

# **WORSHIP AS ACTION**

## **GROUP ACTIVITY**

Worship goes hand in hand with justice and righteousness. If it doesn't, it is not worship at all.

Amos 5:23-24

*Away with the noise of your songs!*

*I will not listen to the noise of your harps.*

*But let justice roll on like a river,*

*righteousness like a never-failing stream!*

This activity is designed to help us understand more of what it means to be and advocate and partner for those who are suffering in various ways. We have chosen 7 issues to look at.

Note:

1) Each issue is massive in itself and it is impossible to do proper justice to the complexity of it in a short activity. Therefore this activity keeps a narrow focus to allow people to make a specific response to what is being discussed.

2) These issues can be highly politicised and people (even Christians) have different views for how these issues should be addressed. For the purpose of this activity we don't want to get into a debate about what others think. Stay focused on the people who are at the heart of the issue – those who are suffering in various ways, and how God wants us, as a worshipping community, to respond.

The issues

1. The Rights of the Unborn (focus on Emily's Voice)
2. The Rights of the Refugee (focus on #KidsOffNauru)
3. The Rights of Poor (focus on Vulnerable Labourers in the fashion industry)
4. Farmers In A Time Of Drought (focus on northern NSW)
5. The Rights of Indigenous People (focus on Bible availability in language)
6. The Rights of People With Special Needs
7. The Groaning Environment

What to do:

People choose two issues they want to explore. Spend 12 -15 on one issue, then swap groups. In each group, appoint a facilitator and follow the handout provided:

- Bible Reading (1 min)
- Background to the Issue (3 mins)
- Action Steps (7 min)
- Prayer (2 min)
- Explore More (Do at home)

## **The Rights of the Unborn (Emily's Voice)**

### **From the Bible**

#### **Proverbs 31:8-9 (NLT)**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;  
ensure justice for those being crushed.

<sup>9</sup>Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless,  
and see that they get justice.

Unborn children have no way of speaking up for themselves. Their value and rights are only protected when others take a stand on their behalf.

### **A Look at the Issue**

*Source: emilysvoice.com*

Reports show 70 per cent of women have abortions because they feel like they have no other choice. Many women suffer deeply and often for a prolonged time after terminating their pregnancy.

Abortion is an irreversible decision, often made under pressure, subtle or otherwise, from others, at a time when a woman is vulnerable, and sometimes without accurate information about the process, the size and development of the baby, and the physical and emotional consequences.

Most Australians are unaware that there are 70-80,000 annual abortions, and that over 95% are performed in healthy women carrying healthy children.

Emily's Voice is an Australian faith-based organisation that seeks to be responsible for significantly reducing the abortion rate in Australia without shaming and condemning women, regardless of the choice they make. They do this through advertising inspiring true stories, educating with accurate, timely information and linking people with counselling and support by referral to other organisations.

Emily's Voice believes:

- Unborn children, from the moment of conception, need special protection by virtue of their size, vulnerability, immaturity, and inability to speak for themselves.
- Every pregnant woman should receive information and support, including financial, medical, psychological, legal and emotional assistance to continue a pregnancy.

## **Action Step – Right Now!**

Brainstorm: How would you respond in a loving, supportive, non judgemental, God honouring way to a woman considering abortion who raises one of the following concerns?

1. I'm a single mum and I can't afford to give up work
2. I'm in an unstable/violent relationship
3. Abortion rights are fundamental to advancing the rights of women.

Once you've expressed your thoughts, use someone's phone or tablet with internet access and look now at <http://notbornyet.com/real-information/#common-questions> to see what Emily's Voice says in response to these concerns.

## **Pray Together**

- For yourselves and your responses to the Holy Spirit's prompt to engage in acts of justice in this area.
- For those who are suffering as a result of injustice in this area
- For the advocates, helpers and action takers who work alongside those affected.

## **Explore More – Later at Home**

- Emily's Voice: If you like the sound of this organisation and its mission you can check out their *Get Involved* page <https://emilysvoice.com/get-involved/>
  - Join their "Movement for Life" to keep updated with the work of Emily's Voice and give you opportunities to be a culture changer.
  - Donate, raise funds, volunteer

## **The Rights of the Refugee (#KidsOffNauru)**

### **From the Bible**

#### **Leviticus 19:33-34 (NIV)**

<sup>33</sup> “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.

<sup>34</sup> The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

As Christians, we are steeped in a rich biblical heritage that instructs us to welcome the ‘stranger’ and show ‘hospitality’ to foreigners.

