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Better
Together



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Editorial



The Bible makes it clear that we are “Better Together” because something special happens when a faith community works together. *“As each part does its own special work,”* Paul says in Ephesians 4:16 (NLT), *“it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*

Since God has designed us to be “Better Together,” we thought it would be helpful to dedicate an entire edition of Spearhead to giving current ministry examples of this being played out in real life. Examples such as two training courses studying and learning together under one roof (“Training Together – GLO College of Ministries” pp. 3-7) and two ministries sharing one office (“Sharing Offices Together – NSW Emmaus Correspondence School” pp. 22). Similarly, this edition of Spearheads also includes

instances of a team working together to plant a church (“Planting Together – Nepal” pp. 16-18), restart a ministry (“Camping Together” pp. 8-10), and enlarge a ministry platform (“2022 In Review – Enlarging the Ministry Platform Together” pp. 20-21).

As you read this edition of Spearhead, we hope and trust that you will be encouraged by seeing Ephesians 4:16 being worked out in practice and perhaps even inspired to continue partnering with us convinced by the truth that we are “Better Together.”

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There are many products advertised as “2-in-1” from shampoo-conditioner to coffee and even laptop computers. I am pleased to announce that GLO Ministries is now offering its own “2-in-1” product – two courses running together on one campus!

Until 2023 the GLO College of Ministries was “one college” running “two courses” over “two campuses,” one in Sydney and the other in Smithton, Tasmania. This year, however, for the first time, GLO College of Ministries is delivering both CrossTalk (ESL) and CrossConnect (Discipleship & Ministry Training) on the same campus and the consensus is that we are “better together” for several reasons.

A LARGER TRAINING COMMUNITY

We are better together because running two courses on one campus means a larger training community where a greater number of students can connect with and contribute to one another on a daily basis. For example, CrossTalk (ESL) trainees are already benefitting from greater opportunities to practice and improve their English language skills over morning tea, around the training centre, and even in their shared accommodation.

INCREASED COLLABORATION & NETWORKING

Two courses running on the same campus not only make for a larger training community but also a more diverse training community. This year, for example, we have students from Australia, Indonesia, Scotland, South Korea, and Taiwan all training, living, serving, networking and collaborating together on a daily basis.

GREATER CONVENIENCE & COST CUTTING

By running two courses on one campus, GLO Ministries has been able to reduce expenses such as rates, insurance, and utilities. It is hoped that these cost savings will help us keep our training courses affordably priced amid the rapidly increasing cost of living, benefitting present and future students.

As you can see the words of Ecclesiastes 4:9 (GNB), *“Two are better off than one because together they can work more effectively”* are proving true for the GLO College of Ministries. Running two courses on one campus has not only created a larger training community, increased collaboration, and greater cost-cutting but has also resulted in both courses working more effectively. To learn more, turn over the page and read the update on the CrossTalk course and then refer to pages 6 and 7 for a report on CrossConnect.



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CROSStalk

LEARNING ENGLISH TOGETHER IN Community

Praise God for a wonderful start to 2023, as CrossTalk resumed classes after a two-year break.

Not exactly a break, though, as teachers Belinda, Jenny and Marion were kept busy during that time developing a new curriculum plan. We pray this will be used by God to help students develop English and cross-cultural skills well.

THE CROSSTALK CURRICULUM AIMS TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO

- become familiar with varieties of English and be better prepared for an IELTS English test towards the end of term 3,
- acquaint themselves with Australian culture and understand their own cultural background a little bit more,
- build relationships with people from a variety of cultures,
- develop vocabulary for sharing faith and participating in English church and Bible study contexts, and
- catch a vision for a bigger picture of what God is doing throughout the world.

Four students came to CrossTalk for term 1, full of anticipation in this new venture in their lives and have been immersed in English ever since. In their study students learned about language and cultural aspects of living in Sydney and Australia. They also visited several churches.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES OUTINGS SUCH AS

- encounters with Australian animals and birds at Featherdale Wildlife Park,
- exploring the Nepean River bridge-to-bridge walk,
- discovering cafés in the area,
- enjoying the more famous city sights of Sydney, and
- venturing further afield on weekends in their free time.



