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# Editorial

"Partners in the Harvest" is the way one of my friends signs off his emails. What a great way to build a sense of togetherness in the wider work of God!

Sharing stories of togetherness in the wider work of God is what this edition of Spearhead is all about. Reports about Romanians giving aid to Ukrainians ("Love Your Neighbour," pg. 10) and Australians working together with Afghans to rescue Refugees ("Working together to Help Afghan Refugees" pg. 6) tell of God's people working together to express the love of Christ in practical ways. Additionally, in "Following in the Family Business" (pg. 5) plus "God's Work Comes Full Circle" (pg. 8) Rachel and Georgie share their passion to continue the rich legacy of families who have invested heavily in the Lord's work.

Finally, updates from CrossConnect ("Equipping Disciple Makers for the Work," pg. 14) and Bob and Libby in the Philippines (pg. 19) trace God's providential hand bringing His people together to build one another up for the wider work.

As you read these accounts, we hope and trust that you will be better informed, greatly encouraged, and perhaps even personally inspired to continue working together with GLO Ministries and many others in the wider work of God.

Partners in the Harvest together,  
Andrew Cowell

PHOTO BY AUSTIN KEHMEIER ON UNSPLASH

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# *How mighty rivers get* **MIGHTY**

## THE POWER & PRODUCT OF WORKING TOGETHER

One of the highlights of my childhood, as I grew up in south-western Sydney, was spending hot summer afternoons with friends jumping off low cliffs and rope swings into the Georges River. Recently, as I flew into Sydney from the south-west, I was able to trace the headwaters of the Georges River from east of Appin all the way to the mouth of the river at Taren Point, where it empties into Botany Bay.

In just a few minutes, as the sun was setting on a crisp autumn evening, I was able to learn the secret of how mighty rivers get mighty. Mighty rivers are created by many small tributaries. From all directions, those tributaries contribute to a river, feeding it, and enlarging it. That's not just the way rivers grow. It's the way mighty ministries and mighty men and women of God grow too.

### HOW MIGHTY MINISTRIES GET MIGHTY

In 1 Corinthians 3:6, Paul explains how mighty ministries get mighty. *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God [all the while] was making it grow and [He] gave the increase"* (Amplified

Bible, Classic Edition). This can be summed up in the words, *"My Part, Your Part, God's Part."* Of course, God's part is the most important part, which is Paul's main point. Nevertheless, in the providential plan of God, we have a part to play and are responsible before God to play our part. This is why Paul sums things up in verse 9 by saying, *"For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) with and for God."*

In a nutshell, mighty ministries get mighty by God's people working together in dependence upon God playing the role of planting and watering whilst praying that God would make His ministry grow.



## HOW MIGHTY PEOPLE GET MIGHTY

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As we have learned mighty rivers become mighty because they are fed and enlarged by many tributaries that feed into them. You and I are like that, too. In a sense, we are supposed to be rivers, enlarged, and improved by the people in our world, and we're supposed to be tributaries, building and enlarging the lives of people around us.

Paul models this truth in Romans 1:11-12 when he says to the believers in Rome, *"For I want very much to see you, in order to share a spiritual blessing with you to make you strong. What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours"* (Good News Translation). Paul's purpose in wanting to be with the believers in Rome is so that he can give them some help, some encouragement, something that will make them stronger. He also looks forward to how they are going to feed his stream, too, enlarging his spiritual life.

## CONTINUING THE MIGHTY MINISTRY OF MULTIPLYING MIGHTY MEN & WOMEN OF GOD

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Like Paul, GLO Ministries wants to model this truth. We want to renew our commitment to being a tributary that builds and enlarges the lives of people that God has brought into our vast network of relationships. At the same time, however, we want to acknowledge that we would not be where we are without your input. The fact of the matter is that GLO Ministries is a river that has been greatly blessed by mighty men and women of God like you who have prayed over, provided for, and partnered with us in the wider work of God.

Going forward, therefore, with God's help and enabling let's continue working together to make mighty ministries full of mighty men and women of God who are multiplying disciple makers and disciple making churches in Australia, Asia, and all over the world.

BY ANDREW COWELL

PHOTO BY LUANA AZEVEDO ON UNSPLASH

# Following in the FAMILY BUSINESS

BY  
RACHEL  
HARDING



There's no way around it. My family was embarrassing. While my friends were watching Saturday morning cartoons and listening to Michael Jackson, our house had Amy Grant and The Gaithers.

So, when I reached university, I wasn't following my family. I studied music. I wasn't going to be studying old hymns or 80's Christian rock.

I say this profoundly aware of God's sense of humour. My first job was playing for a Welsh folk choir. Many of the songs were Hymns. I quickly discovered a fascination with folk music and song traditions from other countries.

Most of my professional interactions were with unbelievers, and God put me in places again and again where I could witness the ideological clash between the truth of the Gospel and what the world was saying. He sent me endless challenges and questions to make me look for the truth even while I was seeking a life on a stage that seemed to have nothing to do with serving Him.

In contrast, my family's world brought me into contact with amazing and godly people. Visitors from Zambia, Romania or India would turn lunch into a ten-hour epic. I would race to Carlos' café for the emergency bread and a cooked chicken or two (much like the feeding of the five thousand) and we would talk late into the night, delighting in stories of God's goodness, provision, and deliverance. It was a revelation to see complete strangers find connection in knowing God. My love for GLO was founded not in a building, organisation, or committee meeting. It was discovered at a kitchen table with a cup of tea, some old hymns, and deep conversation.

