

THE AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MOVEMENT ENTER BAPTIST WORLD AID AUSTRALIA

- The aid and development agency for Australian Baptist Ministries
- Now the largest Baptist Aid Agency in the World



Europe after WWII Inspires Baptist Relief

In 1947 the Reverends C. J. Tinsley (pictured) and P. J. Hayes returned from the 7th Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen. It was attended by hundreds of destitute Baptists from European countries who had walked hundreds of miles to attend. Tinsley and Hayes were deeply moved by what their experiences and upon their return to Australia initiated a relief movement.

Rev. Hayes was appointed by ABM as the Australian Baptist Relief Officer and between 1947 and 1957 the movement contributed more than a million dollars in value of relief.



1959 - Volunteers form Baptist World Aid

In 1959, a group of committed volunteers led by Rev. Alan Prior (pictured 3rd from left), under the name The Australia Baptist World Aid and Relief Committee (ABWARC) provided disaster relief in the form of shelter, food, clothing and financial assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Europe and elsewhere.

ABWARC immediately became a member of the Voluntary Agencies, connected with The Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA).

Enter a Specific Focus on Children

Children had always been a key focus of ABWARC. In 1970 the idea emerged to form a child support agency as an Auxiliary of ABWARC. The name "Support An Orphan" (SAO) came from the fact that children in India - the initial focus region were orphans and abandoned children.

The inaugural SAO Committee Meeting was held on 7th March, 1975 at the Frenches Forest Baptist Church (FFBC). For the next 14 years volunteers drove a child sponsorship program that increasingly was matched with a 'whole of community' development approach.

In 1989 ABWARC and SAO were incorporated into the one body, to be known as Baptist World Aid and in the years to come the whole community focus and development approach would continue to evolve. Over time SAO became Child Sponsorship and in 2012 the entire organisation rebranded so as to better reflect the whole of life and whole community approach.



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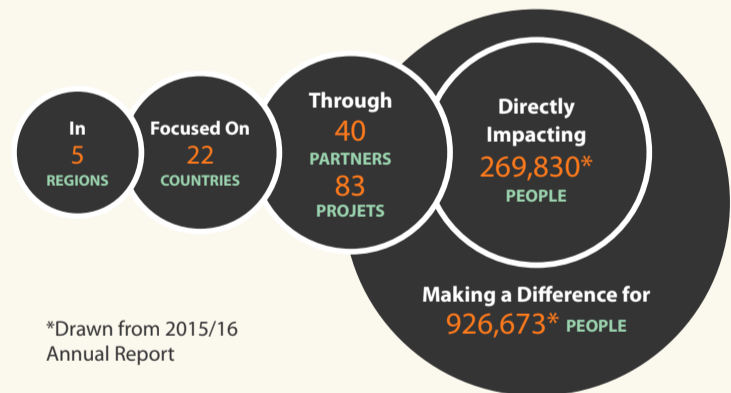
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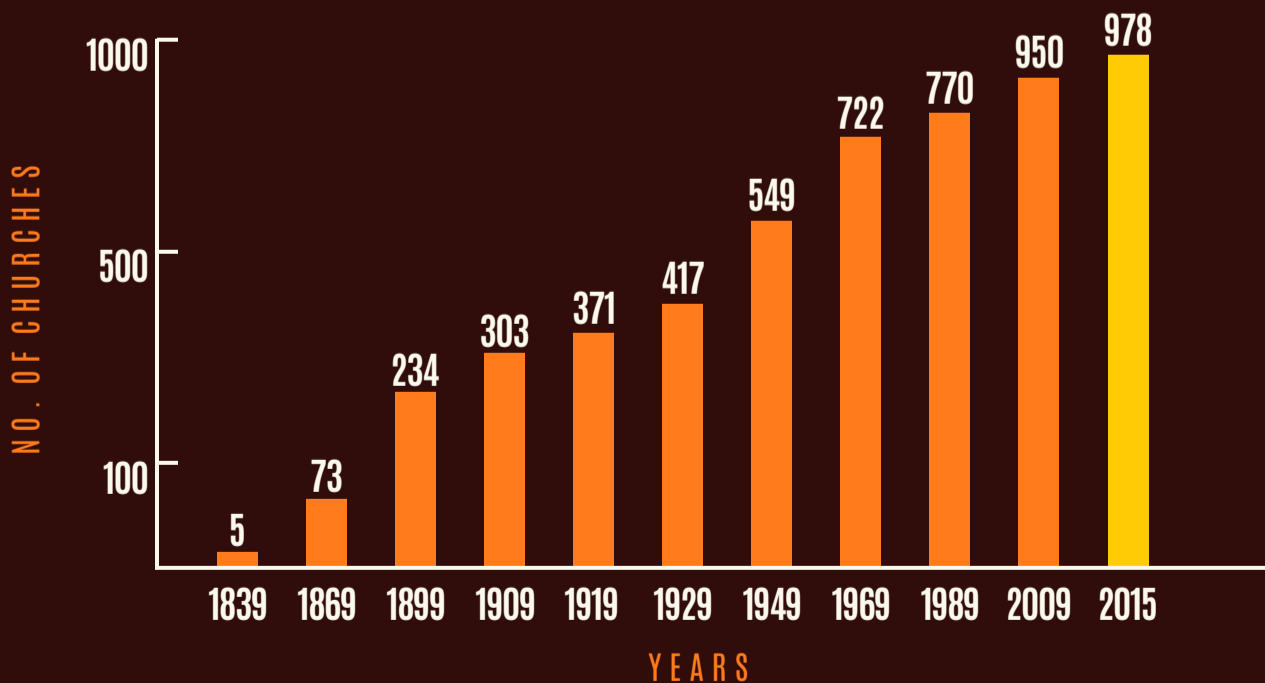
Baptist World Aid Australia partners with local Christian organisations to be love in communities with high levels of poverty - helping people see the full future God intends for them and equipping them to pursue this future for themselves. **As the effects of poverty are felt by individuals but lasting solutions involve whole communities - working with all of the community is central.**

As of July 2016 the scope of the work is highly significant.

Scope of Work - July 2016



Local Baptist Church Growth



WHO IS AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MINISTRIES?

Australian Baptist Ministries is an evangelical movement of churches, State Baptist Unions and national ministries committed to proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.