These shared experiences are invaluable in learning another language and provide extensive speaking practice opportunities.

It has been an added blessing to have CrossConnect discipleship course students in the same building, after their relocation from Tasmania. It is a joy to see all the students interacting with each other and having fun in and out of class. A study of prayer has helped students to pray in English during devotion times right from the beginning of their course. It has been a special encouragement to walk through the

"I learned a good sentence for when people ask about my future dream job: 'I am living my dream now!'"
– UNA



Una (Yu-Ting Ma),

FROM TAIPEI ASSEMBLY, TAIWAN.

Una had in mind to study at GLO a few years ago, however God had other plans and brought her here this year. Her three-year plan includes CrossConnect and CrossTrain, in preparation for overseas missionary service. She has appreciated the work of GLO staff to make her stay in Australia so comfortable, and has learned how to mow the lawn by herself!



Sarah (Sera Yun),

FROM YEONGGWANG CHURCH, IN JEOLLANAMDONG PROVINCE, SOUTH KOREA.

Sarah was studying Social Welfare at University prior to coming to GLO this year. She plans to study in CrossConnect in 2024 so is doing everything she can to improve her English first. She is finding learning to pray in English very helpful. A special experience was seeing kangaroos and quokkas. She has enjoyed the morning tea culture of Australia.

"Morning tea culture is helpful for the next study!"
– SARAH

Amelia (Huiseon Jeong) and Lucas (Chanwook Yu),

FROM SEODAEMUN ASSEMBLY IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA.

"My special experience is NOW!" – LUCAS

Before coming to Australia, Lucas worked in the field of environmental research, and Amelia worked in a cyber life-long-education company. They were married in May 2022.

For Lucas, this is the first experience of traveling abroad, and he is happy to be learning and experiencing many things, such as grammar, IELTS tests, birthday culture, the jolly swagman, exploring Sydney, soccer, Christian music ... and more!

Amelia was touched by the strong faith she saw in Filipino believers during a mission trip. She hopes this year in Australia will help her to know Christians in the wider world, and how they believe in God and keep their life of faith. She is enjoying the easy-going lifestyle, friendly people, and beautiful nature.



"I saw very beautiful shiny stars in the sky. Through this wonderful experience I felt that God is the greatest Creator."
–AMELIA

GETTING Equipped TOGETHER



CrossConnect is a discipleship training course that equips students to become fruitful disciples of Jesus. Over a period of 9 months, students are provided with the skills and knowledge they need to transform their communities by multiplying disciples of Christ. CrossConnect has been operational since 1975 and has since trained upwards of 500 students from over 30 nations worldwide. For forty-five years the college was located in Smithton, Tasmania, until recently, when it was relocated to Sydney in late 2021.

One of the positives of the global pandemic has been the push to find new and creative ways of doing things. In early 2022, international travel restrictions were still in place and the delivery of the course needed to shift in a new direction. Rather than the traditional face-to-face delivery, the course ran for the first time completely online through the use of zoom. It was an exciting time to watch as God began rebooting and reshaping the college.

We continue to see the Lord's hand upon the ministry, as He raises up students now and into the future. In 2023, CrossConnect has welcomed its first residential students to the Sydney training centre. We have 5 students with us this year: Joanne (Scotland), Ruth (S. Korea), Mun (S. Korea), Caleb (Australia) and Cohen (Australia). From the get-go they have demonstrated enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. To date they have undergone studies

in Communications, Biblical Theology, Bible Study Methods and Systematic Theology. In addition to this, they have begun serving in various church ministries such as youth groups, children's programs, audio-visual support and will begin to serve with Hands and Feet later this year. In addition to their regular classes, their learning will also encompass visiting various churches and participating in their services and attending weekly bible studies. They will also have the opportunity to attend the IBCM8 conference in Malaysia in June and go on a short-term mission trip to Tasmania in October.

