this our 100th year. "Together We Can Do More" reflects our strategic approach to engage and work in partnership to exponentially increase the positive work of CBM worldwide in the lives of people with disabilities. Ecclesiastes refers to three strands in a cord – for CBM the first strand is the essential role that God and our Christian faith plays in our development work.

In 2007 we were again humbled by the sustained record levels of donations. Our supporters contributed over \$25 million to the work of CBM Australia, including \$700,000 in donated medical equipment. Our expenditure on projects continues to grow with over \$19.7 million spent on overseas projects last year.

A surplus of \$1.9 million for the year includes funds for longer term programs and also to prudently build financial reserves to the point where they are equivalent to the expected project expenditure for the next year, a sound risk management policy the Board has been pursuing over recent years.

Project support continued for CBM Australia's development initiatives for people with disabilities. These include prevention, awareness raising, treatment, rehabilitation, education, training and other initiatives in furthering community inclusion for people with a disability. CBM Australia continued to respond to community emergencies in West Africa, Bangladesh and Asia following on from famine, flood and tsunami. Locally, CBM Australia has appointed a Church Disability Access Officer to assist people with disabilities to better access activities in the Australian Christian community.

We are pleased that The Charitable Foundation has continued their partnership with CBM Australia through three programs improving the lives of people with blindness and other disabilities in Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya. Likewise, I wish


to record our appreciation to AusAID for their significant partnership (\$2.38 million) for our annual ANCP programs and the final year of a two-year eye care program in Afghanistan.

Our Second Chance Medical Equipment (formerly Gifts in Kind) program shipped materials overseas valued at over \$1.2 million. An extensive review of the function of the donated goods program in Australia and overseas took place during 2007. The result was a decision to concentrate more on existing CBM Australia projects by sourcing and delivering specialised ophthalmic and medical equipment, as well as training and other ongoing support.

Our talking book library service, which is delivered through Vision Australia Information Library Service (VAIS), continues to provide excellent service to over 1500 library users, enabling CBM Australia to continue the provision of quality Christian literature to Australians who have difficulty reading printed text.

Our voluntary Board continues to work tirelessly in directing CBM Australia and we are pleased to see new members of the community interested in taking an active role in leading our organisation. At this point, we also say farewell to our good friend and colleague, Reinhold Gutknecht, who retired in May 2007 after over 20 years of service. Sue Allen also finished with the CBM board in August 2007 and their energy and application are greatly missed.

Many contributed to our success in 2007 but it would be remiss of me if I did not record my sincere thanks to the management and staff of CBM Australia, and to all the volunteers who work with us at CBM Australia to grow our ministry. Their dedicated and tireless work is a perfect demonstration of Christ's love in action, enabling us to bring relief to the many disadvantaged and suffering people beyond our shores who are afflicted by blindness and other disabilities. We welcome your continued participation through prayer, service and financial support of our work. Together we can do more.



Wolfgang Fischer, Chairman



# National Director's Message

In the slums of Kenya a little boy named Michael captured my heart in a way that I will never forget.

Michael has hydrocephalus. He lives with his family of seven people amongst the open sewers in a tiny one-room concrete home. That's seven people affected by Michael's disability.

Because of his hydrocephalus, Michael's family spent all their money on a lifesaving operation. I share his mother Rosemary's heartache as they can't afford to send Michael's brothers and sister to school.

Our CBM teams see families caught in this 'poverty-disability cycle' all the time. Because the harsh reality of disability is that it keeps families on the brink of poverty, unable to escape the cycle.

After 25 years of visiting families like Michael's with CBM, it still breaks my heart to see children suffering with disabilities.

And I am still filled with an overwhelming sense of pride to be part of an organisation that is dedicated to working amongst these families, truly the poorest of the poor. For me, it is a tremendous privilege.

And this year, more than ever before, people have been healed, sight given and hope restored. So as we reflect on the past year, we give thanks for a year of unprecedented generosity from Australian supporters and others across the globe.

Through 121 projects and 110 local partners, CBM Australia contributed to projects providing preventative, medical, rehabilitative and educational help for more than 2.4 million people in 2007.

Our work was made possible with the support of about 70,000 Australians! It really is a family united by one single goal – to set people free from disability... for life. People like Michael.

But working with families like Michael's, we know that we cannot end world poverty without addressing the issue of disability.

At CBM it is our privilege to be world leaders in breaking this vicious cycle of poverty and disability. Through CBM Australia we are proud to partner with you. Together this is OUR privilege.



John Jeffries  
National Director  
CBM Australia









## 2007 in Review

**In 2007 CBM Australia was able to improve and extend services to people with disabilities in developing countries, and right here in Australia too.**

CBM Australia has been able to improve and extend its services to people who are blind or have other disabilities in many developing countries and throughout Australia. These services include medical, educational, rehabilitation and community outreach programs in 121 projects in 35 countries.

In partnership with AusAID, CBM Australia continued setting people free from disability by way of eye care, community based rehabilitation, orthopaedic care and mental health through 24 significant projects in:

- > **Afghanistan**
- > **India**
- > **Cambodia**
- > **Tanzania**
- > **Sudan**
- > **Nigeria**
- > **Niger**
- > **Philippines**
- > **China**

With valuable funding from AusAID, these programs unite medical care with community inclusion. CBM Australia enables people with disabilities to participate and be included in everyday community life.