Fast forward a decade (or two). I have often thought how great it would be to work with people who put God above success and money, but how could God use someone whose sole training is in music? For several years I prayed for change and direction, but God's answer was "Not yet". God is a master at working circumstances to His purpose, and I know that in the waiting He taught many lessons about trusting in Him. So, when the opportunity to serve at GLO came, I was ready.

A favourite verse is 2 Cor 4:7. It's a wonderful reminder that He doesn't want me to worry about my strength, wisdom, or ability, but to trust in His.

I doubt I can do my parents' legacy justice. But I am delighted to follow in their steps, and if I have learnt anything, it is that when God opens a door, I should jump at it.

(Side note. The older I get, the cooler I realise my parents were and are. A recent discussion about their time overseas involved being held as potential assassins in Zambia and smuggling medical drugs into the D.R. Congo. I asked Dad if he were in fact a spy for the CIA. His answer was a cryptic grin and "no comment")

Rachel Harding is serving by faith at GLO Ministries assisting with administration two to three days per week. We thank God for her and pray that He will move people to prayerfully and generously support her.



# *Working Together to help* AFGHAN REFUGEES

The pandemic has brought many changes to the way we now live; some of them very beneficial and productive. Who would have imagined that we would have a twice weekly Bible study group with three Afghan men living as refugees in Pakistan. How has this happened?

Since the Taliban took control, Afghanistan has replaced North Korea as the country where Christians suffer the most severe persecution. Minority groups such as Hazara, women and Christians bear the brunt of the cruelty of the Taliban regime. Women have lost their jobs. In the case of one lady GLO would like to help, her husband disappeared, she is not allowed to work and to appear in public, she must have her face covered and be accompanied by a male relative.

As many readers are aware, GLO's involvement with Afghanistan began with Laurie Cowell's meeting eye specialist Dr Harper and subsequently inviting two students to study at GLO in Tasmania in 2008. As these two students, whom we call Paul and David, were exposed

as Christians, they were unable to return to Afghanistan until they became Australian citizens. In subsequent years they were able to make short trips to organise the building of a library, classrooms and supply educational materials. This was possible through their own savings and your gifts through GLO. More recently a building was purchased to provide accommodation and also a place for a school in Kabul. The school has now closed and the whole project has had to be abandoned with the Taliban in charge.

On visits to Afghanistan, Paul and David had opportunities to share their faith with family and other contacts. Some of these people were able to escape the country in August last year. Others were killed in their attempts to escape.

A school building that Paul and David helped to organise and fund



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Early this year we received a phone call from Paul asking if we would be willing to do Bible studies with Afghans who had escaped to Pakistan. Since that time, using What's App, we have met with three young men for an hour or so twice per week. These men are really excited to be getting to know the Bible and the Lord Jesus better. They are also improving their English through our discussions. The oldest is married and has four siblings living with him as well. On 1 April his first son was born. Most of his siblings and his wife do not know Jesus yet. Life is difficult for them as they don't have visas to live in Pakistan.

Paul and David have consulted with GLO and Barnabas Fund to explore the best way to try to get their close family and friends to safety in Australia. The Department of Human Affairs has a form whereby individuals or organisations can propose visas known as Refugee and Special Humanitarian Proposals. Applications were submitted for five people last November. The GLO National Committee has now agreed to submit proposals for another 46 people. This involves

people in Afghanistan and those who have escaped to Pakistan.

The Australian Government has agreed to bring 15000 refugees from Afghanistan but there are more than 100 000 applications. For any successful applicants, GLO has committed to provide short term accommodation, introduce them to relevant services, assist with language and culture acquisition and assist in the search for long-term accommodation and future employment.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 51 Applicants proposed for acceptance as refugees
- Paul and David in their ongoing burden for their families and their country.
- Bible studies with those in Pakistan.
- Secret believers and the spread of the gospel in Afghanistan.

BY KEITH AND BRONWEN CRUICKSHANK



My brother and I visiting a pagoda in my mother's 'homeland'

Dr Don and Margot served the Lord for four years in Malaysia, 36 years in Taiwan and 19 years based in Australia with GLO Ministries. In Taiwan, Dr Don and Margot were heavily involved in the local church and headed up youth groups and Sunday schools. They also ran a home for 73 children with polio and pioneered camps and a baseball team for those with a disability. This was at the same time as running a small hospital with a busy outpatient's clinic, along with operating and delivering babies. The fruit of their ministry is still evident today. While in Taiwan they adopted Amy who has followed God, served Him and been a wonderful daughter to Dr Don and Margot. So when we heard that Georgie, Amy's daughter and Dr Don and Margot's granddaughter was heading into missions, we were keen to share her story with the GLO family.

My name is Georgie. I am the second oldest of four children. My great-grandparents, Arthur and Grace, were Australian CIM (OMF) missionaries in the remote mountains of Asia for fifty years. My grandparents (their son and daughter-in-law) Dr Don (1921-2012) and Margot (1927-2020) were missionaries commended by Brethren Assemblies, serving mostly in Taiwan, but also in other parts of Asia and Australia for nearly sixty years.

My first memory of anything related to missions is being fascinated as a young girl in church watching a slide show from a missionary in Africa. I also have another memory of acting out a play about 'Mary Jones', the founder of the Bible Society. I'm sure that I was delighted to perform on stage! However, looking back now, perhaps God used these experiences for something greater?

As a teenager, I was encouraged to pursue missions by an elderly gentleman at my church, but I had my own plans. I wanted to be a teacher—not a missionary. Besides, I thought, surely I wasn't 'holy enough' to be a missionary?