### **A Look at the Issue**

#### **Part A:**

*Source: commongrace.org.au*

We see vulnerable people suffering because of harsh and punitive policies administered by our Government here in Australia and in offshore detention centres on Nauru and Manus Island, PNG.

Children are locked up in immigration detention centres, asylum seekers are living in poverty in the community with no end in sight to their situation and on Manus Island and Nauru the conditions are harsh and damaging to people’s health and wellbeing. The problems seem too great and the solutions elusive.

We know that we do not always respond to human suffering and need with compassion and love. We are often driven by our fears and our confusion to give assent to ‘solutions’ which punish rather than protect.

We have a deep theological well to draw from, as we call on our nation’s leaders to chart a new course. We know that loving our neighbour is powerful and transforming. We believe that every human is valuable and made in the image of God.

So it is us, as Christians, whose voices should cry out the loudest, and speak a new vision for how Australia responds to people seeking asylum on our shores.

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#### **Part B**

*Extract from article in The Australian, 12 Nov 2018 by Richard Ferguson*

*[www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/immigration/child-refugees-to-return-to-nauru](http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/immigration/child-refugees-to-return-to-nauru)*

*The Australian* reported earlier this month that the Prime Minister plans to transfer all children off Nauru by the end of the year. Mr Morrison said there are only 30 children on the island now.

But he said this morning that those remaining 30 children will be left on the island unless they need medical help in Australia or they are sent to the United States.

Mr Morrison said many of the children transferred from Nauru to Australia in recent years were still receiving medical attention, and others’ removal from the country was being held up by court proceedings.

When asked if children in Australia would be sent back to Nauru, Mr Morrison said “that’s always been the case.”

“That hasn’t changed. That’s the policy ... our policy settings have not changed.”

## **Action Step – Right Now!**

Grab a phone or tablet with internet access and:

1. Join the #kidsoffnauru call at <https://www.kidsoffnauru.com>
2. Email your local MP. Common Grace has a page where you can search for your MPs details and personalise their suggested email.  
[www.commongrace.org.au/email\\_your\\_mp\\_to\\_get\\_kidsoffnauru](http://www.commongrace.org.au/email_your_mp_to_get_kidsoffnauru)

## **Pray Together**

- For yourselves and your responses to the Holy Spirit's prompt to engage in acts of justice in this area.
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## **Explore More – Later at Home**

[www.commongrace.org.au/people\\_seeking\\_asylum](http://www.commongrace.org.au/people_seeking_asylum)  
[www.kidsoffnauru.com](http://www.kidsoffnauru.com)

## **The Rights of Poor (Vulnerable Labourers)**

### **From the Bible**

#### **Malachi 3:5 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup>“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

Poor labourers in developing nations are vulnerable to exploitation and modern day slavery. Our demand for cheap consumer goods and high profits can result in workers further down the supply chain suffering from violation of their basic rights.

### **A Look At The Issue**

*Source: <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/faith-in-action/behind-the-barcode/>*

Each year, Baptist World Aid publishes a series of industry reports through its Behind the Barcode project. The Ethical Fashion Report and the Electronics Industry Trends Report seek to help Australians shop ethically, and, by doing so, advocate with their wallets.

Between them, the two reports assess more than 500 brands operating in Australia and around the world. The reports grade those brands on the strength of the systems they have in place to protect workers in their supply chain from exploitation, forced labour and child labour.

Workers should be protected and not harmed. Workers deserve to work in dignified jobs, without being exploited. Workers deserve to work free from the tyranny of modern slavery. But in order for this to happen, we need to be consumers that care.

As consumers, we need to ask the companies we buy from to do more to protect their workers and uphold their rights.

Whether it's the cotton woven into our shirts or the raw minerals in our electronic devices, the products we buy are often made by people that are underpaid, overworked, under aged and enslaved.

The International Labour Organisation estimates that there are 152 million child labourers and 24.9 million victims of forced labour.

But worker exploitation can be ended. And we all have a role to play.

### **Action Step – Right Now!**

1. Look through the ethical fashion guide booklet and see how your favourite brands rate. Are there any that surprise you?
2. Are there one or two changes in particular brand choice that you want to commit to? (To either support or avoid.)
3. Take home Ethical Fashion Guide booklet and/or Ethical Electronics Guide. Keep it with you when you shop - vote with your wallet.
4. Grab a phone or tablet with internet access and sign up with Baptist World Aid or follow them on social media to keep up to date with current campaigns.

