

Philosophy statement

Reality

Today, many people groups are still considered unreached with the Gospel for a variety of reasons, including living in isolation.

However, many of the limited missionary endeavours are invested in areas where the Gospel is either already known, or can be accessed if desired.

Existence

People groups without the Gospel exist today in bondage and fear, lacking hope for today or eternity. This is evident where gruesome rituals, sacrifices, and killings are currently practised.

Knowledge

As disciples of Christ from a heritage of 2000 years, we have had the knowledge of hope for today and eternity, as well as the inspiration of *the Great Commission*, stated in Matthew 28:18-20, which is to share *this hope*, with every tribe, tongue and nation.

Values

God paid the ultimate price to give all people, the hope of the Gospel.

Reason

The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died and was resurrected, so that every person can be reconciled to God and have eternal life. Every person on earth must have the opportunity to hear the message of the Gospel.

Mind

Many church attendees in Australia are unaware of the inaccessible and unreached people groups, and instead are focused on missions, prayer and giving in places where the Gospel is already known or accessible.

Language

Today there are 2200+ language groups waiting for skilled people to translate the Gospel.

General

The above Philosophy leads us to believe, that there is a critical need for the organisation *HFA* for two reasons:

1. To bring the hope of the Gospel, for today and eternity
2. To use aviation and technology to overcome the barriers to the inaccessible and unreached people groups

Over all, *Hope from Above* stands for **God's hope, being delivered through the use of aviation and technology** to people currently living without exposure to God's Love and Truth.

Solutions - *Hope from Above*

Target

These are *HFA's* specific objectives:

1. **To help bring the Gospel to the *unreached and inaccessible people groups*, overcoming their isolation through aviation & technology by:**
 - a. Gaining an understanding through research of *unreached communities* and their location
 - b. Developing an understanding through research and evaluation of the extent of the inaccessibility
 - c. Planning and establishing needs-based aviation & technology solutions to overcome barriers to the inaccessible
 - d. Developing needs-based aviation & technology solutions, until the church plant and Bible translation initiatives are reaching the point of self-sustainability, or until alternative means of transportation may be utilized
2. **Connecting Churches with *the unreached* through ministry to God's people by:**
 - a. Raising awareness of *the unreached*
 - b. Emphasizing God's call on individual people's lives
 - c. Presenting opportunities to serve with *HFA* through:
 - i. Prayer
 - ii. Giving
 - iii. Volunteering
 - iv. Employment
 - d. Presenting opportunities and connecting people beyond *HFA* for service with other organisations such as Bible translation or church planting

Uniqueness

This is what makes *HFA* unique:

1. Operations in locations where no other organisation can currently meet the need
2. The use of unconventional methods and innovative technology
3. The declared purpose to reach *the unreached* in isolation, regardless of the size of the people group
4. The selection of need-based aviation & technology solutions
5. The operations through the *HFA Network* and Partner Organisations
6. The declared purpose to mobilize people for *the harvest*
7. The policy to abstain organisationally from doctrinal matters, but rather to emphasise the winning of the lost for Christ
8. The commitment to pay staff
9. The commitment to create a work environment that encourages long term employment in *HFA*

Strategy

These are *HFA's* strategies being pursued:

1. Research – knowledge of needs over opportunities
2. Aviation and technology solutions - Serve and support evangelical Kingdom workers, by provision of access to isolated places through:
 - a. Sponsoring locally available aircraft where possible
 - b. Leasing locally available aircraft where possible
 - c. Operation of *HFA* aircraft if necessary
 - d. Development of innovative technology as needed
3. Ministry to God's people – Connecting people with the ministry, raising awareness, and prayer support
4. *HFA* will not operate in locations where the offered aviation solutions are either not necessary, already offered by others, or compete with like-minded organisations
5. *HFA* is a technical support organisation to be utilized by evangelical Kingdom workers

Finances

The following principles apply for *HFA*:

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Hope from Above:

1. Is a *faith based* organisation
2. Seeks *fruit for eternity* over financial benefits
3. Is organisationally committed to the biblical principle of tithing
4. Does not expand beyond financial capability and avoids debt
5. Prays to God for its 'daily bread', rather than aggressive fundraising
6. Sees a lack of funds as a sign of God's guidance to assess the size of the operation, and if necessary to conclude operations
7. Sees an overflowing measure of funds as a sign of God's guidance to expand operations
8. Pays staff to avoid the inefficiency, time loss, and personal discouragement encountered through financial support raising
9. Involves staff in *the ministry to God's people* where they are given the opportunity to mobilize prayer support and to raise awareness of *HFA's* ministry
10. Accepts donations
11. Seeks partial payment for provided services to promote ownership

Location

HFA's coordinating head office is registered in the state of Victoria, in Australia

HFA countries of operation are selected based on the needs reflected in research conducted by *HFA*, and the assessment of how those needs can be met. It may involve countries both open and closed to the Gospel

Expansion & Growth

HFA intends to expand as long as needs are identified and as God provides the means to do so. Potential areas of growth are:

1. The expansion of operations to additional locations / countries through partnerships and the *HFA Network*
2. The establishment of *HFA Aviation* as a commercial support organisation to meet *HFA's* aviation, technical, and personnel needs
3. The creation and use of innovative technology
4. The use of other means of transport supporting the purposes of *HFA* e.g. Hovercraft, Off-road trucks etc.