In 2 Corinthians 12:9 we read, *"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"* Over time, the Lord has gently and lovingly taught me that 'super holiness' and perfection are not what He desires in missionaries. He desires 'normal' sinful people with hearts that have been changed by God's love and grace. At times I forget to fix my eyes on Jesus, and it is during these times that I find it difficult to pray and read the Bible. However, God's grace is sufficient for me, each and every day.

My journey began when I accepted a one-year scholarship to study a foreign language overseas upon graduation from high school. Without any of my family overseas, it was 'sink or swim,' and, through many tears, I learnt to tread water and God enabled me to pick up a second language with relative ease.

After returning from overseas, I pursued my original plan to go to university and become a high school teacher. I started a permanent teaching job four years later.

Over time, the Lord placed international missions on my heart, so I enrolled in Bible College for a full-time two-year ministry course. Attending Bible College was wonderfully exciting because I was living on campus and studying amongst men and women who were passionate about God's Word. It also provided me with wonderful opportunities to hear stories of God's faithfulness from hundreds of missionaries. However, going to Bible College was also challenging because the academic standards were high, and I don't like studying very much. It was also during this time that I was first diagnosed with depression and anxiety. Nonetheless, as God promised, He faithfully provided for all my needs and was guiding me every step of the way. Through His grace, I was able to find a great local doctor and a Christian psychologist who continue to help me manage my mental health. I later went on to graduate from Bible College and now work as a high school teacher, tutor, youth worker and children's ministry coordinator.

Since high school, it has taken me 13 years to get to the point where I am at now. However, I am thankful that I have been accepted to serve long-term in Taiwan with the mission agency,

Pioneers. I am thankful for others who have continuously encouraged, supported, and prayed for me throughout the process. Lord willing, my first two-year term overseas will focus on relationship building, as well as furthering my language and cultural skills.

Did you know that more than two billion people throughout the world have NEVER heard about the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross (Joshua Project)? Furthermore, there are currently 3,883 languages with no translated portions of the Bible (Wycliffe, UK).

As a missionary, I know that I will have to sacrifice earthly pleasures and possessions. However, what pure joy it is to know that *"no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"* (1 Corinthians 2:9). Indeed, God is inviting us into a mission far greater than what we can accomplish on this Earth. Brothers and sisters, what is our extraordinary God calling you to do? Be assured, God *"will equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Hebrews 13:21).

I'm not a super woman, and don't have extraordinary stamina or strength. However, praise God that He "uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things." Ordinary — that's me. Extraordinary — that's God. If you have any questions, please write to me at [georgieintaiwan@gmail.com](mailto:georgieintaiwan@gmail.com).

Georgie in traditional clothing





LOVE YOUR  
*Neighbour*  
FROM RECEIVERS TO SENDERS

In 2004 Bronwen and I lived in the village of Negostina in northern Romania teaching the children of Australian GLO missionaries Phil and Janey Goodall. Negostina is close to the Ukrainian border and the older people spoke Ukrainian as their first language. At this time, Romania was still suffering from the effects of 42 years of communist rule and 21 years under the oppressive dictator Ceaucescu, who had fallen in the revolution of December 1989. Many young people had left to work abroad and the majority of Romania's rural population were living below the poverty line according to World Bank statistics.

Over the years following the revolution, resources from Western countries poured into Romania. These resources included social welfare and missionaries who came to evangelise and teach. Churches grew and many new churches were planted. Seven Bible colleges have been established, with the Timotheus Theological Institute accredited at university level.

Over time Christians began to consider the wider needs, and evangelistic efforts spread to surrounding countries such as Moldova and Ukraine. Agentia Kairos is a mission agency established in 2008 which has helped in training prospective missionaries and encouraging prayer and financial support for mission abroad. Missionaries have been sent to a wide range of countries including Peru, Mongolia, Myanmar, India and Malawi. Although Romania still receives support from Christians in western countries, it has moved from being a receiving country to being a sender.

While living in Negostina and in subsequent visits we have enjoyed getting to know Cornel and Anna Haures who lived in the nearby town of Siret in the county of Suceava. Several years earlier, Cornel had studied with GLO in Sydney.

The Christian Brethren Churches of Romania are known as Biserica Crestina dupa Evanghelie with over 725 churches across the country. There is a

national secretariat called the Union which has a coordinating role and represents the churches to the Romanian government. Cornel is now the vice-president of the Christian Brethren Union.

## RESPONDING TO THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS

Cornel has been one of the key coordinators of the Romanian response to the Ukrainian crisis and has supplied the photos and much of the information included below. When the war started in Ukraine, the Union immediately contacted all churches to raise funds to be able to assist refugees. All churches in the country were asked to identify available accommodation both in families as well as campsites, bible colleges etc. This information was collated regionally then stored in a central database. In some cases young people moved back to live with their parents to make apartments available for refugees. Others have been willing to take new refugees after the group they first hosted, moved on.

There are six custom points where refugees began pouring into Romania. Also, some refugees flew directly to Bucharest. The majority of refugees are women with children as the men were required for the war effort. Some women are pregnant and have small children as well. In one case a coach load of children came from an orphanage. Refugees fall into four categories

- refugees who have someone in Romania
- those transiting through the country
- those seeking political asylum in Romania or another country
- those wanting to stay during the war then return to Ukraine

In the initial stages, assistance was given to refugees in preparing documentation. Refugees moving to other countries have been helped

Cornel and Anna Haures and family





with establishing their ID and purchasing airline or rail tickets. Modern communication technology including What's App was a great help in sharing solutions to the various problems encountered in establishing identity. For those needing accommodation, a huge effort has gone into preparing meals and caring for personal needs. Some refugees want to stay close to the border because they are waiting to return to Ukraine.