CBM Australia also provided emergency help to the most vulnerable victims and families in crisis in East Africa, Burkina Faso, Ghana, India and Bangladesh.

CBM Australia is also playing a significant leadership role in advocacy and awareness of disability and development within the Australian NGO community. This includes chairing the Australian Disability and Development Consortium and engaging a Church Disability Access officer to support Australian churches in being disability inclusive.

A comprehensive program for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of women with fistula in Africa has been developed, and CBM Australia's long term response to the Tsunami continues with programs that provide medical help and rehabilitation for people with disabilities, restoration of communities and psycho-social healing. Over 90% of tsunami donations have been put to work – and the work continues!

In late 2007, CBM Australia responded to the natural disaster in Bangladesh providing emergency assistance but also plans for longer term work in affected communities into 2008 and beyond.

**CBM Australia celebrates another wonderful year of partnering with Australians to set people free from disability... for life!**

# How CBM Is Changing The World

CBM internationally is the largest organisation in the world helping people with disabilities in the world's poorest countries.

Globally, CBM is made up of 10 Member Associations which support a joint program of work. This enables partners to develop services and advocate for the mainstreaming of disability into development programs. Worldwide hundreds of thousand of people donate funds toward the work of CBM!

## Measuring CBM's FULL Impact

Every man, woman or child given sight, mobility, hearing or ability through rehabilitation gives hope and opportunity to 5 – 20 family members.

### Lives rescued and restored

- 120 million** mums, dads, children set free from the shared impact of a family member's disability through CBM's care
- 20.8 million** people given preventive or curative medical care
- 673,668** people given sight-restoring cataract surgery – one "miracle of sight" every minute of every day
- 468,380** people with disabilities given rehabilitation or education services

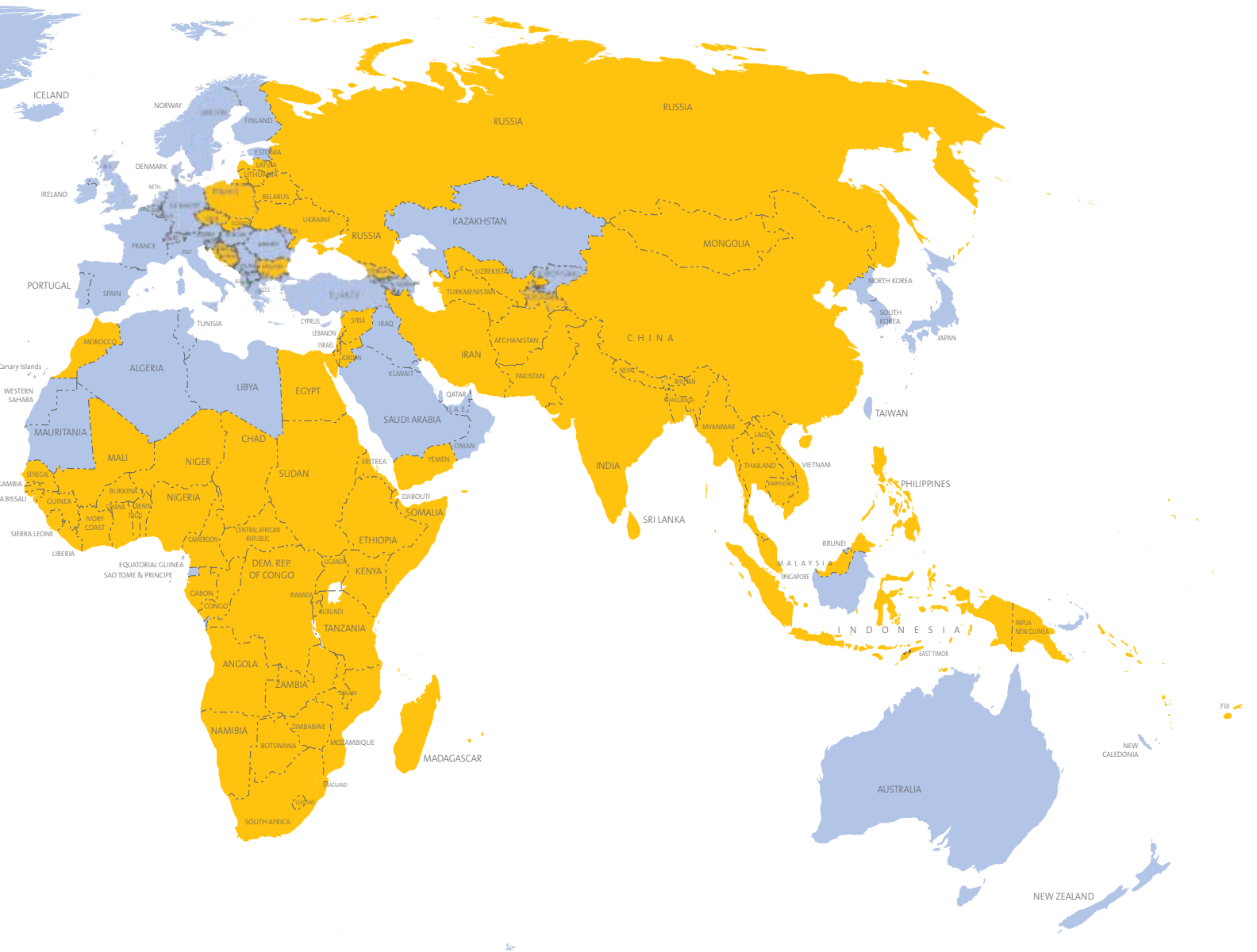
### Making every dollar count


- 20,966** national project staff funded by CBM in over 1,000 projects worldwide
- 128** highly skilled doctors, therapists and administrators from around the world, involved in establishing projects and training nationals





