



# The Impossible Dream

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God Centered Transformation in the  
Developing Asian World



Thankyou you for helping us bring God's love and transformation to those in developing Asian countries!

We want to update you about our ongoing vision, our personal lives and how we sense God is leading us in these days.

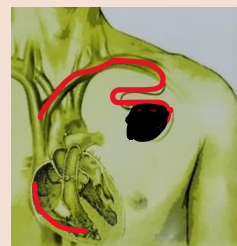
**Vision:** to see individuals, within their family, church, and community, especially in developing Asia, transformed by the Love and Truth of God, His Word, and work through Jesus in their personal lives. Better equipped, they are then able to minister this same life to many suffering with mental health challenges in our world of crisis and change. Isaiah 61:3: Raising Oaks of righteousness

**Strategy:** to train people gifted in counselling and teaching, at lay pastoral and professional counsellor levels, and-empower these to equip local churches for this ministry. Many are pastors, or agency, ministry or denominational leaders. We are about empowerment; people join the team and so the work grows. Some people feel overwhelmed when they hear what is happening, as indeed often do we! But this is actually our amazing God at work through us as a team. We have 100+ leaders, trainers and counselors in the Living wholeness community. It's not just us two working 24/7!

## Interserve

## Personal Updates

**David** continues as CEO of LW (Living Wholeness), implementing LW vision. He has a heart condition with progressive growth of the interventricular septum, dividing the two ventricles. As this thickens it scars and may alter conduction. The risk has risen such that he is receiving an intracardiac defibrillator June 14th to pre-empt any serious cardiac arrhythmias. No strenuous work for the following 8 weeks. The machine (in black) sits under the clavicle, leads in red go to tip of R ventricle apex. Hope it won't affect his day job!



**Susanne** continues as a senior leader within LW, with her role changing from a front-line curriculum writer and teacher to consulting to our team of curriculum developers, trainers, and supervisors. You would remember she had a full blown SCAD (Dissection of a coronary artery) Aug 2021, and further hospitalisation Dec 2021. Her recovery has been steady but slow. She also has struggled with various musculoskeletal challenges - no doubt like many of us these days, the joys of aging!!

**Our Plans** Due to these health challenges as well as the global uncertainties, we sense that it is God's leading that for now we continue to remain as Australian based Interserve mission partners. As the team is in 16 nations, in some ways wherever we are, we're not physically with these national teams. Zoom has certainly held the key to growth for LW. With health situations it seems wiser to be near reliable hospital cover. We will be in Thailand for 6 weeks for the PACT face to face intensive in October; valuable face to face time there with our LW exec and new leadership team; and to sort out our personal belongings still in Chiangmai!

**Zoe**, studying physio in Netherlands, lives with us for a 2 month prac placement in Australia. A lot of fun and great catching up. We are hopeful her Croatian boyfriend Jovan will join us for 3 weeks in July – his visa depends on the Aussie visa system.

**Opportunity to Support Us:** As continuing Interserve partners, we remain dependant on the prayer and financial support of churches and friends, who we see very much as partners with us in this journey God has called us all to. We are seeking another 10 support team members at AUD\$1000 pa fully tax deductible, to meet our IS commitment. For those of you who faithfully support us, we are deeply grateful. For others, please prayerfully consider joining our support team, to help us make a difference at this time when struggle with mental health is also a global pandemic. If you would like to do so at whatever level of funds, please either connect with the Interserve staff on 1800 067 100 or click [here](#) ensuring you add our names on the form. We are a team, and we appreciate you a lot, as part of that.

**Recent Workshop Feedback:** *Dr David's teaching gift shines, with simple yet powerful graphic illustrations, bringing difficult medical concepts into layman's terms.*

**LW STUDENT COMMENTS** *"I received God's healing for my own brokenness through this training, so I can now give hope to those I help." "The shapes and steps of CWF are so helpful, and the teachers inspire us to be authentic and vulnerable as they are." "I now know how to really walk with another person and help, instead of being scared of their problems."*

**Consolidate** to a professional level, all the LW materials, courses, and videos.

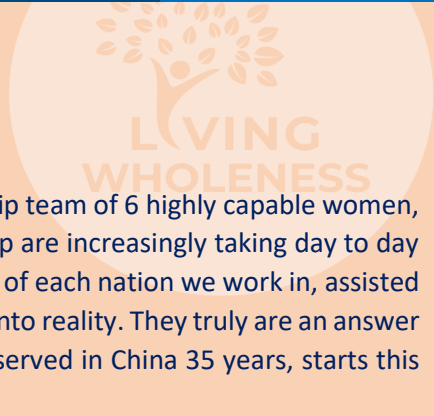
**New Initiatives** include developing an online learning platform, a LW App, communications hub, explore with BST their invitation to develop a center of excellence for Biblical Transformation, and explore developing a specific on the ground Asian hub.

**We continue to follow Gods leading** as He chooses to open and close doors.

- Taught 1400+ students 2021-22, in 17 Nations
- Teaching in 8 Asian and 2 Australian Seminaries
- 10 Books across 8 languages
- 7 research papers in the pipeline (3 at PhD Level)
- 100+ Leaders and Trainers

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## Living Wholeness



### Leadership Team

We have followed Gods leading to raise up a hands-on leadership team of 6 highly capable women, most we knew as mission workers in China. This awesome group are increasingly taking day to day leadership in each department, linking with the representatives of each nation we work in, assisted in developing the strategic plan, and working hard to carry that into reality. They truly are an answer to prayer for help for us in LW. Trudy, from Netherlands, who served in China 35 years, starts this week as Operations Manager. Amazing!!

### Training Updates

**Brisbane School of Theology** is teaching a CWF based Pastoral Care and Mental Health Graduate Certificate, very well received by the 27 students (hybrid course). Next semester subject is Christian Counselling – all welcome! You can learn more, enrol or audit [here](#). LW Pastoral care courses are increasingly taught in Seminaries in Asia. LW's partnership with BST continues to strengthen. LW is one of the 6 foci in their 2022-24 Strategic Plan. Dr Richard Gibson, Principal, presented this concept at the BST AGM recently.



**PACT:** One strategic course is PACT (Pastoral and Advanced Counsellor Training) which empowers people in pastoral care and counselling, and training others. Most LW national teams need more local trainers, so we are focusing on strengthening these teams in the coming August PACT. Sharon, a Singaporean Missionary in Thailand, is one of the recent PACT graduates. She wrote a book *Hope in Despair* using LW learning for her healing journey. Find it on [Amazon](#) or with our other books [here](#).



**Mongolian Graduation:** Six women just graduated from the 2 year LW Certificate in Pastoral Counselling from Mongolian AG Seminary (3). Their teachers were the two lovely Mongolian ladies who graduated from the LWTP course in China 2016-18. These will become part of the Mongolian LW training team.

**Thanks for journeying with us. It has been an amazing one and we look forward to much more to come! Love David & Susanne**



Learn more: [LW Strategic Plan](#), & [Annual](#)

God has poured out His love into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us.  
Romans 5:5

Ask Him to pour His love into yours.

We do often!