Transport of food and emergency supplies to Ukraine has been a major aspect of this response. To assist with transport, believers who own transport companies have provided suitable vehicles. This has been supplemented by vans sent by believers in other countries.

Right from the start, churches set aside time to pray and fast for the situation in the conflict zone. All the large convoys of supplies are bathed in prayer as they travel through the custom points into Ukraine. These supplies are delivered to churches and other depots in Ukraine. From there supplies are taken as close as possible to the war zone. In this way our Christian brothers in Ukraine are a key part of this operation.

Humanitarian aid is also sent to Moldova, the poorest country in Europe, where several

hundred thousand refugees have crossed their borders. CMI Aid in Moldova has been heavily involved in housing and supplying aid to refugees. Assemblies in Poland are doing a similar work to those in Romania.

This has been a phenomenal effort as hundreds of volunteers have been deployed in gathering, preparing, packing and delivering humanitarian aid to Ukraine. For those refugees wanting to stay in Romania, believers are assisting them in looking for work.

The change in Romania from being a needy country requiring outside support to being in the position to provide such widespread, multi-faceted and loving help to their Ukrainian neighbours is nothing short of remarkable and glorifying to God.

To support this response to the refugee crisis, you may send money to AMT Disaster Fund or through GLO. AMT is sending the money to GLO Bucovina. Gifts to the Disaster Fund do not have the usual administration fee deducted. It is expected that the need for aid and rehabilitation will continue for months and years ahead following the end of the conflict.

BY KEITH & BRONWEN CRUICKSHANK

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# Equipping

## DISCIPLE MAKERS FOR THE WORK

A lot has changed since 2020, and there have certainly been a lot of changes for the CrossConnect course and team too! Spearhead asked the CrossConnect training coordinator, Stuart Thomson, to tell us a little more about all the exciting developments.



### Our readers may have heard that there have been more changes for the CrossConnect course. Can you tell us a bit about it all?

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It really has been a time of massive uncertainty over the last few years! At least one thing we can be certain of is that God is still in control – thankfully! We’ve covered before in the Spearhead about how GLO made the decision to move the course from Tasmania to Sydney. However, to add to that, last year we were faced with the prospect of not having any students for the first year in our new location! This was because of domestic and international Covid travel restrictions and the uncertainty around lockdowns.

So, we were forced to think outside the box, and we felt the Lord guiding us to take the course live online (“Virtual” in education speak), and in this way make it available to students all over the world, as they live and serve in their own community and country.

### That’s a big change. How does that work out?

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So, this year, students join their trainer via Zoom. They undertake the nine accredited units and the four weeks of non-accredited training in the book of Romans, Discipleship Pathways, Homiletics and World Missions. Students also experience ministry and discipleship training as they interact and serve in their local church and community.

### The CrossConnect course has always been delivered in the context of a residential community, though. Is that aspect of the training a thing of the past?

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That has been something about the CrossConnect course environment that has made it particularly effective for discipleship. Our three values, the heart of everything we do, are still; 1. relational discipleship, 2. practical theology and 3. intentional mission.

In regard to relational discipleship, we facilitate discipleship in the students’ relationship with God, and in their relationship with others through opportunities like DNA groups and daily devotions. DNA stands for ‘Discover, Nurture, Act.’ Students meet weekly in small groups to share about life and what the Lord is teaching them. These groups are a core part of our discipleship process at CrossConnect. They allow members to connect on a deeper level and be actively

involved in discipling one another. Daily devotions are also an important part of college life. Staff and students meet before training to read, discuss the passage of scripture, and share a personal application. We then spend time praying together.



Donna, Sarah and Lisa meet in person for DNA, while the mens’ groups meet online.

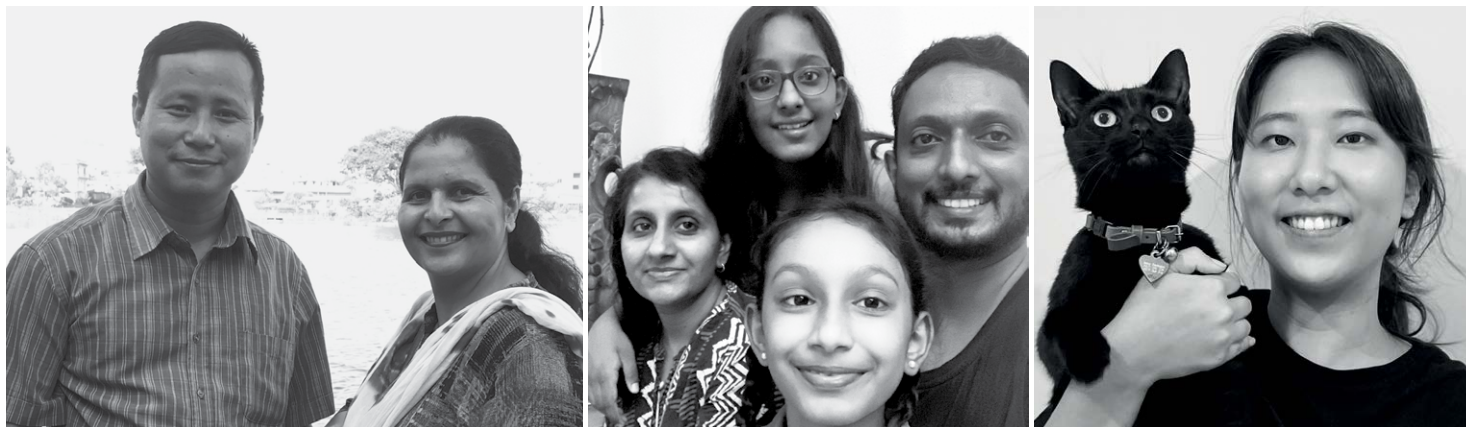
Practical theology is still an integral part of the training. Because this is a vocational course, the content is heavily weighted towards making theology practical. This means giving the students the skills to discover and apply what they know wherever they go.

