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Australian Lutheran World Service staff are passionate about developing relevant service learning programs in Lutheran Schools around Australia. Each year ALWS offers a range of services and opportunities to Lutheran schools and their teachers.

These include:

Awareness week

The Awareness Week package is Christ-centred curriculum materials relevant in today's hurting world. It is designed as a Christian-based catalyst for learning about issues of injustice throughout the developing world. Awareness Week aims to get students and teachers thinking about world issues, and for teachers to use the materials in the Awareness Week package to teach and encourage their students on how they can make a positive difference in the world. The Awareness Week theme often runs for a term, semester or year, and is best incorporated into all aspects of school learning. Awareness Week materials can be found on the ALWS website: www.alws.org.au

Awareness days

Awareness Day is designed to challenge school leaders and students interested in social justice issues in ways that they can make a difference in this world. Awareness Day is for students in Grades 6-12, with whole group and small group activities, guest speakers, workshops, and audio visual presentations, food and culture used to inform and challenge students about injustice in the world. The students who attend Awareness Day return to their schools fired-up for the work that can and is being done in the developing world. They become the teacher-helpers for Awareness Week activities and often take a lead in service learning activities within the school.

ALWS staff visits

ALWS Staff are able to visit Lutheran Schools as a guest in Chapel, in the classroom, or for any other activity. These opportunities help give a 'human face' to the work that is done throughout the world. You might like ALWS staff to speak on the Awareness week theme, on a theme that you are working on in your curriculum (e.g. social justice), on a theme that is in the media (e.g. refugees), or simply ask the staff to share what it is like to travel to a developing country. We are very flexible, and will cater to the needs of your school. Just ring and make a date!

Specific curriculum materials

ALWS is committed to quality education on issues of justice. We can tailor materials suitable for you to use as part of your teaching in a number of different areas, including: developing countries, justice, poverty, refugees, water and sanitation, food and so on.

Teacher study tours

ALWS offer a Teacher Study Tour each year to an overseas country program area. The study tour is during holiday time for most teachers (depending on the state), and offers amazing opportunities for learning about aid and development, relationships with other aid and church agencies, culture and so much more! ALWS Teacher Study Tours have recently been to Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Mozambique and in 2011 to Burundi.

Student service and development tours

From 2012, ALWS will offer to Lutheran School Students the opportunity to travel to a developing country. Students can better come to understand true service in action, love in action and the need

to serve all people because we respond to God's love in this way and we see the world and its people through Jesus' eyes. Through participation in Christian Service and Development tours, student faith should be challenged and developed as the realness of Christ becomes more evident through relevant, Christ-centred worship times. These tours are particularly relevant for students who would like to have a future in the aid and development sector, or would like to work overseas helping others and making a difference.