### **Pray Together**

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### **Explore More – Later at Home**

Check out [www.behindthebarcode.org.au](http://www.behindthebarcode.org.au) for:

- More information on the issues
- Details of the Ethical Fashion Report and how to encourage companies to lift their game
- Other ways to make a difference

[www.baptistworldaid.org.au](http://www.baptistworldaid.org.au)

## **Farmers In A Time Of Drought**

### **From the Bible**

#### **Romans 15:25-27 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

Helping our struggling neighbours, materially and spiritually, reflects God's heart. The government has their role to play in helping, but by providing support through local churches we can offer the additional element of spiritual care.

### **A Look At The Issue**

#### **Part A:**

*Source: NSW Department of Primary Industries*

Look at the map and chart provided on a separate page to see how extensive the drought is in NSW. Does it shock you? A senior climatologist at the Bureau of Meteorology has stated that current conditions are the driest on record over a 14-month period for areas of NSW.

#### **Part B:**

*Source: <https://anglicanaid.org.au/nsw-drought-relief-appeal>*

Many of our neighbours who rely on the land for an income are struggling as water resources dry up, paddocks turn to dust, and stock feed supplies run critically low. Many farmers have been forced to buy feed from interstate as local hay and grain supplies run out, incurring exorbitant freight costs to transport it to their farms. In addition to economic impacts, the drought also increases the vulnerability of families and children, with mental health issues such as depression and anxiety on the rise in rural communities and households.

Anglican Aid is working with partners in the Diocese of Armidale, and other dioceses affected by the drought in NSW and southern Queensland. Support focuses on providing practical support to families affected by the drought, including food and clothing vouchers, feed for stock, and water to refill depleted tanks.

### **How Support through Anglican Aid is making a difference**

*<https://anglicanaid.org.au/stories/news/flowing-grace-in-the-face-of-drought>*

Things got really bad for the Walker family who are battling health problems as well as the drought. It seemed that only the government assistance was always preceded by a mountain of paperwork, rigmarole, and time. The local minister organised for financial assistance from Anglican Aid to cover bills for essential utilities and the purchase of an extra house tank. Prayers were made, asking God to send rain that would fill the tank, and bring life to thirsty soils, water to empty dams, and joy to drooping spirits. The prayers were answered when some rain came.

The Walker family doesn't pretend to be religious, but they are grateful to Anglican Aid for their generosity. They are confident that their farm and their family has a more secure future. They give thanks to God for the assistance received through the church.

## **Action Step – Right Now!**

1. Give as a group right now to the Anglican Aid NSW Drought Appeal:  
<https://anglicanaid.org.au>  
(Use the DONATE button, and in the drop down option specify “NSW Drought Appeal”)
2. Make a plan to raise an additional \$100 for this cause. Get creative and think about how you could involve others. For example:
  - Give up a something (like coffee) for a period of time and donate that money
  - Organise a simple fund raiser – make & sell something, or invite friends and neighbours over for a gold coin/big bucks donation bbq or drinks ...
  - Ask for or give donations to the Anglican Aid Appeal instead of Christmas presents

## **Pray Together**

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*As part of the Anglicare Drought Appeal, the Vicar of Uralla Parish, Rev Brian Kirk commends Christians to pray:*

- *For rain*
- *For farming families and businesses in rural communities*
- *For farming families to make wise decisions*
- *That Christians will not lose their faith in God.*