Incorporating intentional mission into the course has been the most challenging change to the course for 2022. Pre-covid we would organise training experiences all over Tasmania and overseas on short term mission trips. This year, the students experience ministry in their local church context. As they do, they record their experiences in ministry journals and share this with trainers and in their DNA groups. The weekly training also features discipleship training sessions in which the students and trainers work through the theology and practices of discipleship multiplication.

### OK, it sounds like there’s more than one way to skin a cat! Is this the way forward for the future then?

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In 2023 we do hope to be able to travel again – locally and overseas and would love to have students back in the classroom and living



Brother Bir Bahadur Rana and his wife ?????? ?????????, Sanjay with Anuja Mary and their daughters, and Sarah (YeaSol) Choi.

nearby in the community. So we are planning to welcome students on campus in Sydney, whilst also keeping the option for online learning for students all around the world. If travel restrictions relax, we'll also have opportunities for more ministry and mission experiences together.

### What about your online learning cohort this year? Can you tell us a bit about the students?

This first year the Lord brought us a small group of three students. They're a great group. We have one student from Nepal, one from India and one from Korea who lives in Australia.

**Brother Bir Bahadur Rana Magar is from Nepal** and is a full-time worker at his church. He has many responsibilities including arranging church meetings, caring for believers and preaching the Gospel. Bir has been serving the Lord since 2004 and has undergone study with missionaries in the past but wanted to further his studies and gain a qualification. Bir heard about the CrossConnect course through friends and when the opportunity for online study became available, he was excited. Initially, he was unsure if it was God's will for him to study at CrossConnect but prayed to the Lord that he would receive a score of 5.5 on his IELTS exam. If he would not receive this, he knew it was not God's will. He worked hard to pass his IELTS exam and while travelling, got news of an exact score of 5.5! This exciting moment confirmed God's will for him to study at CrossConnect this year. He says "This particular year I would like to dedicate myself for this course despite my weak English and busy church ministry. I am eager to learn from well experienced trainers. And finally, I wish to have a competent certificate from ACCS/GLO." Fun fact: English is Bir's 3rd language!

**Sanjay Zachariah lives in Chennai, India** with his wife Anuja Mary and their two daughters. He is the manager for several gas stations, and has partnerships with 3 other businesses as well! These businesses keep Sanjay very busy, and his hope and prayer is that he can balance his time between family, work, and study this year.

In 2019, Sanjay visited GLO Australia and since, has been praying about his involvement with the CrossConnect course. When he found out about the distance education option in 2022, he thought this would be the perfect opportunity to complete his studies.

He says, "My hope is to become a true follower of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Fun fact; Sanjay says he is a jack of all trades and king of nothing. He also loves to read books.

**Sarah (YeaSol) Choi was born in South Korea** and has been living in Sydney for the past 2 years. In Korea, she was doing a biology degree, but put this on hold to come to Australia to complete the CrossTalk ESL course. She has fond memories of this time, and this made her decision to study with CrossConnect an easy one. By completing the CrossConnect course, Sarah hopes to take time to reflect on and grow in her Christian life.

About her goals for the course, Sarah says "For this year, I hope to be closer to God and know more about Him through this course. I hope to improve my English skills so that there are no difficulties to share with others." Fun fact; Sarah is a self-professed 'sleepy-head.' She usually sleeps for more than 12 hours.

Applications are already open for 2023, and there are scholarships available (see page 18).

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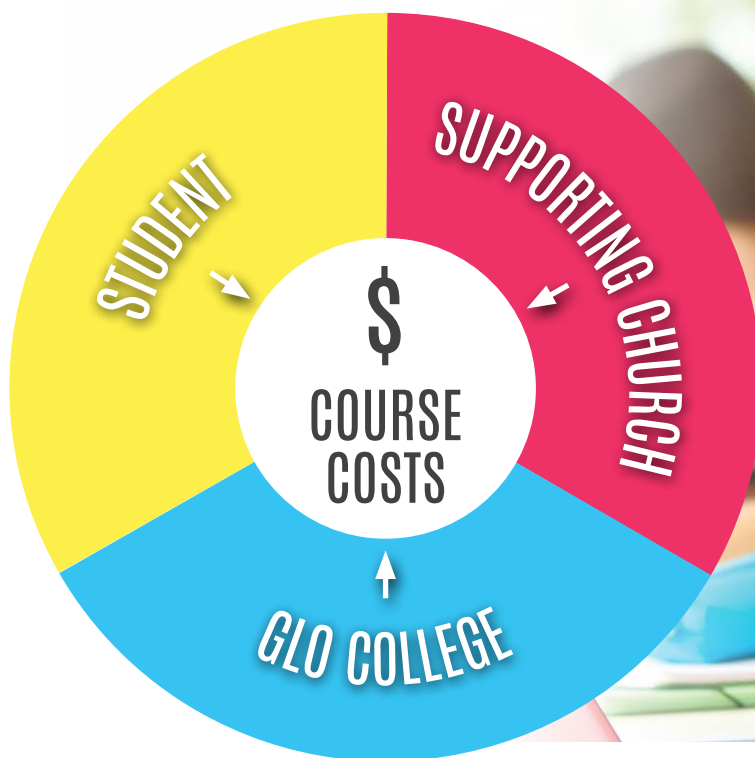
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If you think CrossConnect is for you, we would encourage you to talk to your church leadership about partnering with you while you study, then get in contact with us at GLO College of Ministries today.

