

To remembering WHY is important

- Vision does leak.
- The reasons for this national effort have not changed.
- The merits remain the same – and in some ways are greater.

10 quick stories

- A young mother contacted us, telling us how her parents never believed the faith but as she gets older she feels something is missing. For no apparent reason she's been wanting to read a Bible - looking for how to get one - and then our booklet arrived. It was divine providence. "Could I have a Bible please?"
- Another person requesting a New Testament said "I've never owned a Bible and truly believe there is something (out there). I would love to learn and this will give me the opportunity. Thank you!"
- Another seeing the offer of a New Testament contacted us saying the booklet had impacted them, while stating their readiness to now learn more about Jesus. ("Bible please?")
- A lady doing care work in homes noted how booklets were on the dining room tables in home after home at the time of their delivery. This happened year after year (and was able to engage conversations around it).
- A gentleman wrote from prison. Having been given a booklet the testimonies had impacted him - he gave his life to Christ and simply wanted to tell us he believed this was the turning point of his life. "Thank you!"
- An elderly man asked his daughter who helped care for him, to please read a booklet that came in the post to him. Having finished he said, could you please read that prayer at the end out again - I want to pray that!
- Feeling depressed a man asked God for a sign. Was he there? Is there more to life? That very day the booklet was in his letterbox.
- Awaiting an appointment for an operation in her home a lady felt fear. She asked God - if you are there - could you please show me a sign. The booklet arrived, and she now follows Christ.
- Finding a messed up booklet on the ground - wet and part eaten by snails, a person read it. Remembering a friend with suicidal thoughts they contacted us for a clean copy - believing they'd been led to this booklet, to give it to their friend. (Even a discarded booklet impacted a life).
- The above isn't to mention 2m+ seeing TV ads, and 1m+ engaging with one social media channel in the Easter period alone (over 2m NZers across a year on that channel).

There are many of these kinds of stories annually - and throughout the year.

As far as we can tell, none of the above people had a church connection.

You'll find more summarised stories in our annual reports – AllTogether.co.nz/hopeproject

10 reasons to value hope project

In your city and for your community

Hope Project...

1...keeps the 'Christ' in Christmas and Easter in the public view - *If we don't choose to be visible in these seasons we'll gradually lose our freedom to do so.*

2...influences public perspectives by highlighting that our faith is still alive and well - *As most of the public have no connection with a church in an average year, the public will not know this if we are not present to be seen and engaged with.*

3...influences public perspectives through stories that show that our faith isn't all bad - *Negative stories and innuendoes are given through public media and in education regularly. No one else is going to tell our story for us.*

4...catalyses a genuinely national prayer walk - *Every single residential street is covered in prayer.*

5...provides a platform for churches to get the gospel itself to most homes in their own city or town - *This alone merits the effort, achieving a unique goal, in connection with the core to our God-given mission.*

6. ...redeems many 'community ministries' that don't otherwise communicate the Christian message - *By clearly and respectfully communicating our message of hope, God's people keep it connected with our many other efforts to give help.*

7...delivery gives people new experiences in outreach - *Just as Jesus sent out the 12 and the 72, this is a vital part of discipleship, and well leveraged by churches and youth groups for such.*

8. ...is a unique national catalyst for annual outreach equipping - *The effort triggers and encourages efforts via pulpits, small groups and youth groups across the nation.*

9...delivery is a catalyst for testimonies - *These add momentum to all other outreach activities.*

10...helps Church unity to move beyond relationships to a achieving a practical united function together - *The public are amazed that, beyond the relationship and prayer we do amongst ourselves, our churches can genuinely work together. This is a part of our witness as churches.*

...And the reach of what our churches enable together here isn't small too!

Thank you all, because this only works because we do it together!

See the full article at <https://alltogether.co.nz/whyhopeproject/>

Find the 2023 Annual Report at <https://alltogether.co.nz/hopeproject>

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