In 2007, CBM supported over 1,000 projects in 110 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Through its partner organisations, CBM currently reaches over 21 million people and aims to reach many more in the coming years. CBM Australia contributed to 121 projects in 25 countries.



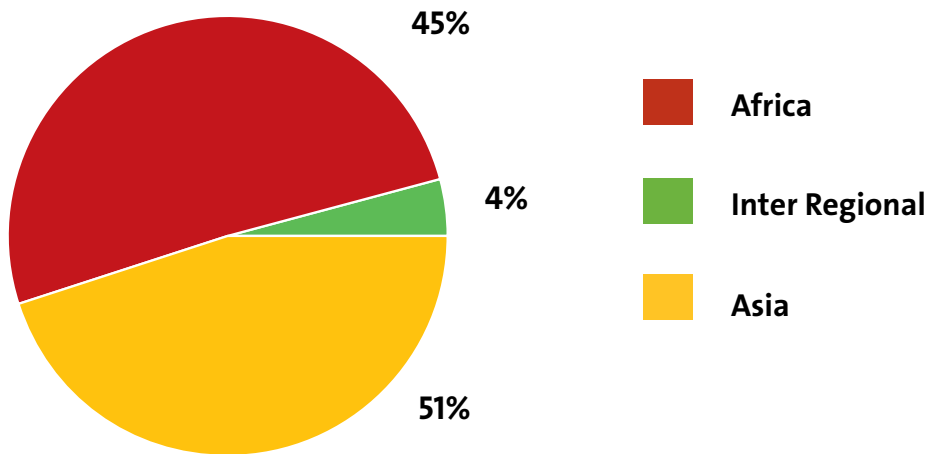
 Countries where CBM is transforming lives with hope and opportunity

*Note: "CBM" refers to the international body of Member Associations.  
"CBM Australia" refers to the Australian Member Association of CBM.*

# How Australians Change Lives

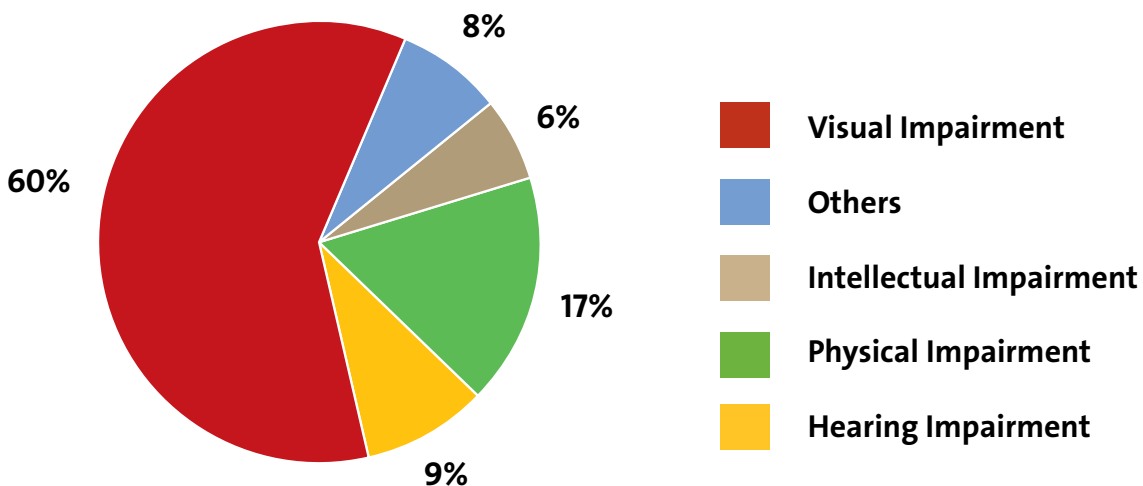
## Where your support is going

CBM Australia's primary goal is to improve the lives of the world's poorest people with disabilities, and those at risk of disability. With Australian support, in 2007 CBM Australia was able to fund 121 projects in 35 of the world's poorest countries.



## What your support is providing

As CBM celebrates 100 years of caring for people with disabilities, we continue to build and reveal capacity, ability and understanding within their local communities. So regardless of whether our teams are delivering eye-care, medical intervention or rehabilitation, our programs are specifically designed to build local skills and resources. In our experience, this is the most effective way to ensure that families living with disability have access to affordable and comprehensive health care and rehabilitation as well as quality education programs.





Cataract



Onchocerciasis  
(telltale nodule)



Vitamin A  
Deficiency



Trachoma

## Transforming Lives through CBM Australia

More than half of CBM Australia's work is vision related - preventing and curing blindness - as well as the rehabilitation, training and inclusion into society of people who are blind.