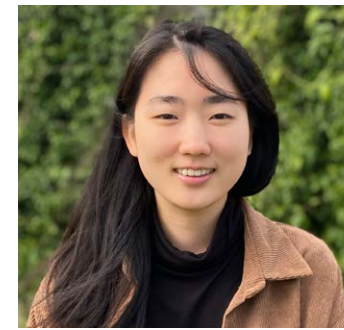
The incredible transitional journey CrossConnect has taken over the past few years is not over yet. We look to God as we seek to refine the course further in coming years. We continue to see the Lord stir hearts with a desire to pursue the study of His Word and become equipped fruitful disciples of Christ.



CALEB SCHULTE

Hawkesbury region, Western Sydney

After hearing about the course at a conference, Caleb enrolled with the hopes of setting aside this year to focus on God. Even though he lives within driving distance, Caleb chose to become a residential student to fully immerse himself in college life. Caleb has a keen desire to learn more about discipleship and wants to equip himself with the skills and knowledge he needs to share the Gospel with those around him.



RUTH CHOI

Dongducheon, South Korea

Ruth chose to study at CrossConnect this year because of a desire to learn about the Bible and to know what God's will is for her life. She hopes that through this year she will learn and experience a lot of new things, including broadening her view of the Bible and missions. One area she hopes to grow in this year is reading the Bible daily.



COHEN LINSKET

Bundaberg, Queensland

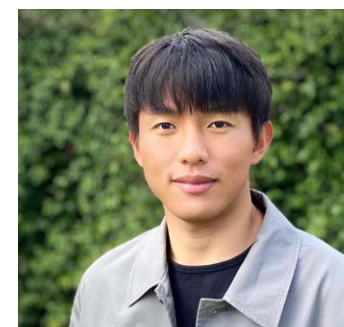
Cohen has been wanting to study and learn more about God and His Word for a long time. He heard about the CrossConnect course and through God's leading, he saw this as a great opportunity to undergo his studies. This year Cohen hopes to discover and develop his spiritual gifts to serve Christ's church.



JOANNE SNEDDON

Johnstone, Scotland

Joanne had her ticket booked to come to Australia for 2020, but like many plans it was put on hold. She now has the opportunity to study at CrossConnect in 2023. She is looking forward to getting deeper into God's Word and developing in a community. She is unsure of her future after the course but knows He is preparing her for His work and is willing to go where He will lead.



MUN EUNSANG

Busan, South Korea

Mun was led to study this year due to a desire to grow in the knowledge of God and the Bible. He has a heart to assist international students who come to Korea with translation of sermons. Through CrossConnect this year he hopes to form good habits and have a greater understanding of Biblical words in English.



CAMP RESET

In the last 3 years, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we ran smaller meetings like our Sunday Fellowship in our garage. All other bigger programs like Holidays Clubs for kids, etc were conducted online. The team was super excited to be heading out this year and running a camp after all this time.

We normally have about 60 campers each year, but this year we wanted to take half the number of campers so that the focus was on the WAC team itself, so we could shake the dust off ourselves and use this time as a team building exercise. We were hoping to take a maximum of 30 campers, but God had 41 people in mind, and so that's the number we had at the camp Reset. The campers were from different walks of life – right from high school students to young working adults. Some Hindus, some Catholics and some nominal church folks.

The theme Reset was chosen keeping in mind the things that the young people around us were facing – uncertainties, loneliness, identity crisis, mental and emotional burnout. We wanted to address those, and also some other issues faced by churches today like homosexuality, young people lacking commitment and dropping out of church because they no longer find church relevant.

Churches are also increasingly reporting about their young people dabbling with the occult. The camp Reset was planned having these things in mind.

