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Dear Fellow CCGS Father

### **Pilgrimage of Hope Alice Springs 2011**

My family and I moved to Perth last year and were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to become part of the Christ Church community. A unique part of this experience has been the Pilgrimage of Hope. My son and I participated in POH Alice Springs and my wife and younger son will participate in POH Bali.

The Pilgrimage of Hope program is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to others, grow as a person and deepen relationships with others on the trip, and especially of course with your son. It is also a safe way to engage with some difficult questions about life and people. Why are these people disadvantaged? How can they succeed in life? What is success in any case? What if it was me, how would I feel?

The experience of my son and I was not like the romantic notion we took to the pilgrimage. We met many people who inspired with their wit, their honesty and their passion. We also had many moments where we were disappointed by the poor choices of people. These people refused to conform to our neat and ordered script for them.

When a school has to feed children because they might not otherwise get fed for the day, when children are so disruptive that they make teaching the class a nightmare, when people don't see the importance of education and won't send their kids to school for weeks then you have met the real world.

My son and I grew a great deal during our pilgrimage and while we made but a small contribution to the lives of a few, we were wiser and more understanding of life as a result. I am very happy to recommend you to take this journey.

Kind regards

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Eddy Haegel