We focus on four preventable or treatable conditions such as:

- > Cataract
- > Onchocerciasis (or River Blindness)
- > Vitamin A Deficiency
- > Trachoma

A large portion of CBM Australia's work involves community-based rehabilitation with people who may have a range of conditions such as physical or hearing impairment or mental health issues.



# Together We Can Do More!

At CBM Australia our goal is to rescue and restore people trapped in poverty by disability. This is made possible by working with local partners. This partnership is central to CBM Australia's work as we endeavour to alleviate poverty and encourage community self-reliance and sustainability. Currently CBM Australia partners with over 700 local hospitals, government ministries, churches and community groups.

## Restore sight: restore respect – China

The province of Sichuan has been in the news of late. Sichuan was recently devastated by an earthquake. It is also the site of a CBM-funded School for Blind Children, where 13-year-old Li Long lives.

Li Long's mother died when he was less than 2. His father moved to the city to find work and never returned, leaving Li Long alone with his elderly grandma. "I was very lonely," he says, "there were no other children to play with." He was also growing up with a sight disability.

CBM's fieldworker was able to convince his grandmother that the school would be helpful for him. Whilst at the school, he received Orientation and Mobility training, which was supported by AusAID in partnership with CBM Australia.

Now Li Long practically lives at the school. "I like studying and I have more friends. I like playing with the other children. I want to learn massage and have my own business some day."



## Rescue a future: restore hope – India

Due to a deformed back bone, Dinesh’s right leg is about 2” shorter, causing major difficulty to walk.

A CBM CBR worker identified Dinesh and provided surgery on his leg. With on-going CBR therapy, and a special cast fitted on his leg, Dinesh now has enough strength to walk. This cast has provided Dinesh a new lease on life with the ability to walk.

Although Dinesh can now walk without support his right leg will remain shorter. “The kids at school called me lame and other names which I won’t say here. This hurt me and I didn’t want to go to school,” says Dinesh.

“The surgery gave me the ability to walk for the first time in my life. And now with the weekly exercises, it gives me greater strength in the leg to walk again.”

His school grades have improved and the kids don’t tease him anymore.

Dinesh says, “Now I can play in the village with my friends and I am so happy to be able to walk. When I grow up I want to be a doctor.”



## Removing barriers to restore community: the leaking women

CBM Australia’s initiative to raise funds and awareness for women suffering obstetric fistula is now working with local partners in Africa to establish facilities, train staff to provide surgery and rehabilitation, and to assist these women in their re-integration into their families and communities.

Obstetric fistula is an injury resulting from obstructed labour where the vagina tears, leading to a constant leak of urine and/or faeces, and social stigma.

When Eva came to CBM’s hospital in Tanzania, she’d been suffering for 5 years with fistula. CBM provided Eva with a fistula operation, enabling her to be included in her community... and become a mother, giving birth to a beautiful daughter, Atukuzwe, which means Praise the Lord.



**In 2007, CBM Australia provided emergency relief to the most vulnerable victims of emergencies around the world.**



## Bangladesh Cyclone

A severe cyclone, Cyclone Sidr, hit Bangladesh's southwest coastline in November, killing thousands and forcing the evacuation of 3.2 million people. As the number of casualties increased rescuers struggled to reach devastated areas of the isolated coast line. CBM Australia with our local partners started a relief program delivering relief goods such as rice, salt, sugar, soap, candles, blankets, lamps, mosquito nets and water purifying tablets to people with disability and their families.



## Tsunami

In 2007 CBM Australia continued to support work in communities affected by the 2004 Asian tsunami. One of the projects being funded is the Aceh Community Mental Health Program in Indonesia. The aim of this project is to assist those with mental health issues, together with their families and communities, toward recovery and participation in community life. This is being done by strengthening the existing government health systems, training community leaders and health workers in community mental health care.



## West Africa Flood

Torrential rains across West Africa made thousands of families homeless, damaged farms and crops, destroyed houses and roads, and washed away cattle. In two of the hardest hit countries – Ghana and Burkina Faso – over 425,000 people were affected. Some villages and communities were totally wiped off the map. CBM's Crisis Response Teams together with local experts provided mosquito nets, medical care, livestock for income and rebuilt homes for people with disability and their families.





## South Asia Floods

Devastating floods in South Asia killed 1500 people and forced 28 million from their homes. Torrential rains continued in northern India, Bangladesh and Nepal resulting in communities being exposed to dirty flood water. Lives were at risk with families forced to bathe and wash their clothes in water used for sanitation – a lethal breeding ground for diseases which can lead to life-long disability. CBM Australia help with building materials for homes, wells and toilets, as well as livestock and skills training for people with disability.









# Advocacy

**CBM Australia works with and champions the rights of people with disabilities for inclusion in all aspects of society. Right now, CBM Australia is taking the lead on disability in our region. With our world-class professional skills in disability-related program design and implementation, there is an enormous opportunity for CBM Australia to contribute in this area.**

As the largest organisation in the world working with people with disabilities, CBM is a consistent voice advocating with and on behalf of people who may not be able to speak out for themselves.

Our approach to advocacy involves ensuring that not only do we work for but also with people with disabilities. We work with various disabled people's organisations and people with disabilities to achieve this.