DIRECTION CONFIRMATION

Two weeks before camp, we ran a holiday club for a local church. During the week-long program, a 7 year old boy came excitedly running to Colin with a piece a paper in his hand. He wanted to show Colin a jigsaw puzzle he had created. He was excited to show his work of art, and was looking at Colin's face, waiting for a good reaction. When Colin opened the page, he was shocked to see the pictures the little boy had made the jigsaw puzzle with. It had symbols related to the illuminati and freemasons. He immediately asked the boy where he copied these from, and he said it was from a kids animation that he watches on the internet. Colin later spoke to the little boy's father and explained to him what these symbols were and why he should be careful about what the little one was watching on the internet.

This incident was a confirmation that we were on the right track with the theme, talks and workshops planned for the Camp Reset. The camp was meant to literally be a 'Factory Reset' for everyone who attended. Reset to how the Maker originally intended our lives to be.



MANY STORIES TO TELL

We'd like to share a couple of stories from the camp Reset that encouraged us.

A 13 year old girl who couldn't relate to Jesus because of the way she was brought up. Her family always told her that Christians were too fanatic and that religion is the main cause of wars and unrest in the world. She listened intently at the camp sessions, as we spoke about the condition of our hearts, who God is, and if He is God, what our response to Him should be. God spoke to her and at the end of the camp, she decided to follow Jesus. It is going to be a hard road for her when she goes back home from the camp as a 13 year old, whose family doesn't want her to get 'too Christian'. Please remember to pray for this little girl as she goes back home as she faces the family and her world. She called us to let us know that she's ordered a new Bible on Amazon, and is looking forward to reading it.



There was another 27 year old camper who had just lost her husband to cancer a couple of months ago. Her husband was a dear friend of ours and had come to many camps and outreach programs with us. Sheeba had baked their wedding cake two years ago. This girl stood by him as his health failed and was very strong even during the funeral service a month before camp. At the camp, she had tears in her eyes during worship sessions as we sang the song "Yet not I, but through Christ in me". The theme Reset meant a lot more to her than any of us, as God was resetting things in her life, His way.



There are many more stories to tell from the camp, but I'll stop writing here. Please continue praying for us and the WAC leaders, as we keep serving God and doing what He has called us to do. Our hearts are humbled at the stories from the camp, and that God would even use each one of us to touch lives.

We would love it if you could remember to pray for the campers, especially those who've decided to follow Jesus at the camp. Also remember to pray for the Garage Fellowship, YUK Group and Garage Theology Group.

You don't need to leave the country to play a vital role in the great commission

There are so many ways your valuable partnership can help us make disciples who make disciples.





Imagine: you are a keen Christian, wanting your life to count for God. But you don't know where.

LET THE GAME BEGIN

So, we'll play a little game. I'll ask twelve questions, and, in your mind, answer yes or no. (Alternatively, you could place a tick or cross in the boxes, indicating your answers.)



Would you like to serve...

- ☐ somewhere they speak English?
- ☐ where Australians (and New Zealanders) don't need an entry or work visa?
- ☐ in a modern city with excellent educational and medical services?
- ☐ in a city which, without undue exaggeration, is called a "city within a garden"?
- ☐ in a place where the climate is warm, but not unbearable, throughout the year?
- ☐ in a district with access to fishing, swimming and other leisure activities?
- ☐ where an excellent tropical-styled two-storied house is available, with wooden floors, louvre windows, air conditioning and fans?
- ☐ a church which, though small, has high-achieving members?
- ☐ where the church facilities are attractive and user-friendly?
- ☐ a fellowship which is requesting help from people whose passion is to serve God?
- ☐ in an area of ministry where your gifts can be used and even developed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, I'd like to tell you about – well, I'll tell you shortly.

A PERSONAL PILGRIMAGE

For seven weeks towards the end of last year, Gwenda and I lived and worked in the city which is often called "a city within a garden". We had been asked to fill-in for one of the elders who was overseas on a mission enterprise. We preached on the Sundays and at a few other sundry activities. It was great.