# A CONVERSATION WITH

# Bob & Libby

WORKING WITH GLO TO BUILD THE  
CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES



Life has its twists and turns.

Bob and Libby, too, have been frustrated by Mr Covid. Usually, they go to the Philippines at least three times a year to help the people of Catbalogan, but since March last year that's not been possible. Their hearts are still there, though. They talk enthusiastically about seeing God working powerfully still.

Kids Club games held in the GLO house



Home Bible study group



Young people baptised in March this year



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I ask about where they work when they're there.

"We are stationed in Catbalogan, the capital of Western Samar," they explain, "about a four-hour drive from Guiuan, the stomping ground of Paul and Gerrah Kulikovski. The people where we work are considered the poorest in the Philippines. Employment is very difficult to find, and most people just exist from day to day. Covid has been difficult because most cannot work and the government gives very little assistance. They often go without meals."

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I'm intrigued. I ask about Bob and Libby's background.

"Well," answers Bob, "I was raised in Brisbane, and Libby in Sydney. Originally, I planned for a career in medicine. That didn't come to be, so I went into the building industry and ran our own successful business. At the same time, I joined the Army Reserve and as a Major eventually commanded a regular Army Squadron."

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Hmm. And what about you, Libby?

"Both Bob and I were raised in an exclusive Christian church. When it moved from clearly preaching the Good News, we became disenchanted and moved out. Spiritually shattered, we went nowhere for many years, but the Hound of Heaven never left us. He was calling us to Christ. Actually, we were invited to the Mackenzie Gospel Hall in Toowoomba, which, since then, has been our home church. Interestingly, in spite of being brought up in a strict religious environment, I wasn't saved until we started attending there. I was 47!

Work-wise? I worked in an accounting practice until we were married."

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How did you become involved in the Philippines?

"Blame Bruce Jenyns! Just joking.

We had worked for a time at the Aboriginal mission in Doomadgee, so already had a taste of cross-cultural ministry. Bruce came to our church in Toowoomba and told of a building project in the Philippines. Well, long story short, we decided to sell our business and buy air tickets.



You wouldn't believe it; our business had been on the market for eight months but the day after we bought the tickets the broker rang to say he had a contract for the business.

Bruce told us he needed to step back from the work and asked whether we would become involved on a long-term basis. Even though I, Bob, was 63, we knew I had the skills needed and we both had a desire to develop God's work there. We said yes, so here we are!"

#### What do you enjoy about your work there?

"Our enjoyment comes from seeing people who have nothing, and who, in spite of suffering persecution from their families, are happy and simply trust the Lord. The Covid crisis has seen the believers work even more closely together as a faith-family. The church was closed for a time, but now that they are able to meet again, the numbers are even greater than before.

In January 2021 we had six young people baptised, and more in March this year! Most of these young people have been attending church and Bible studies for over a year, so their growth and

desire has continued despite the restrictions of Covid 19. We are particularly encouraged because this has happened during our absence. Church members are growing in their faith and also accepting responsibility."

**Talk about twists and turns.** It seems that few people feel more fulfilled or happier than a former Army Major and a clerk who chose to work together in the missionary life!

Bob and Libby were able to fly to the Philippines on May 21 for a one month visit. While there, they will organise a visa for a longer stay.

- Praise God for keeping the church strong during Covid.
- Pray for the growth of the disciples and those recently baptised.
- Pray for the church as they respond to the needs in the community since Covid.

# Living a Legacy



No doubt you are familiar with the phrase, “leave a legacy.” Well, I am a firm believer that the way to “leave a legacy” is to “live a legacy.” That is *live the legacy you want to leave.*

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## LIVING A LEGACY

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According to the Bible, there are two basic keys to living a legacy. The first key is to *love God by fearing Him and obeying Him*. Psalm 112:1-2 reads, *"How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands. Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed."* Living a legacy begins in the heart, in our relationship with God.

The second key is to *love others by recognising the world's needs and responding with compassion and action*. Prior to sending out the twelve disciples on their first mission trip (Matthew 10), Jesus modelled action (Matthew 9:35) that flowed from compassion (Matthew 9:36). Whilst *living a legacy* starts in the heart, it always overflows from our hearts to our hands.

## LEAVING A LEGACY

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By God's grace, many members of the GLO family are committed to "living a legacy." Recently, a much-loved couple who were members of the GLO family for many years were called home to be with the Lord. Anyone who knew them would testify that they loved God by fearing and obeying him, and that this love for God overflowed into loving others by responding to their needs with compassion and action. But they not only lived a legacy, they left a legacy! At both their funerals they requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the GLO Ministries International Student Scholarship Fund plus the Gypsie Work that GLO Ministries helped establish in Romania. Furthermore, in their Last Will and Testament, they bequeathed generous gifts to both those ministries.

## THE LEGACY LIVES ON

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As Australia and the world begins to open up after a global pandemic their bequest will help support future leaders from developing nations to come to Australia and be trained for the strategic ministry of multiplying disciple makers and disciple making churches in Asia. What is more, as believers in Romania respond to the refugee crisis in neighbouring Ukraine, their generous gift has provided a financial foundation that has enabled them to continue reaching the Gypsies plus be ready to respond to the needs of their neighbours.