During the last 12 months, we have seen our lobbying efforts bear fruit with signs of commitment that this should happen as follows:

- CBM Australia, together with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), coordinated their Disabilities and Development Working Group and co-chaired the ACFID Advocacy and Public Policy Committee.
- CBM Australia partnered with peak bodies ACFID and National Disability Services to initiate the Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC).
- CBM Australia is the current secretariat and founding member of the Australian Disability & Development Consortium (ADDC). CBM Australia independently, and as part of the ADDC, has been lobbying the government to mainstream disability in the Australian Aid program. We are delighted the new Rudd Government has committed to this. CBM staff, along with others in ADDC, are key resources in supporting AusAID in the process of integrating disability inclusive policies into its programs. We will assist in developing strategy, suggesting priorities for programs, best approaches and research.
- CBM Australia's ongoing role in Vision 2020 has contributed to the government's commitment to direct \$45 million to preventable blindness in the Asia and Pacific region
- Workshops in two Micah Network regional consultations on the Christian response to disability in a development context – and contributing to the formation of a Disability Working Group within the Micah Network to help develop guidelines for mainstreaming disability in development programs.
- Our new Christian Community Access Officer has begun work with a pilot project in the Yarra Valley in Victoria. This involves working with Australian churches, theological colleges and other Christian organisations to ensure they actively include people with a disability in all their activities.
- We contributed to CBM's global training program assisting in the skills required to achieve Vision 2010. This included training in skills on disability and development.
- We also contributed to the development of international strategy for advocacy and inclusive development.



# Alliances

CBM Australia works in partnership with UN agencies, global organisations and disability organisations to promote and develop international alliances and programs with and for persons with disabilities. CBM Australia is recognised as a Collaborating Organisation by the World Health Organization, and has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

In cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) and as a member of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), CBM Australia founded and launched Vision 2020: The Right to Sight. The goal of Vision 2020 is to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020.

CBM Australia is also working with WHO and other stakeholders to create an international initiative for the provision of affordable hearing aids for people with hearing impairments in low income countries.

## Australians Supporting CBM

Support from individual Australians is the driving force behind CBM Australia's ministry. Through donations, prayer support and volunteering, Australians are changing the lives of the world's poorest people more than ever before.

### Our Volunteers

CBM Australia is blessed to have a great team of volunteers helping us in our work.

In 2007, we had 70 volunteers who donated 10,526 hours to provide the support needed to achieve our goals. Their tasks have included numerous administrative tasks, CD and DVD copying and assembling into kits, sending receipts, assisting with mailouts and running supporter meetings, proofreading, transcribing interviews, phone calls, data entry, sorting glasses, praying for supporters and CBM Australia and much more.

Our volunteers are a rich blessing to us and we thank them and thank God for their commitment and love for the organisation. The time they give is so valuable.



## Australian companies give a *second chance*

For many years, the Australian corporate sector has generously donated general medical equipment, hospital supplies, ophthalmic equipment, glasses and more to our Second Chance Medical Equipment (Gifts in Kind) program. In 2007, CBM Australia shipped overseas more than \$1.2 million worth of medical materials, equipment and other goods. These generous gifts have enabled CBM Australia to provide valuable practical assistance to the hospitals and medical centres we fund in the field.

We are now making changes to the SCME program to make it even more effective in developing our work with people with disabilities. We now ask our partners in the field to provide us with lists of needed equipment and approach our generous corporate donors to ask if they can meet that need. We hope this new approach will enable us to improve the efficiency and quality of support for our partners.

We also wish to thank all the companies and organisations who have contributed to the SCME – your support makes a huge difference to our work.

## CBM supporting Australians

As well as working to improve the lives of people with disabilities overseas, CBM Australia also seeks to enrich the lives of people with disabilities here in Australia. We provide a free Audio Library service for people who have a print disability.

In 2007, our Audio Library made great strides in converting its titles to the internationally approved DAISY format. We now have 283 DAISY titles in circulation and of these, 133 were remastered from reel masters. All new books added to the library are now on DAISY.

The Library's goal is to include 75 new titles each year to the collection. We hope to increase this as we explore the use of synthesised voice for recording titles in areas such as theology, Bible commentaries and Bible studies.

Last year, we sent out 23,000 Christian books and 32,500 magazines to borrowers all over Australia and New Zealand. We also received 5,000 book requests and reservations.





# Corporate Governance

CBM Australia is committed to maintaining the highest level of corporate ethics. As a company limited by guarantee – incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 – the ultimate responsibility for the governance of the company rests with the Board of Directors. This governance statement outlines how the Board meets that responsibility:

## Achieving the Mission

The Board's primary role is to ensure that CBM Australia's activities are directed towards achieving our mission – to improve the quality of life of the world's poorest people with disabilities and those at risk of disability, who live in the world's most disadvantaged societies. The Board must ensure that this mission is achieved in the most efficient and effective way.

## Specific Responsibilities of the Board

The Board fulfils its primary role by:

- Determining the organisation's mission, purpose and strategic plans
- Selecting, appointing, guiding and monitoring the performance of the National Director
- Ensuring that effective organisational planning is undertaken by management
- Ensuring adequate resources are available to management (via the annual operating and capital budget process)
- Monitoring management's progress in achieving the strategic plan and adherence to operating and capital budgets
- Ensuring the integrity of internal control, risk management and management information systems
- Ensuring the company complies with relevant legislation and regulations
- Enhancing the organisation's public standing.