We enjoyed walking along the neatly manicured waterfront esplanade, where buskers strut their stuff and families picnic and sizzle sausages on public barbecues, especially in the balmy summer evenings. We often went to the always-popular family café which looks out over rocks onto the Coral Sea. The café was called Muddy's. (Have you guessed the city yet?)

HIGH ACHIEVERS

This is a church which with a good heart of compassion for the community. Although it is small, they are a friendly church with people from a diversity of cultures who have a desire to

grow in the knowledge of Jesus, but they need help to grow numerically.

Many in the small assembly are what I call high achievers. Some need to travel for work, have demanding roles, run their own business, are involved in para-church ministry, or are studying.

They're all busy. While they, along with mums and dads with kids, plus others, form a close and loving fellowship, they are keen to have people join them, people who are able to give time and effort to the church.

There is a lot of coming-and-going between the church and Papua New Guinea. It's great to see the multi-cultural make-up of the assembly. It's a foreign mission field in itself, almost. (Know the name of the city yet?)

We are from New Zealand, which is not a tropical country. But living in the accommodation available was really enjoyable. The house is set up to make life comfortable, even for people from a temperate climate.

ACTS 16.9

Obviously, the fact that we were invited to fill in for two elders who would be out of the country, shows that they need and appreciate help that others can give them. We felt welcomed and included in the warm fellowship of the assembly.



Thinking about what could be done to help, we came up with a number of ideas:

- To work with the assembly in (city name) would suit a young family whose parents have a strong desire to serve God.
- A Bible School could include this opportunity as somewhere to send interns who, as part of their training, could work in the church.
- What about a retired couple, strong and healthy still, who would be willing to commit at least a year or two to help out? Would it suit you?
- If you work for a firm which offers you a transfer to (city name), why not say yes? You'd love it.
- If your circumstances allow you to engage in a worthwhile adventure, why not rise to the challenge?

YOU'RE ELIGIBLE!

If you ticked at least one of the questions on the previous page and would like more information about the church and ways in which you might be able to become involved, please email Les and Kay Loader. leskay@beneserve.com.au

You've probably guessed the name of the city we're talking about. It's Cairns!

MORE CLUES

If you haven't guessed the name of the location yet, here are a few more clues:

- ☐ The city was founded in 1876 and is named after Sir William Wellington (city name).
- ☐ David Attenborough says that the region is his favorite place in the world for nature.
- ☐ The city is located in what is often referred to as FNQ*.
- ☐ It is considered the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.
- ☐ The population is just over 150,000.
- ☐ A number of palm-shaded beaches stretch out north and south of the city.

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And if one prevails against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

Nobody climbs Mount Everest alone. To accomplish great things, we all need team-mates and a supporting cast to pick us up.

My wife Bimala and I returned to Nepal having completed the Discipleship Course at Smithton, Tasmania, Australia in early December 2009. We then took a few weeks to pray for the Lord's guidance regarding where to start our work of evangelism. During this time of waiting, the city of Pokhara came to mind, and we made a trial visit to it. This visit gave us confidence to settle there. The Holy Spirit was guiding us, through God's Word and circumstances.

During the initial stage, we went through a big humbling period in which all our human zeal, experiences and resources were proved worthless. Our education, professional experience and skills failed and we did not know what to do. The Lord performed spiritual surgery on us, and we went through a painful time.



POKHARA ASSEMBLY

At the point where we felt completely written off, it was then that God's power began to work through us. God started using the dead kernel of our "Self" to produce many new seeds. As a result, Pokhara Christian Assembly was eventually established on 11th September 2010. Although we thought it was too early for us to cover an area outside Pokhara, the Lord's timing and will prevailed, and the work expanded both within Pokhara and outside.

