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Never was there a place where medical missionary work would have told with more power than in Australia.

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We're already halfway through 2025—how quickly time flies! As the year progresses, we're excited to share some key highlights and an inspiring new **AMEN Book Project** in this edition of our newsletter. For regular updates, be sure to visit our website: www.amenaustralia.org.

One of the standout moments from last year was the **2024 AMEN Conference**, where **Dr. Eric Walsh** delivered powerful and uplifting messages on the theme "Testify of Me." His wife, **Mrs. Jacqueline Walsh**, enriched the experience with beautiful special music, making the conference a true spiritual blessing. We like to thank **Gateway Lighthouse SDA church** for hosting the conference.

Another major highlight was the AWR360 Health Mission Trip in April 2024. In this newsletter, **Dr. Megan Forbes** shares her reflections and personal experiences from that impactful overseas mission. We hope you find this year's newsletter both encouraging and inspiring.

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT

AWR 360 HEALTH MISSION TRIP

Dr. Megan Forbes

**Luke 9:2 'He sent them to preach the kingdom of God
and to heal the sick'**

On the 16th -19th of April 2024, over 170 international self-funded volunteers and over 300 local volunteers headed to the province of Togoba in Mt Hagen for the PNG for Christ Mega Health Clinic, organised by Adventist World Radio. Volunteers included doctors, nurses, dentists , optometrists, physiotherapists and non-medical volunteers from all over the world.

And mega it was!

Nothing could have prepared us for what we were to witness over the next 4 days.

When we arrived for the first day of clinic on Tuesday morning, there was sea of over 20,000 people waiting for medical attention. People travelled from all over the country, many by foot over rugged (cont'd)



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(cont'd) mountain terrain as they have no transport. I met an elderly couple who walked over 50km all through the day and night to see an eye doctor! Yet when I spoke to them they had tears in their eyes as they hugged me and expressed their gratitude toward the team for coming to help them. The humility and gratitude of the people was heartwarming.



Many of the people we saw had never seen a doctor their whole lives. For some perspective, Australia has 41 doctors per 10,000 people, while PNG only has 0.6! There are less than 600 doctors in all of PNG, one of the lowest ratios in the world. It was no surprise that we saw a confronting array of disease presentations including rampant tuberculosis, typhoid, malaria, chronic wounds, cancers in advanced stages, arthritis, diabetes, hypertension, extensive tooth decay, cataracts, disabilities, injuries, and much more. (cont'd)



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At many times we felt overwhelmed with the amount of people or limited in what we could do to help, but the clinic managed to see over 10,000 patients in 4 days. A miracle similar to the feeding of the 5,000, the Lord surely blessed and multiplied our human efforts.

For example, there was one lady who had been blind for 3 years, she waited in line for the clinic for 3 days. On the 3rd day she realised she might not get into the clinic so she prayed to God for healing. The next morning she woke up with her sight restored! God is still working miracles today. It was the most rewarding and touching experience as the blind were seeing, the lame walking, pain alleviated, smiles restored and hope ignited. Not only physical lives were touched, but spiritual also.





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Each patient was offered prayer, a spiritual message and invited to attend the PNG for Christ Evangelistic series which is currently running throughout the country at over 2000 different locations. Hundreds of thousands of people have been baptised already and many more have given their hearts to God. It has been a blessing to see the health message combined with the gospel, it truly is the right hand of the gospel. We must continue to keep PNG in our prayers as the gospel work continues and many people give their lives to the Lord. This is a taste of the mighty work to be done around the globe.

(Dr. Megan Forbes serves as an AMEN Board Member and is currently doing her medical internship at Wagga.)



 **AWR360°**
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AMEN BOOK PROJECT

AMEN Australia is committed to uniting the health ministry with the gospel. Our mission is *"to inspire, train, and equip Seventh-day Adventist medical, allied, and other health professionals to collaborate with pastors and church members, uniting Christ's healing ministry in preparation for His soon return."*

Over the years, AMEN Conferences have been filled with powerful testimonies and life-changing mission stories. Now, we're excited to bring these stories together in a devotional book — to uplift, inspire, and be shared widely. Think literature evangelism!

We invite YOU to be part of this project!

Contribute by writing a 300-word personal testimony related to health ministry, paired with a Bible verse that reflects your experience. Your story could encourage countless others in their walk with Christ.

Submissions open **6 July 2025** and close **31 October 2025**.

To learn more, visit:

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HELP MAKE AMEN BOOK PROJECT A REALITY

The AMEN Book Project is a faith-driven initiative led by AMEN Australia, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to uniting health ministry with gospel work.

As we prepare to publish this 365-page devotional filled with powerful, real-life testimonies from medical missionaries, we rely on the generous support of individuals who share our vision.

Your financial contribution will directly support the editing, design, and printing of the book, helping to share Christ's healing message with readers across Australia and beyond. If you feel moved to support this project, we invite you to partner with us through a donation. Every gift, large or small, makes a meaningful difference!

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UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Medical volunteer trip opportunity!

Hello all, we are seeking two doctors to help out in a medical volunteer trip to India at the end of the year.

Christelle (Deakin medical student) is helping to organise a medical volunteer trip to India at the end of the year (Nov 24- Dec 5 2025) with other medical students through the Global Village Project club at Deakin University. They are looking for two Australian doctors to come on the trip and help run a clinic for schoolchildren and a community in Odisha in rural India. The focus of the trip will be providing healthcare.

Ideally they want at minimum registrars so the doctors can properly supervise the medical students and have sufficient experience to run the clinic. The students will be organising logistics of the trip. The clinic will be providing basic health checks, vaccinations and basic procedures. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Please contact Christelle if interested (email: despoischristelle@gmail.com).

Thanks and we hope to hear from you soon!



We are months away from **2025 AMEN Conference**! This year, our conference will be held at Waitara Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sydney, Australia.

'**Touch of Faith**' reminds us of the transforming power found in even the smallest act of trust in Jesus. Just as the woman who touched the hem of Christ's garment was healed through her simple yet determined faith, so too are lives touched and changed today—often through quiet moments of compassion, prayer, and service. This theme calls us to examine how we, as health professionals and gospel workers, can be conduits of that same healing power, bringing hope and wholeness to those we serve.

At this conference, we are invited to reflect deeply on how our clinical skills, spiritual convictions, and everyday interactions can become channels of divine grace. When medical care is combined with prayer, when physical healing is offered alongside spiritual encouragement, we see the full expression of Christ's ministry. The **Touch of Faith** is not only about miraculous moments—it's about faithfully showing up, listening with compassion, and offering care that points people to the Great Physician.

Through inspiring testimonies, practical workshops, and Spirit-led fellowship, this conference will equip and encourage you to more intentionally blend health ministry with gospel work. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just beginning your journey, you'll leave renewed in purpose—ready to extend Christ's healing touch to a world in need.

Dr. Aaron Koh
President AMEN Australia



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WISH TO SUPPORT AMEN?

AMEN Australia operates as a not-for-profit Seventh-Day Adventist organisation, guided by dedicated volunteers serving on the AMEN board.

Our core belief centers around empowering, training, and preparing SDA health professionals to collaborate with pastoral ministry in the field of medical missionary work.

You can support AMEN by joining our AMEN Membership at our website or by scanning the QR quote below.



As an AMEN member, you will receive discounts from our annual AMEN conferences, as well as exclusive 10% discounts from a diverse range of selected books at ABC (Adventist Book Centre) across Australia. We are also giving away a AMEN Devotional Book from Philippines for every registered member. We only have a few books left in stock!

You can also support AMEN by spreading the word to your friends and colleagues, and remembering us in your prayers.