

The HFA

# BULLETIN

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## Welcome to our first Bulletin!

It was a year ago now when a number of people got together and decided to start Hope From Above, knowing we were following God's call. Still today it is God's command to share the hope of the gospel that drives our work.

In Revelation 7:9-10 it says: "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." That day will be truly wonderful. This is the vision for HFA, that every nation and tribe has the opportunity to hear the gospel, so that they too can stand with us in that throne room before the Lord.

At our dedication service in April I shared about a tribe that was living in a spirit cult. They lived in conditions that resemble hell, living in fear, cutting their bodies and sacrificing children to appease the spirits. For these people hearing the gospel was truly liberating! There are many other tribes, living in isolation, that are still experiencing these conditions and where children are physically and sexually abused every day. So, bringing the gospel to unreached and isolated people groups is for God's glory, because in Him only can we experience real freedom.

Since our first board meeting in December we have engaged in a lot of research to identify the needs for HFA to assist in bringing the gospel to isolated people groups. Through our research and consulting with different ministries it is clear that there is a real need for aviation and technological solutions. Without God intervening on our behalf and providing the needed breakthroughs, we do not stand a chance to be successful. Therefore prayer is the most important work in our ministry. We welcome you to pray with us, that these tribes experience the freedom found in Christ.

*Blessings, Hans*



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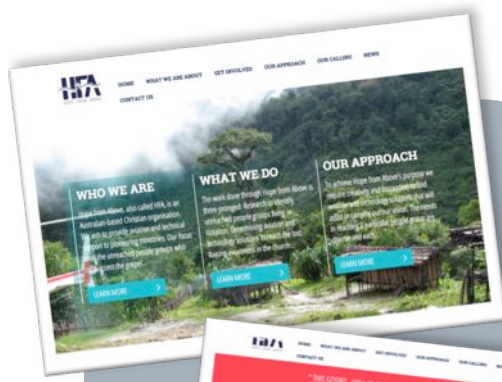
HFA has officially launched with a brand new website, a dedication service and all registration formalities now complete.



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Here are answers to the most common questions we've heard starting a new organisation.



# HFA Beginnings

Hope From Above is now registered as an incorporated association, has a number of staff members, many volunteers, and a fully functioning Board. Along with this great level of achievement, HFA has set up displays at conferences, has a brand new website and is already in the process of setting up projects overseas. How has all this come about?

## The HFA Website

The website is a great tool for our work in a number of ways. Firstly, there are pages describing our vision and purpose. There is information about what we do, who we are and the approach we take to achieve our purpose. Secondly, and importantly, it's the primary place in which we can



regularly update you as to what is happening at HFA. Including details of various events we attend as HFA and developments as an organisation. Our blog aims to share our passion, and enthusiasm to God's calling through devotionals, mission news, updated prayer requests and much more.

Please visit our website at:  
[www.hfa.org.au](http://www.hfa.org.au)

In December 2013 HFA had its first board meeting and started discussing the possibilities of how the vision for Hope From Above can be put into action. Firstly, to be recognised as a not-for-profit organisation in Australia, we have gone through the process of registering HFA as an incorporated association. We reached our first milestone when HFA's Certificate of Registration was received in February 2014.

However, we consider our dedication service on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014 as the official launch of HFA. At this service, where over 100 people were in attendance, we shared the vision of HFA and dedicated our work to the Lord in prayer. As has already been noted, the service began with Hans telling of an isolated tribe and how the gospel of Jesus Christ was the most important message they could hear. There would have been little progress if missionaries came to provide education or healthcare, due to the tribe's understanding and belief of the spirits. However, once they experienced the freedom of the gospel they were also open to other development projects. Brian, the HFA board chairman, then spoke about a variety of aviation and technological solutions that could be used to access unreached and isolated people groups such as the tribe mentioned by Hans or others.

Most importantly, we spent time in this service to dedicate HFA to the Lord. HFA started with the Lord's call, and after stepping out in obedience we want to honour God by dedicating all the work to Him. Therefore there was a time of sincere prayer for the ministry, the staff, volunteers and board.

It is exciting to note that since the dedication service, we've had more opportunities to speak about HFA in churches and at conferences. One of the highlights, and a point of much interest in the displays, is the model drone flying above a vast landscape. The display helps to promote the work of HFA, but we primarily hope to raise awareness and engage with people in conversation about the unreached in our world and God's call for all of us to share the gospel.

As Hans has said on many occasions, "This is only the beginning!"



# FAQ

As a brand new organization, HFA is naturally asked an array of questions about 'how we work'. In this article, we'll give you answers

to some of the most frequently asked questions.

## What distinguishes HFA from other mission aviation organisations?

HFA aims to 'fill the gaps' where other missionary aviation organisations are unable to go. For instance, using helicopters and drones, we can service locations and assist missions in reaching areas which are unreachable by way of fixed-wing aircraft. Importantly, HFA is not 'competing' with established missionary efforts but seeks to support them – however it can. We identify the gaps of unmet needs for aviation and technology through a research process including conversations with local ministries. We strive to provide a solution that may be completely 'outside the box' but importantly is tailored to meet the specific need, and is not limited by a certain type of aircraft or model of operation. The solution could range from using a balloon to chartering a helicopter to meet that need.

