

ALWS 2017 – Walk My Way

Concept outline



Day 1: Pre-ACLE Conference Activity

Walk My Way Refugee Reconnection Walk

Concept

Teachers from Lutheran schools, in Adelaide for ACLE, (and others) follow the steps of pioneer Lutheran women from Hahndorf to Adelaide.

Each Walker brings an item precious to them (or photo thereof) that goes in a wheelbarrow, along with two bricks. (The two bricks parallel what Lutheran pioneer women each brought back from Adelaide to build church at Hahndorf.)

Each walker takes a turn pushing wheelbarrow.

When

Tuesday 4 July, 2017 – pre-ACLE Conference Activity

Focus

The Lutheran pioneer women fled Prussia in the 1840s as 'refugees' to escape persecution.

While 'Walk My Way' is therefore rooted in Lutheran history in the commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of reformation, it draws attention to the journey of today's refugees as they flee their homes seeking safety.

Further, ALWS began life to help refugees fleeing from Europe to Australia after WW2. At this time, there were 8 million Lutheran refugees. In fact, one in 6 of the world's refugees were Lutherans. 300,000 refugees to Australia passed through Bonegilla Camp, near Albury. This is where ALWS had its origins.

Offer

Walkers seek sponsors to donate money to educate refugee children.

The walk is 26 kilometres. Our aim is to raise enough money to support 5,000 refugee children to go to pre-school, at \$26 each, (ie \$1 per kilometre sponsorship / class of 26 children in Australia give \$1 each).

Target:

Raise \$130,000 to kick-start ALWS total commitment of \$214,000 to support children in refugee camps to go to school in 2017.

Children:

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| South Sudan | Sudan | Somalia |
| Ethiopia | Burundi | Democratic Republic of Congo |

Where:

Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya
Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya
Darfur Refugee Camp, Sudan
Ali Addah Refugee Camp, Djibouti

Team:

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS)
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
European Community Humanitarian Organisation (ECHO)

Action:

Kakuma

- Construct 4 classrooms
- Train 70 teachers
- Pay incentive salary to 8 refugee teachers
- Provide text-books, pens, exercise books, learning materials
- 20 pieces of furniture for teachers

Dadaab

- Provide text-books, pens, exercise books, learning materials
- Counselling training to 30 carers of children with disabilities
- 30 sitting aids for children with disabilities
- Pay incentive salary to 4 refugee teachers
- Organise 4 spelling and mathematics symposiums

Darfur

- Provide blackboards, text-books, reference books
- Train 64 teachers and volunteers
- Supply 300 school-desks & 300 school-benches

Ali Addah

- Construct 4 classrooms
- Support Early Childhood teachers

Presentation of Offer



Raise \$26 to support a refugee child to go to pre-school!



Teacher

+



Text-books

+



Table

Our target: support 5,000 refugee pre-schoolers!

Participants

- Recruit at least one teacher from every Lutheran school
- Recruit further teachers who have joined ALWS Teacher Tours, hosted Awareness Days etc
- New neighbours
- Other Walkers are welcome
- Recruit volunteers from LEAH schools, Adelaide Hills and Adelaide congregations to act as volunteers
- Inspire the broader Lutheran community to support/sponsor the Walkers

Extension

Lutheran schools invited to hold own local 'Walk My Way' event on a scale that suits them.

They use the resources and sponsorship mechanism set up for main Walk.

ALWS Awareness Days in 2017 focus on the theme 'Walk My Way', and inspire and equip Lutheran schools to hold their own 'Walk My Way' event.

Route

1. St Michael's, Hahndorf: 9.00am

- interstate Walkers arrive in morning, and be transported to Hahndorf
- this is also optimal time for evening TV news coverage
- Walkers receive T-shirt + headscarf made by African Sewing Group (Helen Semmler)
- Walkers are fed and equipped with water (just as refugees setting out for safety) will be wished well by those left behind
- A blessing on walk
- SA Governor Le (Vietnamese refugee, welcomed and cared for in Australia by Lutheran family) to open Walk
- Ideally colour and movement of children's choir (or similar)
- Depart on Walk at 9.45am

2. Stirling, 12 kilometre mark: 12.30pm

- Walkers receive food and encouragement from well-wishers (just as refugees receive support from villagers en route to safety)
- ABC Radio interview with teacher who went on ALWS Djibouti Teacher Tour
- Depart at 1.15pm

3. Beaumont, 26 kilometre mark: 4.45pm

- Welcomed with food refugees receive on arrival at LWF-managed Reception centre at a refugee camp like Kakuma in Kenya: beans, maize, lentils
- Welcomed by African choir / Burundian drummers
- Venue: Beaumont House / Unley Lutheran Church / Concordia College
- Skype greeting direct from Kakuma Refugee Camp
- Video of class of children from Kakuma singing
- Welcome and stories from Leah Odongo who has worked at Kakuma
- Live cross from TV news (?)
- Visuals and stories of refugee children to be educated