THAPATHANA CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Another new church plant called Thapathana Christian Assembly in the town of Thapathana, 60 km south west from Pokhara, was established on June 14th 2014. Our prayers resulted in the unexpected miraculous healing of a demon possessed man here, and the Lord used this to open up the way for the gospel. Many follow-up visits proved fruitful and new people got saved. The family of Mahalal and Bipana are currently leading the assembly.

DEDGAUN ASSEMBLY

Yet again, the Lord's work further expanded to another town, this time in Dedgaun, 60 km south east from Pokhara. A third church plant was established here on 22nd January 2022. This is the hometown of Brother Padam, who was saved in Pokhara. He has a burden for the people of Dedgaun. The regular prayerful outreach and

visits to the area resulted in the salvation of locals. Padam and Laxmi are undertaking the role of leadership here, having received the call of God.

BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

The coronavirus pandemic turned out in the end to be a blessing in disguise, as God opened up a new mode of evangelism - online gospel meetings to new contacts from distant areas. At present, two groups are hearing the gospel through zoom. The first group consists of Nepalese working or studying mainly in Japan, but also a few from other countries. The other group consists of students from distant local towns.

The production of the YouTube Gospel Series and a number of doctrinal videos as a joint work with another two leaders from Kathmandu (Br. Bir Bahadur and Br. Jitendra - Former GLO students), was another positive result from the long isolation periods enforced during the pandemic.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Now, as before, we are mostly focused on personal evangelism and online evangelism. Teaching, training, shepherding, and publishing are other dimensions of the ministry we are involved in. We understand that all the work God has accomplished through us is the result of the contribution of our many seen and unseen prayerful ministry partners.

The Korean missionary Br. GM Choi, who initially shared the gospel with us, is our spiritual mentor.





GLO too has provided us with practical skills for the ministry and connected us with many supporting prayer warriors. We always feel that as a part of the GLO team, we are in a caring family of God-loving saints.

Thirteen years have now passed since God took us to GLO for evangelistic training in 2009. We are really thankful to the Lord for making us a part of this passionate team of GLO, which solely exists for the glory of God.

We also praise the Lord for the generosity of the saints from different areas of the world who help support our work because of their love for Him.

CHALLENGES FACED

The anti-Christian sentiment and pro-Hindu activism throughout the country is the first challenge that we face. New believers often face persecution from their families. These families might also bring legal action against the church, in line with the government's anti-conversion laws.

The lack of employment in the country and severe poverty forces many educated Nepalese saints to migrate to foreign countries to find work. This results in a poorer Christian environment for those left behind.

The lack of harvesters as described in Matthew 9:37-38 further contributes to the difficulties faced.

FULFILLING OUR CALLING

However, our prayerful aim is to prepare as many leaders as possible to live for the cause of Christ and His gospel. We aim to achieve this by sharing our passion for Christ through regular teaching and fellowship. We intend to continuously use the church in Pokhara as a base for all future work- preaching, teaching, training, and sending.

We ask that you pray that the Lord will enable us to fulfill His call for our lives. We also pray that poverty-stricken saints may find encouragement in the Lord, and that He will continue to raise up passionate leaders who will share the gospel of Christ far and wide.

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Building a Stage Together FOR OTHERS TO PERFORM ON

When I was a High School teacher, I became close friends with the Drama teacher. As a result, I would often get roped into helping with the school's annual musical.

One year our job was to build several small stages of different shapes and sizes for the performers to stand on. It was a simple one-off job, but in some small way, for many years, those small stages elevated others so they could take centre stage and perform their role in a grander production.

In much the same way, as I look back upon 2022, for the GLO team it was a year that was largely dedicated to building small stages that others would stand upon for many years to come. Those stages, which came in many shapes and sizes, included:

- Welcoming, orientating and integrating the CrossConnect team into the larger GLO team based in Sydney.
- Delivering the CrossConnect Course (10742NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology) fully online to 3 students.
- Completing the renovation of the Riverstone Training Centre, the GLO House, plus Unit 1 (minor renovations only).
- Purchasing, renovating (minor only), and setting up two new homes, each with a secondary dwelling, to accommodate trainees and team members.
- Developing the CrossTalk Curriculum by increasing the integration of IELTS into the ESL Program.
- Finetuning a new Community Relations Management (CRM) database plus accounting software to streamline the support and administration side of the ministry.