## **Explore More – Later at Home**

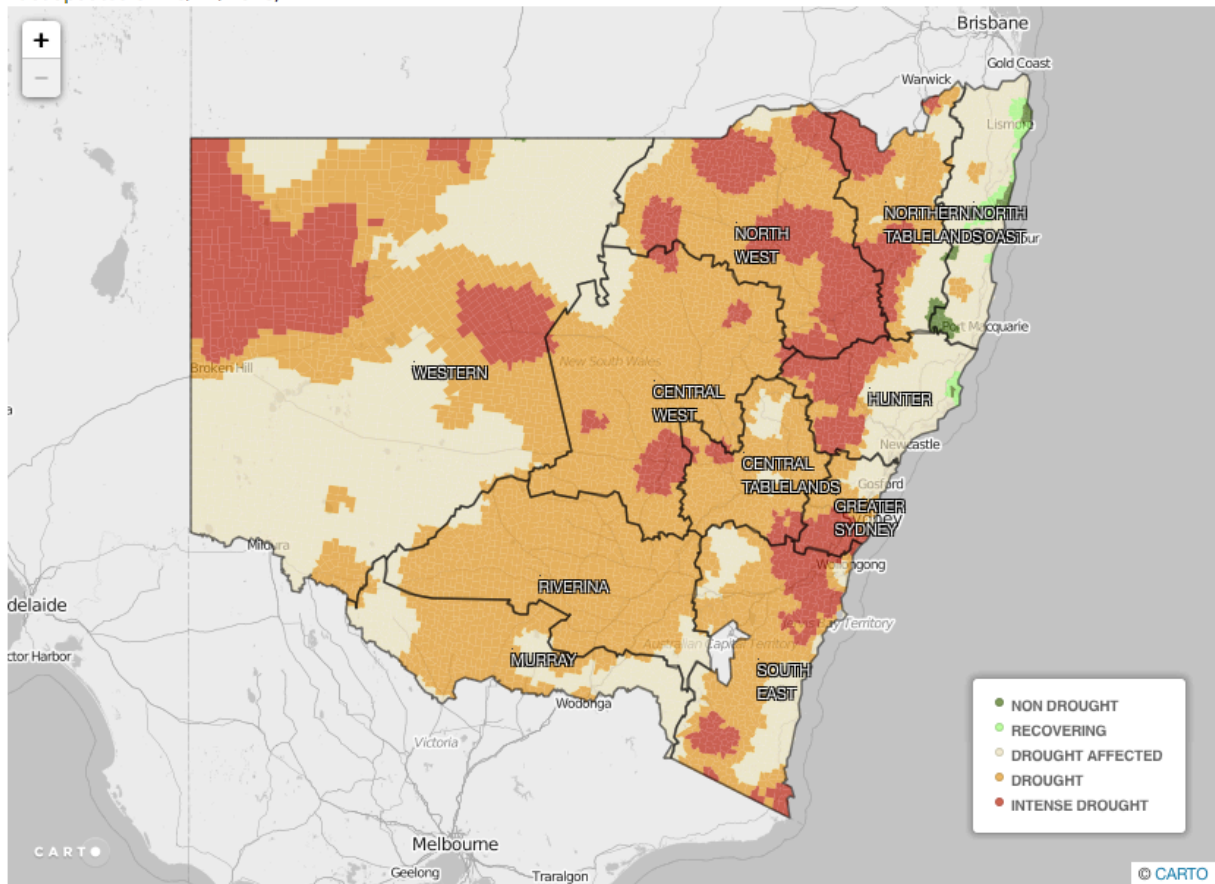
- <https://anglicanaid.org.au/nsw-drought-relief-appeal>
- More stories of how Anglican Aid is supporting farming families:  
<https://anglicanaid.org.au/stories/news/flowing-grace-in-the-face-of-drought>

NSW Department of Primary industries current drought map <https://edis.dpi.nsw.gov.au>

## Map of current drought situation

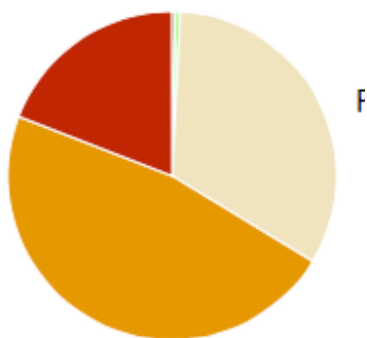
Source: NSW Department of Primary industries <https://edis.dpi.nsw.gov.au>

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CDI = Combined Drought Indicator. RI = Rainfall Index. SWI = Soil Water Index. PGI = Pasture Growth Index. DDI = Drought Direction Index

## NSW Summary



- Non Drought: 0.4 %
- Recovering: 0.5 %
- Drought Affected: 32.1 %
- Drought: 47.2 %
- Intense Drought: 19.1 %

# The Rights of Indigenous People

## From the Bible

### Nehemiah 8: 5,8,9

<sup>5</sup> Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up...

...<sup>8</sup> They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

<sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Note the importance and impact of the bible being read and understood by everyone. If people do not have access to God's word in their first or heart language they are spiritually disadvantaged. It is an issue of justice.

## A Look At The Issue

Source: [www.biblesociety.org.au](http://www.biblesociety.org.au)

Imagine if you had never read or heard the message of the Bible in your own language? That is the reality for Australia's Indigenous community. Although more than half of Indigenous people are Christians, very few have read or heard the Bible in their 'heart' language.

There's an urgent need to help our Indigenous brothers and sisters share the Bible their way, in their words – so they can pass it onto future generations through art, storytelling and in their lives every day.

