

What story can you share about the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor?	Please write a list of key words associated with your response.
<p>What worries me is what will happen to those who can't afford or can't manage to adapt to changed circumstances as our environment is impacted by climate change. How can the millions of impoverished Bangaldeshis cope when they're homes disappear underwater?</p>	<p>Climate change Poverty Bangladesh</p>
<p>I notice students in my classes that have little to eat before school. This makes them restless and unable to focus. Offering some kind of breakfast club or something like it would help these students to learn.</p> <p>Sponsorship would be available from local businesses - eg bakeries etc</p>	<p>Breakfast Club</p>
<p>The plight and vulnerability of children in the world today. Child refugees child soldiers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buA3tsGnp2s</p>	<p>vulnerability child soldiers power - funding of militia violence poverty lack of education</p>
<p>In our quest to make the most of our time we have become a society that seeks "convenient" short cuts that can make our life easier. Often these convenient alternatives cost more money, have lower nutritional value and require extra resources to both manufacture and deliver the item. The rubbish that I have accumulated from my "convenient" products on a weekly basis is embarrassing. I worry that even "recycling" my plastic, glass and paper products isn't enough. That the impact on the worlds limited resources is going to be significant.</p>	<p>Convenient Rubbish Waste</p>
<p>The use of bought water in plastic bottles. I find it distressing that Ballarat has some of the best quality water in the world yet we have bottled water being sold in our shops and supermarkets.</p>	<p>Water Plastic bottles</p>
<p>I am sharing about the relief I felt after 26mls of rain fell on Ballarat/Bunninyong district on the 18.03.2016. This rain will give so much to our local community and the farmers where it fell because so many of these were already worried that we were heading into a new drought season. So hopefully with God's help and follow-up rains the rainfall will be enough for this season and into 2017.</p>	<p>Rain Life-giving Drought-breaking New Life Sustainable/hope for financial future</p>
<p>While traveling throughout Germany and Austria I hoped on a train to find that their were Refugee's from Syria on it. This was a very confronting experience, one I'll never forget. Standing there recognising that the plastic bags they had contained their whole life. The smell, one of someone who hasn't been able to wash because they have no home, no where to go. They have no idea if they are near the end of their journey; they've come so far without an idea of how farthey'd get.</p> <p>At this point in time, Germany had closed their boarders. This caused the Syrian Refugees having to be removed from the train. It was at this point they have no idea what's going to happen next. Where are they going? Back to Syria? To Austria? They have no idea. All they know is that they have to try, try to escape the harsh reality of life in Syria.</p>	<p>Refugees War Syria Tough Heart breaking</p>

<p>Cry of the earth- please leave the trees to grow, flourish and create homes for our wildlife and to rejuvenate our environment</p> <p>Cry of the poor- please do not just give us money, please help us to be independent and self sufficient</p>	<p>independenece self-sufficient sustainability</p>
<p>The concern that I have is the disadvantage of aboriginal people in Australia. After spending time years ago working with and on indigenous communities in Central Australia I am concerned about the gap in living conditions with Aboriginal people on communities compared to the rest of Australia. In my opinion these people are neglected when it comes to health care, housing and access to education. We seem to always be sending money overseas for those in need but after witnessing the extreme poverty and neglet in OUR own communities I find it frustrating that we always look abroad rather than in our own backyard.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the racism directed towards our original landowners due to a lack of education and understanding in our community in regards to aboriginal people.</p>	<p>Frustration Anger Racism Lack of compassion</p>
<p>I was touched by the story of the young boy in a third world country who had nothing, not even a family, and yet he smiled all the time and adopted a positive outlook on every situation. Maybe his struggle in life had made him strong, resilient and grateful for the things he did have in his life</p>	<p>resilient grateful strong positive</p>
<p>So many stories cry out to be told. We focus on the negatives, but I really like the positives, where something is being done, usually by small outfits working at community level to lift the poor from grinding poverty, to enable them to make an income and to 'redeem' the damaged Earth.</p> <p>I remember a story from years back from the Sahel region, where the posts that were sunk into the ground to build compounds would take root and form trees, the popele would then move on and do the same again, and gradually the land was being revegetated.</p> <p>Last year's work on the Murnong Trail at Damascus College immersed me in the story of Indigenous Australia, and particularly led me to Bill Gammage's book 'The biggest estate on earth: how the Aborigines made Australia'. I found compelling the descriptions and pictures of how beautiful the Australian landscape was before we changed it so permanently; how complete and bewildering must have been the breaking of the Indigenous people's links with their land after European settlement, and how the picture we then form of the Aboriginal people is so decidedly unfair. Not sure if I have the answers to how we empower them to build positive lives in a 21st century Australia that is not their construct. Conversation is important. There is so much damage that we have done that needs undoing, but we are still learning how to do the undoing.</p> <p>Because Christianity has been an intrinsic part of the process of colonisation, it must be a part of reconciliation too.</p>	<p>community redeem damage reconciliation</p>
<p>Recently been traveling overseas and am concerned of the spread of 1st world tourists into 3rd world areas consuming much needed and vital resources locally at a very cheap cost.</p> <p>My concern has made me more aware of the inequities and I now actively source fair trade goods.</p>	<p>Fair trade Resources 3rd World</p>

Consumerism - the injustice to the living and non - living of our planet in order to sustain an existence based upon greed and wealth.

Greed
Consumerism
Selfishness

I think we need to look at the way a lot of us get to work. More environmental ways to get to work need to be encouraged. Car pooling, bike riding, bus travel, walking all need to be encouraged. All these would lessen congestion, use of fossil fuels and may increase the fitness levels of some people. I also think we need to be looking at the gathering the water off our expansive roof area and use it to capture rainfall to use for the gardens, oval etc.

drought
rainfall
car pooling
walking
tanks
water
bike riding
bus travel
bikes
buses

I cannot go past the cry of the displaced people on our earth. The global crisis challenging both people and the environment regarding the international refugee crisis is devastating. The Missy Higgins song "Oh Canada" pays tribute to the plight of Syria's refugees. Missy Higgins said "It was inspired by the photograph of the little three-year-old boy, Aylan Kurdi, who was washed up on a beach in Turkey," The tragedy of this story overwhelms me. The song and accompanying film clip can be viewed on ABC the ABC website; <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-19/missy-higgins-heartfelt-musical-tribute-to-syrias-child-refugees/7183136>

Tragic
Crisis
Refugees