Last year, in addition to the "Building a Stage Together for Others to Perform Upon," GLO Ministries continued to support the wider ministry by:

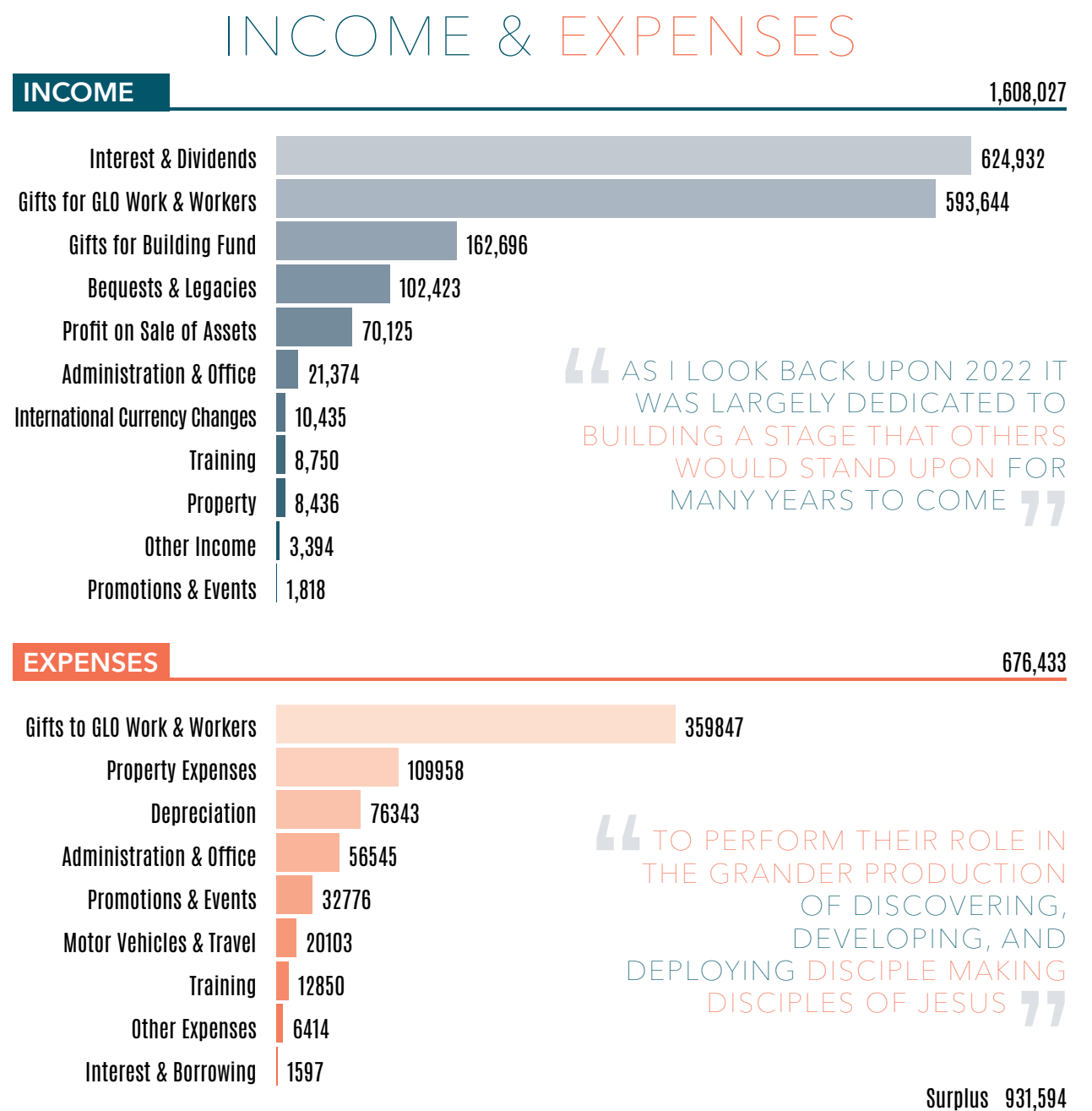
- Promoting prayer through the production and distribution of the monthly GLO Prayer News to over 2,000 prayer partners.