## THE LEGACY OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

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The fact of the matter is a *life well-lived will leave a lasting legacy*. Therefore, the challenge is the same for all of us. Let's respond to God's call to *love Him by fearing and obeying him*, and to *love others by responding to their needs with compassion and action*. In short, with God's help, let's *live the legacy we want to leave*.

## LEAVING A BEQUEST

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If you would like to include GLO Ministries in your Will we suggest that you use the following wording (subject to legal advice):

*I hereby give to GLO Ministries LTD (ABN 67 003 539 366) for its exclusive use (the residue of my estate, or a specific sum, or specified items, or a specified percentage of my estate) free of all duties for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of that organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for this gift.*

# 2021 IN REVIEW

## *Enlarging the Platform*

My dad was a builder, and he wasn't the only one! In fact, from the beginning, GLO Ministries has been blessed by men and women of faith who have built a large ministry platform and left a rich disciple making and church planting legacy.

My job, and the job of my and future generations, is to enlarge the ministry platform that has been left for us and endeavour to expand the disciple making and church planting ministry.

### ENLARGING THE PLATFORM

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In 2021, by the providence of God, the 12-month pause in delivering training, hosting events, and visiting overseas countries due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, provided the ideal opportunity for the GLO Team to focus their energies on enlarging the ministry platform. As a result, last year, the GLO Team were able to undertake the following "Enlarging the Platform" projects:

- **Relocating the CrossConnect Course to Sydney** with the prayerful expectation that this will result in greater access to more potential students, cost savings from sharing resources between courses, and a larger training community for our students to enjoy and grow in.
- **Renovating the Riverstone Training Centre**, which at the end of 2021, was 70% complete with expected completion in July 2022.
- **Developing the Riverstone Site** by subdividing and developing 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of unused land into four residential house sites and then erecting two seven-bedroom homes plus two ten-bedroom NDIS Group Homes. At the close of 2021 two feasibility studies, two Pre-DA meetings with Blacktown City Council, 1st stage financing, and consultations with architects, engineers, and builders were completed with the Development Application (DA) submitted in April 2022.
- **Selling 4 properties in Circular Head**, that is, the Smithton Training Centre, Winston House, plus residences at 1 & 3 Weirs Lane to provide seed money for the Riverstone Development.
- **Introducing a new Community Relations Management (CRM) database** to streamline the support and administration side of the ministry.
- **Improving GLO's promotion and marketing.** Highlights included a new website for CrossConnect, a CrossConnect promotional package that incorporated brochures, business cards, prospectus etc., a stall plus a presentation at the CCCAust National Conference, as well as ongoing enhancements to our social media, websites, and other media platforms.
- **Pivoting our CrossConnect Course**, which delivers a 10742NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology, to fully online delivery in 2022. In addition to that, the prospectus was revamped, policies and procedures were reviewed and updated, trainers upskilled, and ongoing curriculum development was completed.
- **Upgrading our CrossTalk ESL Course** by undertaking IELTS Teacher Training and beginning a Curriculum Development project that will further integrate IELTS into the CrossTalk Program.

### SUPPORTING THE WORK

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In addition to the "Enlarging the Platform" projects listed above in 2021 GLO Ministries continued to support the wider ministry by:

- **promoting prayer** through the production and distribution of the monthly GLO Prayer News to over 2,000 prayer partners.

## THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROVIDED THE IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TEAM TO FOCUS ON ENLARGING THE MINISTRY PLATFORM

- publishing and distributing two editions of Spearhead plus a GLO / AMT Calendar.
- hosting two GLO Share, Prayer & Care Zoom Meetings.
- connecting with overseas ministry partners via Zoom bi-annually.
- distributing gifts to ministry partners and projects in Australia, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Romania, plus a closed access country.

As you can see, 2021 was a year dedicated to "Enlarging the Platform" and "Supporting the Work." We would value your prayers that in 2022 we would be able to complete this process so that in 2023 we have an even larger platform from which to multiply disciple makers and disciple making churches in Australia, Asia, and all over the world.

