

Friends,

The support for the Self Denial Appeal from the Australia Territory is always incredible. Thank you!
I also know, because I have seen, that when Aussies are aware of a need, they are even more generous.

I am asking you to respond to the opportunity to be incredibly generous once again for this year's Self Denial Appeal. After all, the needs are great and "the love of Christ compels us ..." (2 Corinthians 5:13, NKJV).

The theme for 2024 is, "Love in action." I believe 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."

"Love in action". My time in Papua New Guinea changed my life forever. There are great needs there and yet I saw love in action. I saw a widow in Papua New Guinea bring her "mite" for the Self Denial Appeal, believing it would help someone poorer than her. I saw the kids save and bring their little boxes full of coins. How moved I was by these generous, sacrificial acts!

We, in the West, have the means to seek God, give what he asks, meet human needs and see lives transformed.

I love to give willingly, sacrificially and with great joy. And I know that many of you do the same.

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 am asking you to reflect on your opportunity to make a commitment to "love in action" through this year's Self Denial Appeal.

You can make a difference. What a privilege this is for each one of us.

Bless you. Grateful to you and for you.



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