

Janette Pepall brings to the field of children at risk over 30 years of personal and professional experience.

She has qualifications in Social Welfare, Anthropology, Training and Assessment and has been a case worker and a manager in adoptions (national and international), foster care, small group homes and institutions, child protection and counseling in Australia and Hong Kong.

In the 1970s and 1980s she and her husband Dean adopted 5 children from Australia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong, to join a birth son. They were active in adoptive parent groups and adoption advocacy for over thirty years.

In 1991, the family completed the 6 months Youth With A Mission Cross Roads Course.

From 1993-1996, her family lived and worked in Hong Kong. Janette was Senior Social Work Supervisor of Children's Services in Mothers Choice. She assisted with organizational change, policy development for INGOs and capacity building of staff.

She also advised the Hong Kong and China governments in policy, such as the development of best practice for residential care services. She was instrumental in pioneering two new programs: the adoption of children with disabilities to USA and local foster care.

On their return to Australia, and recognizing the need for training in the area of children at risk, Janette wrote for Youth With A Mission (YWAM) the Orphans and Family Ministry School (OFMS). This was a 6 months program. She led several courses and overseas outreaches.

In 1997 Janette co-founded Children With Hope, an international training organization which was based in Australia.

Working with individuals, churches, ministries, NGOs and governments, Janette has designed and delivered 35 courses, workshops and conferences in 11 countries.

She is the author of many articles and the training module "Care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children". She is a Key Note Conference Speaker worldwide.

As an adoptive and birth mother and a professional in the area of children at risk, Janette has the ability to apply complex processes, theories and systems and to contextualize them for the field. As an educator, she brings practical and competency based training, within a Christian framework.