The finished meeting room and office

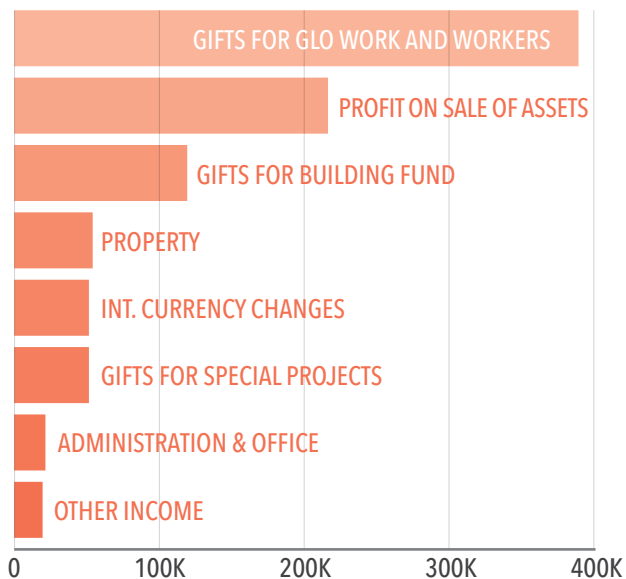


A computer rendering of a furnished classroom

## INCOME

IN 2021 WE RECEIVED \$924,620

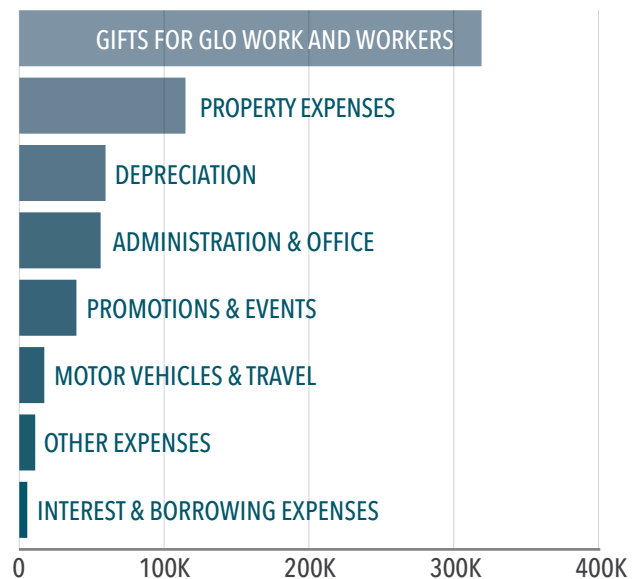
Here's where it came from



## EXPENSES

IN 2021 WE DISTRIBUTED \$619,170

Here's where it went



PAUL  
TIMOTHY  
ACTS 16:1-5, 1 & 2 TIMOTHY

FAITHFUL MEN & OTHERS  
2 TIMOTHY 2:2

CHURCH OF EPHESUS  
1 TIMOTHY 1:3

SMYRNA, PERGAMUM,  
THYATIRA, SARDIS,  
PHILADELPHIA, LAODICEA  
REVELATION 2-3

Paul's Timothy Project is summed up in 2 Timothy 2:2, *"what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* Through investing considerable time and energy in Timothy, Paul had a vision to impact future generations for the glory of God.

Over the past two decades, GLO Australia has been conducting its own Timothy Project. Since 1995, GLO Australia has granted ministry training scholarships to over 40 national workers from 15 different countries. In 2023, for example, GLO Ministries has committed to granting four scholarships, amounting to more than \$45,000, to equip national workers to return to countries such as Cambodia and Indonesia to multiply disciple makers and disciple making churches.

In order to continue the Timothy Project, GLO Australia is praying that God would move people's hearts to contribute to the GLO Scholarship Program. If you are interested in learning how the GLO Timothy Project can become your personal Timothy Project, please fill out the information slip below and return it to GLO Ministries.



☐ I would like more information      ☐ Single Gift: I would like to give a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the scholarship fund

☐ Recurring Gift for the scholarship fund: \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ fortnightly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ other:\_\_\_\_\_

Method: ☐ Cheque / Money Order  
↳ Payable to 'GLO Ministries Limited'

- ☐ Credit Card
  - ☐ Visa
  - ☐ Mastercard
  - ☐ AMEX

☐ Direct Deposit  
↳ GLO Ministries Ltd BSB: 083-088 ACC: 534 845 753  
Reference: Scholarship Program  
*Please advise us of the transfer so the gift is acknowledged*

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PLEASE SEND TO: GLO Ministries, PO Box 171, Riverstone, NSW 2765 | P: 02 9838 1595 | E: [gloadmin@glo.org.au](mailto:gloadmin@glo.org.au)

# COMINGS & GLOINGS



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Ken Harding for his many years of service for the Lord through GLO. Ken was GLO Director between 1978 and 1987 and afterward continued to serve as a committee member for many years. Although he has now retired from his role on the committee, he still gives support and shows a keen interest in the work. Please continue to pray for their ministry and health, especially Daphne as she slowly recovers from a stroke and open-heart surgery.

## BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

The GLO Riverstone Training Centre fit-out is almost done! We are so happy with the new training rooms, offices, kitchen and shared spaces, and praise God for His provision and say thank you to all who gave towards the building fund. We are excited to see how the Lord will fill and use these spaces to train disciples who make disciples for His own glory. The GLO house which is used to accommodate team members or students has also had a refresh this year.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Our Share, Prayer and Care event is coming up on Saturday July 23. We would love you to join us either in person or online to pray for the many needs of the work of GLO and for the wider GLO family.

We are excited to invite you to the GLO Dedication and Thanksgiving Day. Join us for a great day of fellowship, sharing in God's word, prayer, a training centre tour and delicious food. We would be so glad to have you join us, so please put Saturday October 29 in your calendar.

## WELCOME BABY!

A baby boy, Aleksis, was born to Oskars and Lucy Stubis on April 28, 3.9kg. Oskars is a GLO committee member and Lucy is a GLO team member and also a past student.



## RIVERSTONE SUBDIVISION UPDATE

Please pray that the subdivision application will go through council smoothly and without too many costly requirements. We thank God for His help and direction this far, and for The George Group who are working hard to see the process through. We are excited when we think of all the possible ways the group homes and accommodation planned for this site could be used, but it's a huge task, and we appreciate your prayers.

Chris and Lina Barrington welcomed their first born boy, Micah on March 31 weighing 3.2kg. Chris and Lina are both CrossConnect Alumni. Chris was also a CrossTalk teacher.



Sami and Ani Soldan, who work together with the GLO team in Mongolia, welcomed a baby girl, Gloria, on April 26, 3.3kg.



# *Coming Events*

## **SHARE & PRAYER**

Saturday July 23 | 9am

Hear about the work of GLO and  
pray with us in person or over zoom

Register at [glo.org.au/events](https://glo.org.au/events)

## **GLO DEDICATION &** *Thanksgiving Day*

Join us to give thanks and honour to the Lord for all His provision

Saturday October 29 | 9 am

Morning tea and lunch provided

To RSVP visit [glo.org.au](https://glo.org.au) or call 02 9838 1595