## Management's Responsibility

The Board has formally delegated responsibility for CBM Australia's day-to-day operations and administration to the National Director and senior management.

## Board Oversight

The Board oversees and monitors management's performance by:

- Meeting at least four times during the year
- Receiving detailed financial and other reports from management at these meetings
- Receiving additional information and input from management when necessary
- Assigning to the Finance, Audit, Personnel, Board Development, International Programs, Future Views and Risk Management Committees of the Board responsibility to oversee particular aspects of CBM Australia's operations and administration
- Each Board Committee operates under terms of reference approved by the Board.

## Board Members

All Board members are non-executive and receive no remuneration for their services. The company's constitution specifies:

- Not less than three and no more than 20 directors
- No employee of the company can be a director of the company
- Directors are appointed for three year terms.

The Personnel Committee oversees the appointment and induction process for Board and Committee members. Recommendations for appointment are made to ensure the Board has the right mix of skills, experience and expertise. Prior to appointment to the Board, prospective new directors are invited to participate as members of one of the Board committees. Board members are elected by the company's members at the AGM.

In 2007, we said thank you to Reinhold Gutknecht, who retired after more than 20 years of faithful service, and also to Sue Allan, who resigned as a director in August 2007.

**Risk Management**

The Board oversees the establishment, implementation and annual review of CBM Australia's risk management system. This system is designed to protect the organisation's reputation and manage those risks that might preclude it from achieving its goals. Management is responsible for establishing and implementing the risk management system, which assesses, monitors and manages operational, financial reporting and compliance risks. The Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committees are responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the risk management system between annual reviews.

**Ethical Standards and Code of Conduct**

Board members, senior executives and staff are expected to comply with relevant laws and codes of conduct of relevant professional bodies, and to act with integrity, compassion, fairness and honesty at all times in dealing with colleagues, donors and clients, and others who are stakeholders in our mission. Board and Committee members and staff are made aware of CBM Australia's ethical standards and code of conduct during their induction to the organisation and are provided with a copy of both documents at that time. Board members are required to sign a Statement of Integrity upon first appointment to the Board.

**Involving Stakeholders**

CBM Australia has many stakeholders. These include those for whom we provide development assistance, our donors and benefactors, our staff and volunteers, the broader community, the government agencies who provide us funds and regulate our operations, and our suppliers.

We adopt a consultative approach in dealing with our stakeholders. We organise regular donor meetings throughout Australia to provide information on the mission of CBM Australia and to receive feedback. We get involved in industry forums to ensure that industry participants and the federal government are aware of the issues associated with disability and poverty.





# The Board

**SUE ALLEN (Resigned 13 Aug 2007):** Sue joined the Board in 2003, bringing her experience as the Director of Kew East Financial Services and Radford Allen Financial Services. Sue has a Diploma in Business Studies (accounting), a Diploma of Financial Planning and is a CPA. Special Responsibilities: Chair of the Finance and Audit Committees.

**PETER BICKERTON:** Peter has over a decade of service on the Board. In this time, he has brought his experience as Director of Bickerton Masters. Peter is an Associate of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, has a Graduate Diploma in Architecture and is a Registered and General House Builder. Special Responsibilities: Member of the Personnel and Risk Management Committees.

**WOLFGANG FISCHER:** Wolfgang joined the Board in 1994 and was elected as Board Chairperson in 1998. He is the Managing Director of several private companies. Special Responsibilities: Chairman of CBM e.V. Presiding Board and CBM Presiding Board; Member of the CBM e.V. Audit & Finance and Personnel Committees; Member of the CBM Audit & Finance and Personnel Committees; Chairman of Directors – CBM Australia; Chairman of the Finance, Audit Risk Management & Personnel Committees.

**REINHOLD GUTKNECHT (Resigned 28 May 2007):** Reinhold joined the Board in 1985 and is a retired Registered Building Practitioner. Special Responsibilities: Member of the Finance, Audit and Evaluation Committees.

**ELIZABETH HAMER:** Elizabeth joined the Board in 1999. She has a Bachelors degree in Dental Science. Special Responsibilities: Member of International Programs and Innovations Committees.

**LAWRENCE HORDER:** Lawrence's joined the Board in 2006. Lawrence brings experience as the Human Resources Business Partner in for Cadbury Schweppes. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in psychology. Special Responsibilities: Member of the Board Evaluation and Risk Management Committees.

**DAVID LANG:** David has served on the Board since 2000. He is a qualified pilot and a registred Building Practitioner. Special Responsibilities: Member of International Programs and Evaluation Committees.

**SCOTT NORTH:** Scott joined the Board in 1983, and was elected Company Secretary from 1989 to 2004. He brings his experience as a Financial Planner. Special Responsibilities: Member of the Personnel and International Programs Committees.