- Katrina Tjitayi is from the Pitjantjatjara community, in central Australia. She is working on a translation of the whole Bible into Pitjantjatjara. Katrina says "When somebody comes talking in English, the door is closed. But when we do our language, everything spiritual is opened."
- The recent publication of the Kunwinjku Shorter Bible has been the culmination of 80 years of translation work by local Kunwinjku speakers with the support of CMS missionaries and the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory.

In the small community of Gunbalanya, 'heart' language is alive and well. The delivery of the Bibles represents more than just a tribute to the work of their ancestors. As Hagar Nadjamerrek says, it is a symbol of hope.

"This is what we need our kids to learn and to understand and to share the good news amongst our people," Hagar says. "Not only in this community but sharing out to other communities, other families.

The Bible Society has more than 20 projects focused on Indigenous Australians to:

- Publish and distribute Scripture
- Record Indigenous Scripture into audio for those who can't read
- Support translation of the Bible into more languages
- Prepare special Bible workshops and resources for Indigenous communities

## Action Step – Right Now!

1. Be aware: See if you can answer the following quiz questions. Once you've had a go, look at the Indigenous Language Fact Sheet in the envelope to check your answers.

### Quiz

1. How many indigenous languages are still spoken in Australia?
  2. How many have the whole bible in their language?
  3. How many have at least part of the bible in their language?
  4. How many have Scripture recorded in audio format?
2. Have a look at the book *God's Mob Our Story* that is on your table. This award-winning art book celebrates the impact of the Bible on Australia's First Nations People and showcases over 115 paintings by 65 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across Australia.

Who could you purchase a copy of this book for as a Christmas or other gift? All artists have donated the use of their paintings so when you buy a copy of *Our Mob, God's Story* 100% of all profit goes directly towards Indigenous Scripture publications, translation and ministry.

## Pray Together

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## Explore More – Later At Home

- "Our Mob, God's Story" available from Koorong and Bible Society. \$49.99
- The Bible Society Indigenous Ministry: [www.biblesociety.org.au/clear](http://www.biblesociety.org.au/clear)
- Wycliffe Bible Translators: [www.wycliffe.org.au](http://www.wycliffe.org.au)
- A collection of electronic Bibles in a variety of Australian Aboriginal languages: <http://aboriginalbibles.org.au>

# The Rights of People With Special Needs

## From the Bible

### Luke 14: 12-14

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The kingdom of God is inclusive. There is a place for all, and all are important and valued. The story reminds us to never exclude anyone including the marginalised, invisible and often forgotten people in our society.

## A Look At The Issue

A wide variety special needs can affect an individual’s ability to fully or easily participate in life in the way the majority are able to. These needs may be associated with things such as physical or intellectual limitations or illness, mental illness, autism, social or developmental issues. The words we use to describe people with particular needs or conditions are a matter of some sensitivity. Here however, let’s use the word “disability” in the sense of something that “dis-es” (negatively affects) someone’s ability to do what the majority of people can do.

“Disability still causes isolation today. People who lose physical capacity through degenerating illness stay at home. Children with significant physical disability require special transport to travel anywhere, and so largely stay at home. Parents of children with significant disabilities experience what some have called the cruellest form of isolation. People who once held responsible full-time jobs find caring means they can’t work, are financially poor, often sleep-deprived, and lose heart, motivation and self-confidence. For all these reasons, people affected by disability are absent from the ‘common-room’ places that typically our church outreach attempts target.” (Lindsay Gale, *Disability Access Officer for CBM Australia, in an article on www.efac.org.au, 13 February 2009*)

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Source: [www.cbm.org.au/get-involved/church/](http://www.cbm.org.au/get-involved/church/)

In Australia, almost 20% of Australians live with disability. *[That number would be higher using our broader definition.]* That means one in five people in every congregation could be a person with disability. Unfortunately even here, people can find themselves on the edges of church life, feeling marginalised by both visible and unintended messages of exclusion.

The church can be a beacon of hope and an important place of welcome and belonging for people with disability. People with disability can be active members of their church community so that no one misses out on their gifts, talents or perspective.

Also worth noting is that poverty and disability go hand in hand creating a cycle of inequality, isolation and exclusion that leads to the most extreme forms of poverty.

## **Action Step – Right Now!**

1. Think of someone with special needs that you would normally not think of socialising with or just have never invited to have a meal or coffee, for whatever reason. Maybe you've just never thought too. Maybe they drive you nuts. Maybe you don't know how to cater for their particular needs. Jot down the reasons. (You can keep them private)
2. Make a plan to intentionally extend hospitality to that person (or someone else you know with special needs) – eg. invite them to share a meal or do something social with you. What do you need to consider to make that work well for them?
3. What is one thing YOU could do to help make our church place of welcome and belonging for people with special needs, their families and carers?

