

A Place In The World

Stories from Australian Volunteers International

A beautifully produced book showcasing the work, the volunteers and the hosts from the 1950s to the present day.

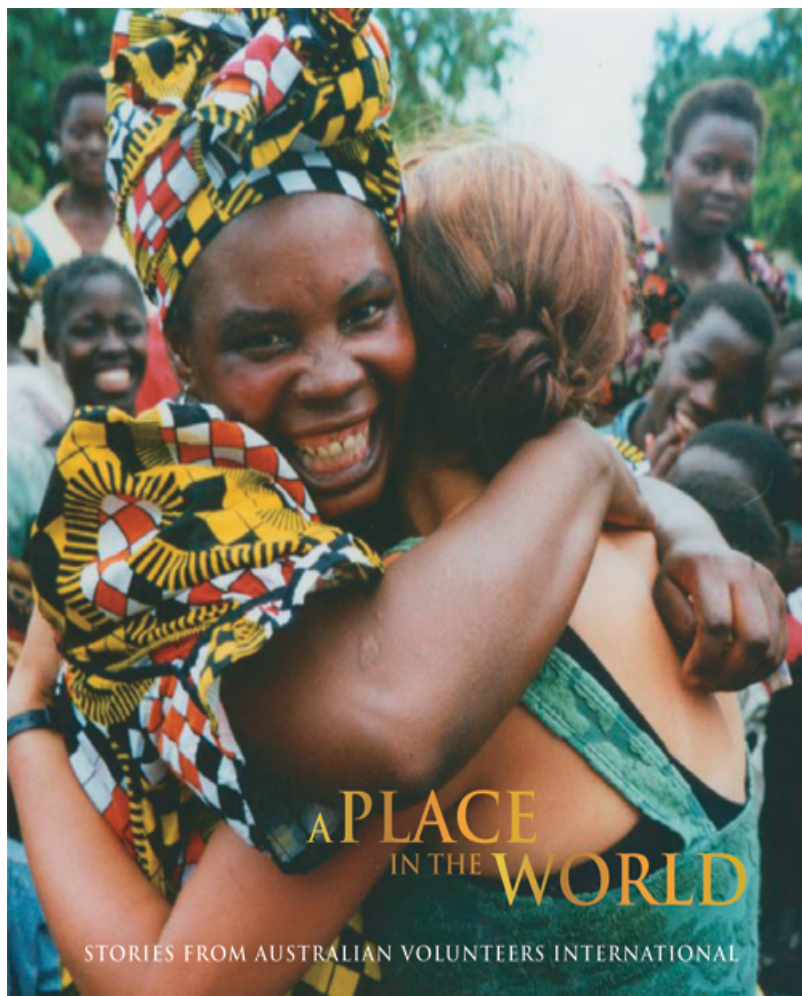
This book is the expression of a labour of love, compassion and sheer hard work by ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things and the organization, Australian Volunteers International that continues to provide the leadership in providing assistance around the world where most needed.

Since the early 1950's Australian Volunteers International has been at the forefront of assisting people-centred development projects and programs around the world. Their work focuses on reducing poverty, providing health and education services, promoting human rights and gender equality, and protecting the environment.

The beautifully produced new book: **A PLACE IN THE WORLD: Stories from Australian Volunteers International** celebrates the achievements of AVI and honours the amazing work of over 7,000 volunteers who have given a significant part of their lives to assist in global development as well as acknowledging the countries and organizations that have hosted the volunteers.

Whilst A PLACE IN THE WORLD gives an historical overview of the expansion of AVI, it is more about the stories of the volunteer experience, from traveling by canoe to install generators in remote Papua New Guinean islands, being paid four dollars a week, to a young Melbourne woman teaching in a traditional Muslim school in remote Lahore, or Graham an Australian farmer who went to Tanzania in 1968 to set up a dairy who says: "The pleasure one gets out of volunteering is nearly always the small simple things that happen in everyday life".

What comes through in a lot of the stories is that the volunteers talk about the experience changing their lives and world outlook as much as assisting local communities.



The book also highlights stories about Volunteer projects in Africa, Americas, Asia, Australia, Middle East and the Pacific. Stories such as teaching Aussie Rules Football in South African townships, tackling waste management in the Pacific Islands or working as an Occupational Therapist in a children's rehabilitation program in Malawi and many more.

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