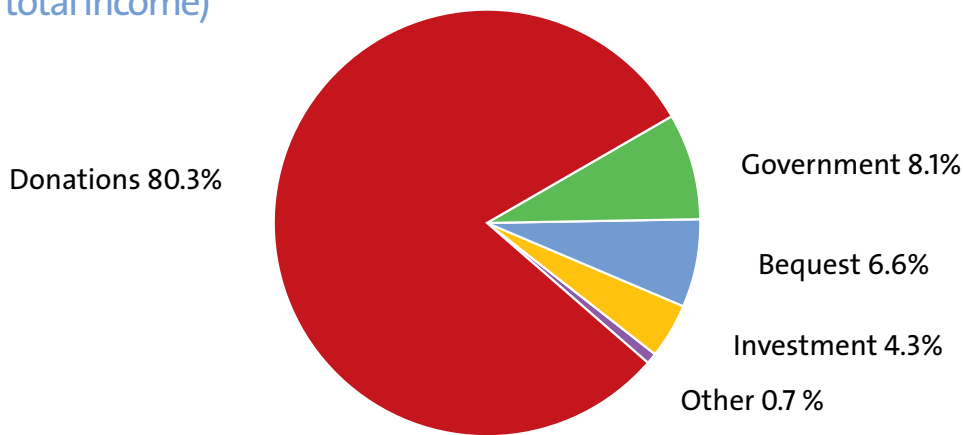
**WILMA ZEGELIS:** Wilma was appointed to the Board in 2006, bringing her experience as a Pastor with the Baptist Church. She has a Certificate of Theology, Bachelor of Ministries and a Master of Arts (Theology). Special Responsibilities: Member of International Programs and Future Views Committees.

# Financial Highlights

Individual Australian donors are the driving force supporting our ministry. In 2007, revenue from 69,705 private donors totalled \$23,716,857. We thank God for faithful, compassionate donors – our partners in this work.

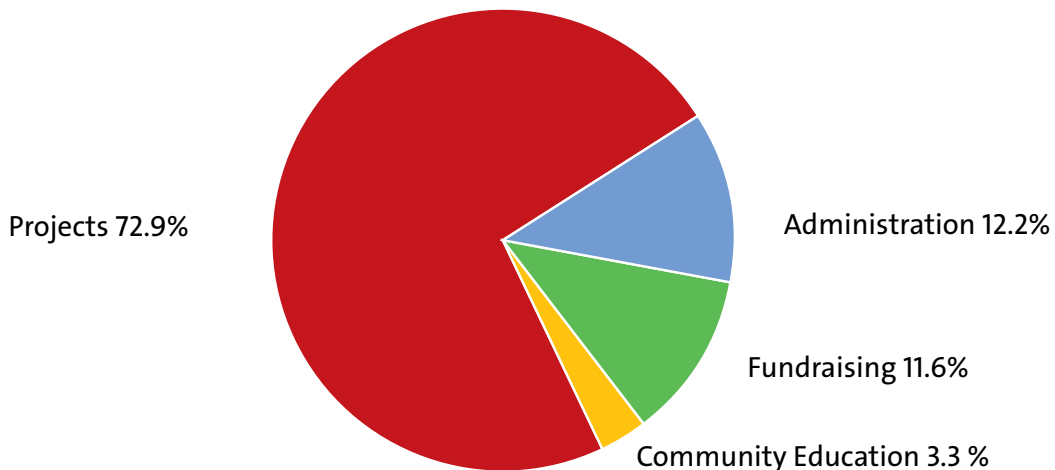
We also give thanks to the Australian government for their wonderful support in the form of AusAID funding, totalling \$ 2,381,359.

## Income (% of total income)



*With these results, CBM Australia's project expenditure was a record level of \$ 20,140,807 the majority being spent on overseas projects (97.9%), with the remainder being spent domestically (2.1%).*

## Expenditure (% of total expenditure)



*The surplus for the year has been applied prudently to building financial reserves to the point where they are equivalent to the expected project expenditure for the next year, a risk management policy the Board has been pursuing over recent years.*



## Income Statement

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations & gifts - monetary & non-monetary	23,716,857	23,977,937
Legacies & bequests	1,950,406	1,388,811
Grants received		
- AusAID	2,381,359	1,900,457
- Office of Disability, Dept of Family & Community Services	13,723	12,525
Investment income	1,276,112	696,489
Rental income	144,439	223,696
Other Income	38,528	22,543
Gain on sale of fixed assets	0	0
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>29,521,424</b>	<b>28,222,458</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Overseas projects		
- Funds to overseas projects	17,394,948	14,544,462
- Gifts in kind	1,334,545	1,360,805
- Other project costs	991,277	757,840
Domestic projects		
- Audio library	337,080	375,230
- Aborigines Welfare Fund	82,957	59,550
Community education	911,761	604,284
Fundraising costs		
- Public	3,170,386	2,923,800
- Government multilateral and private	27,942	27,178
Administration	3,366,211	3,098,273
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>27,617,107</b>	<b>23,751,422</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,904,317</b>	<b>4,471,036</b>

## Note to the Income Statement

<b>Comparisons by monetary figures and percentages</b>	<b>2007 \$</b>	<b>2006 \$</b>
Gross income from fundraising appeals	25,667,263	25,356,748
Direct costs of fundraising appeals	3,170,386	2,923,800
Direct costs of fundraising as a percentage of gross income from fundraising appeals	12.4%	11.5%
Net surplus from fundraising appeals	22,496,877	22,432,948
Net surplus from fundraising as a percentage of gross income from fundraising appeals	87.6%	88.5%
Total cost of direct services (overseas projects, domestic projects and community education)	21,052,568	17,702,171
Total expenditure (excluding direct costs of fundraising appeals)	24,446,721	20,827,622
Total cost of direct services as a percentage of total expenditure	86.1%	85.0%
Transfers to reserves	1,904,317	4,471,036
Total income received (including net surplus from fundraising)	26,323,096	25,261,480
Total cost of direct services as a percentage of total income received	79.9%	70.0%