## **Pray Together**

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## **Explore More – Later At Home**

- Adam – God's Beloved a book by Henri Nouwen.  
An account of the death of his friend Adam, a severely handicapped young man from the L Arche Daybreak Community. Adam could not speak or even move without assistance. Grippled by frequent seizures, he spent his life in obscurity. And yet, for Nouwen, he became a friend, teacher, and guide. By reflecting on the story of this young man, Nouwen found a way to describe his own understanding of the Gospel message
- Jesus Clubs for adults with intellectual disabilities: <http://www.jesusclub.org.au/about>
- CBM, an international Christian development organisation devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places on earth: [www.cbm.org.au/get-involved/church/](http://www.cbm.org.au/get-involved/church/)
- Joni and Friends ministry – inspiration, resources: [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

## **The Groaning Environment**

### **From the Bible**

#### **Genesis 2:15 (NIV)**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

#### **Romans 8: 19 - 22 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

This world matters to God. Not only will human beings be fully redeemed when Christ returns, but the whole creation will come into freedom. Humans have been charged by God with a responsibility to care for God's creation. That mandate will continue when creation is renewed.

### **A Look At The Issue**

*A case study from the Philippines*

In the early 90s Toto Malvar left a lucrative corporate job to plant trees in the balding mountains of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range near Manila, Philippines.

Due to widespread illegal logging activities in the 1970s and 1980s, the area was left barren, with a great number of old growth forests decimated. Experts declared that without a well-forested Upper Marikina Watershed, Metro Manila will be highly susceptible to catastrophic floods.

To address this problem, Toto launched a privately-sponsored pioneering reforestation project, with Mount Purro identified as the primary site. In just a few years, 700,000 trees were successfully planted and dutifully maintained by Toto. However, partly due to the difficulties of living in the mountains, and largely due to the absence of alternative forms of livelihood for the indigenous Dumagat tribes who lived in the mountains, the majority of these trees fell victim to small-scale illegal logging. This led to the painful realization that in order to take care of the forest, one must first take care of the people who live in it.

In response to this critical insight, Toto designed a grassroots strategy for reforestation and watershed rehabilitation. The upland communities' vocational and livelihood needs were prioritized, before they were engaged as partners in bringing back the glory of the forest. Mount Purro Nature Reserve was then created and established by Toto. It started out as a small outdoor recreation area for families and friends, at the same time fulfilling its primary purpose of being a social enterprise that offered alternative and non-destructive forms of livelihood to those otherwise engaged in environmentally damaging practices. Today Mount Purro Nature Reserve is now fully operational eco-park.

## Action Step – Right Now!

The action Toto took in the Philippines was bold and big. Maybe God will inspire you with bold and big ideas too, that would be great! But there are many small and significant things we can all do in our everyday lives right now that make a difference to our groaning earth.

1. Resolve (write it down) right now what step or steps you WILL take to contribute to honouring and caring for the environment God has blessed us with. Some ideas:
  - Cutting down waste
    - Buying less (work out what that actually means for you – less food that gets thrown out, less clothes, less single use items, less junk...)
    - Using a recyclable coffee cup and/or straws
    - Not buying bottled water
    - Actually using your recycled bags for shopping
  - Picking up garbage that's not even yours (eg. from the beach or streets as you go about life), especially so it doesn't get into our waterways, but also to make a more pleasant environment for everyone.
  - Being more diligent about reusing and recycling
2. Write your own brief statement of how and why your faith connects with caring for the environment.

## Pray Together

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## Explore More – Later At Home

- Information and action ideas from Common Grace's focus on Creation & Climate Justice:  
[https://www.commongrace.org.au/climate\\_change](https://www.commongrace.org.au/climate_change)
- Check out the work of "Team" (A Global Alliance of Churches and Missionaries) in Creation Care: <https://team.org/ministry-areas/creation-care/>
- Information from the Australian government on the potential impact of climate change on disadvantaged, vulnerable or marginalised groups:
- [www.aph.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/Parliamentary\\_Departments/Parliamentary\\_Library/Browse\\_by\\_Topic/ClimateChangeold/effects/social/population](http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/Browse_by_Topic/ClimateChangeold/effects/social/population)
- Get informed and inspired by ABC's War on Waste program:  
<https://www.abc.net.au/ourfocus/waronwaste/>