## How can a drone be used in missions?

At one point the development of helicopters had become so advanced in its use in warfare, that

the opportunity was recognised to use it to save people in missions rather than to kill them in war. It is the same with drones. By now they are perfected to the point that thousands of people are killed using a remote control directed from another country for war, and it is time to apply the technical benefits to missions. While there is hardly a limit to its applications, we see the utilisation of drones at present to be mainly in aerial photography. It could be used to locate the whereabouts of a nomadic tribe or to do a survey of the land. Drones can be equipped with radar, infrared and optical cameras, and can also be equipped to deliver lifesaving cargo.

## How is HFA funded?

Hope From Above is a faith-based organisation. This means that we seek God, who owns the heaven and earth, for our 'daily bread'. Furthermore, we seek to remain faithful to our core ministry, which is reaching the unreached people groups in isolation and the raising of awareness about these people groups. We do accept donations and we do invite fellow believers to join us in prayer for the needed resources.

## Future Projects

HFA's purpose is to assist pioneering ministries to bring the gospel to unreached and isolated people groups. As you can imagine, this does not just happen overnight. A big part of our work is doing research to identify the location and needs to reach these isolated people groups, and then we seek viable aviation and technology solutions to meet that need.

We are currently looking into some specific projects where research and discussions have indicated a need and we are now pursuing possibilities and partnerships in response to this. There are very exciting developments and we hope to share these with you in our next bulletin! In the mean time we appreciate your prayers for these projects.

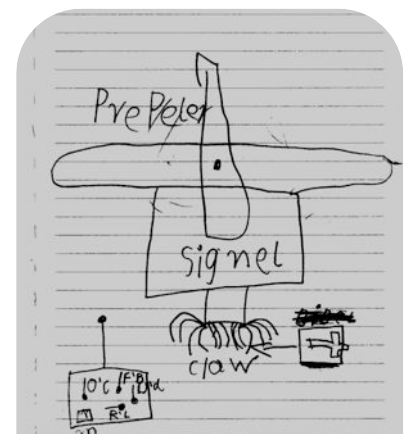


## Kids Drawing Competition

We have put an exciting colouring competition together for all kids in primary school. The top 3 winners in the two age categories win a 20-minute flight leaving from Coldstream! (For those living interstate, we will send out a model helicopter as an alternative prize if the child is unable to make the flight.)

In the drawing we are looking for a solution for the missionaries to be able to bring the story of Jesus to Mr X, who lives deep in the jungle. How could we use aviation and technology to get to Mr X and his family?

For more information, instructions and the terms and conditions go to [www.hfa.org.au/ourblog/kids-drawing-competition](http://www.hfa.org.au/ourblog/kids-drawing-competition) or contact us and we can send it out to you.



Drawing by one of the kids who attended our dedication service.

**If the Lord has stirred something in your heart and you would like to contribute financially, then this is very much appreciated.**

There are the following options to make a donation:

1. Online via [www.hfa.org.au](http://www.hfa.org.au). There is the option to pay via credit card or using your paypal account, for both methods click the paypal link on our 'giving' page ([www.hfa.org.au/get-involved/giving](http://www.hfa.org.au/get-involved/giving)).
2. Cheques, payable to "Hope from Above Inc."
3. Direct deposit to:  
Westpac Banking Corp.  
Hope from Above Inc.  
BSB: 033 107  
Account: 440226

For direct deposit please contact the office prior to making the donation so we can provide a donation number for the reference field.

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## Volunteers

Volunteers add significant value to our work at HFA. We are currently specifically looking volunteers in two areas:

### 1. Prayer support

- To promote HFA in prayer groups.
- To pray for HFA and for breakthrough amongst the isolated people groups.

### 2. Electronics engineer or hobbyist

- Ideally with experience in aero modeling (FPV).

If this could be you we would love to hear from you! Send us an email ([info@hfa.org.au](mailto:info@hfa.org.au)) and tell us what you are passionate about and how much time you could commit to HFA.

This list is not exhaustive and we are open to volunteers with other experience, see our website for more information.

## Speaking Engagements

Would you like to have a HFA representative come and speak at your church or ministry group?

We have ordained pastors who can come and share a message about God's calling and pioneering missions. Our aim in

these speaking engagements is to raise awareness about isolated people groups in our world who haven't heard the gospel. We also hope to raise personal awareness about God's plan for our lives, and how we can serve Him in our daily settings.

If this interests you or your church, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.



## Partnering in Prayer

Prayer is the most important way you can support the work of HFA. Without God our work is futile, and we depend wholly on Him. Would you pray with us?

### Prayer requests include:

- Thanks for Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.
- Thanks for the task and fulfilment to bring the good news to the ends of the earth.
- Pray for the development of the projects overseas that HFA is involved in.
- Pray for opportunities and conversations with Christians in Australia about the unreached and God's call.
- Pray for the hearts of the people groups to be prepared, ready and receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray for our daily bread, that the Lord will open the floodgates of heaven and provide the needed resources.