

LOVE IN ACTION

Dear Leader,

The support for the Self Denial Appeal is always incredible. Thank you! I also know that when Aussies are aware of a need, then they are even more generous. There is an opportunity to appeal to your congregation to be incredibly generous once again. The needs are great, and I believe “the love of Christ compels us” (2 Corinthians 5:13, NKJV) to respond.

The theme for 2024 is “Love in action.” That can change the world!

1 John 3:16-18 (NIV) says, “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

As we approach the 2024 Self Denial Appeal, can I encourage you to promote the spirit of the appeal with as many people as possible? Share this message to those within your sphere of influence, in your congregations and at your gatherings. Tell stories. Invite people in. That’s love in action.

People are deeply moved when they know the real stories of the world, and its people, and that touches hearts, and moves people to action.

My time in Papua New Guinea changed my life forever. I saw great needs. I also incredible generosity. I saw a widow in Papua New Guinea bring her “mite” for the Self Denial Appeal, believing it would help someone poorer than her. How moved I was! I saw the kids save and bring their little boxes full of coins. That’s sacrificial giving.

We, in Australia, have the means and are blessed to have the opportunity to meet people’s needs — and see lives transformed.

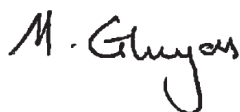
“Love in action.” I have always believed in giving one week’s salary on missionary service (OWSOMS) and then being generous during the year as needs arise. I love to give willingly, sacrificially and with great joy. And I know that many of you do the same.

I am calling you to seek God and give what he asks — and encourage your congregation members to do the same.

Thank you for your commitment to “love in action”, through the Self Denial Appeal. What a difference this makes. What a privilege this is for each one of us.

Bless you. Grateful to you and for you.

Believing big!



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