## Balance Sheet

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,573,314	15,323,188
Trade and other receivables	335,138	407,989
Inventories	186,803	840,018
Financial assets	11,192,624	1,130,769
Other current assets	120,518	0
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>18,408,397</b>	<b>17,701,964</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Trade and other receivables	0	45,981
Property, plant and equipment	5,738,884	5,581,873
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>5,738,884</b>	<b>5,627,854</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>24,147,281</b>	<b>23,329,818</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	1,585,052	1,878,306
Other current liabilities	0	32,102
Short term provisions	633,429	627,248
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,218,481</b>	<b>2,537,656</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Long term borrowings	0	25,681
Long term provisions	74,793	27,644
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>74,793</b>	<b>53,325</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,293,274</b>	<b>2,590,981</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>21,854,007</b>	<b>20,738,837</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Perpetual trusts	162,000	162,000
Financial assets reserve	(673,210)	115,937
Bequest reserve	1,547,867	1,239,800
General reserve	4,648,041	3,951,600
Committed funds reserve	16,169,309	15,269,500
Retained surplus	0	0
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>21,854,007</b>	<b>20,738,837</b>

## Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes

CBM Australia's membership of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) requires reporting of cash movements where cash received for a designated purpose in any one financial period exceeds 10% of total revenue. During 2006, cash received for the Asian Tsunami appeal and Women's Health appeal exceeded 10% of cash received for the period. Details of cash receipts and disbursements are set out below:

	Cash available at beginning of financial year \$	Cash raised during financial year \$	Cash disbursed during financial year \$	Cash available at end of financial year \$
<b>Tsunami</b>	798,962	0	461,838	337,124
<b>Women's Health</b>	2,446,773	14,462	504,012	1,957,223
<b>Total for other purposes</b>	12,077,453	29,816,914	37,615,400	4,278,967
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,323,188</b>	<b>29,831,376</b>	<b>38,581,250</b>	<b>6,573,314</b>

Cash disbursed in relation to the Tsunami appeal (to December 2006) was spent as follows:

Administration	\$ 336,891
Program support	\$ 100,512
Spent overseas on projects	\$ 2,778,157

Money spent overseas on projects was used in reconstruction efforts, rehabilitative services and economic and social development, as well as advocacy and awareness raising for people with disabilities (PWDs).

Please refer to: [www.cbm.org.au](http://www.cbm.org.au) or contact CBM Australia for more detailed information regarding the Asia Tsunami appeal and CBM Australia's full financial statements.

Women's Health programs focus on prevention and treatment of and rehabilitation from obstetric fistula and other women's health issues. This includes training of community workers and hospital staff, and expanding treatment and rehabilitation facilities and activities.

## Statement of Changes in Equity

	Retained Surplus	Committed Funds Reserve	Bequest Reserve	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Balance at 1 January 2006</b>	-	12,737,606	1,159,715	
Excess of revenue over expenses	4,471,036			
Transfers to and from reserves				
- committed funds reserve	(2,531,894)	2,531,984		
- bequest reserve	(80,085)		80,085	
- general reserve	1,849,057			
- perpetual trusts	(10,000)			
<b>Balance at 1 January 2007</b>	-	<b>15,269,500</b>	<b>1,239,800</b>	
Excess of revenue over expenses	1,904,317			
Transfers to and from reserves				
- committed funds reserve	(899,809)	899,809		
- bequest reserve	(380,067)		308,067	
- general reserve	(696,441)			
- perpetual trusts				
<b>Balance at 31 December 2007</b>	-	<b>16,169,309</b>	<b>1,547,867</b>	
	General Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Perpetual Trusts	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2006</b>	2,102,543	11,824	152,000	16,163,688
Excess of revenue over expenses				4,471,036
Transfers to and from reserves				-
- committed funds reserve				-
- bequest reserve				-
- general reserve	1,849,057			-
- perpetual trusts			10,000	-
Revaluation increment/(decrement)		104,113		104,113
<b>Balance at 1 January 2007</b>	<b>3,951,600</b>	<b>115,937</b>	<b>162,000</b>	<b>20,738,837</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses				1,904,317
Transfers to and from reserves				-
- committed funds reserve				-
- bequest reserve				-
- general reserve	696,441			-
- perpetual trusts				-
Revaluation increment/(decrement)		(789,147)		(789,147)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2007</b>	<b>4,648,041</b>	<b>673,210</b>	<b>162,000</b>	<b>21,854,007</b>



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
CBM AUSTRALIA  
ABN 23 005 326 849**

**Scope**

We have audited the summarised financial report for CBM Australia for the year ended 31 December 2007 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 29 February 2008. For a better understanding of our audit this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report\*.

**SAWARD DAWSON**

Chartered Accountants



Partner: Tim Flowers

Date: 23 May 2007

Blackburn, Victoria

\*This general purpose financial report is available upon request.



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