- Publishing and distributing three editions of Spearhead plus a GLO / AMT Calendar.
- Hosting two GLO Prayer, Share, & Care Zoom Meetings, plus a Thanksgiving & Dedication Service.
- 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.

All this was done with one end in mind. That a stage would be set for GLO Ministries and its partners to perform their role in the grander production of discovering, developing, and deploying disciple making disciples of Jesus in Australia, Asia, and all over the world to the glory of God for many years to come.



Space for the ministry team and students to relax and share



“AS I LOOK BACK UPON 2022 IT WAS LARGELY DEDICATED TO BUILDING A STAGE THAT OTHERS WOULD STAND UPON FOR MANY YEARS TO COME”

“TO PERFORM THEIR ROLE IN THE GRANDER PRODUCTION OF DISCOVERING, DEVELOPING, AND DEPLOYING DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS”



Visiting the new facilities in Riverstone at the GLO Dedication & Thanksgiving Day; Ken Harding, Margaret Cowell and Cynthia Naismith (nee Tilsley)

SHARING THE *Office* TOGETHER

BY FAITH CONNELL
AND RACHEL HARDING



"I was really angry at myself one night and I opened the bible to Romans 7, 'The conflict in us'. Wow, it was like a light being turned on." – Prisoner Letter

If you would like to support the Emmaus Correspondence School, you can;

1. Pray for the students who will receive these courses and learn about Jesus.
2. Give to the ministry. ECS rely on old fashioned, handwritten mail, and the cost of postage is skyrocketing.
3. Volunteer your time. For more information please email the Emmaus Correspondence School at info@ecsnsw.org.au

When was the last time you wrote and posted a letter? With pen, paper, and stamps?

This is how the Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) in NSW works, writing to inmates in prisons all over the country. Emails are restricted in Australian detention centres and the ECS rely on old fashioned, handwritten mail.

The ECS volunteers send calendars into prisons each year with inserted advertisements for free courses. These courses will teach inmates to know who Jesus is, and then disciple them to develop their faith by reading the Bible. The program and even the postage is paid for by the ECS and it has been hugely popular. A small team of volunteers in Sydney work hard to distribute, mark and individually reply to each participant.

In 2022 this ministry found a home in the newly renovated offices of GLO Ministries Riverstone. Having a common missional goal to grow disciples who make disciples, it was an easy decision for GLO. They have enjoyed the onsite addition of a team passionate to serve God, and to tell others about Jesus.

ECS (NSW) currently has 11 markers who interact with the students and play a vital role in their spiritual growth. Most of the students are within the prison system and have never owned a Bible before. Many inmates experience deep spiritual darkness and struggle with the idea that God could forgive them. The ECS markers patiently answer questions and lead the students into a life-changing faith.

The motto of ECS is "The word to the world". Mark 16:15-16 says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to ALL creation." The ECS Team do this with love and compassion.

The last few years have been difficult, firstly with Covid restrictions, and then with the loss of some key team members, including Basil Connell, Ken Reddel, Ted Davis, and recently Eric Gordon, who are all sorely missed. But the volunteers continue to share the love of God through the simple act of writing a letter.

COMINGS & GLOINGS

NEW TEAM MEMBER!

We're very happy to welcome Brett Davis who has joined the Riverstone team. Brett is volunteering 2 days per week assisting with property management/maintenance as well as Hands & Feet. Brett and his wife, Donna, are involved at Riverstone Community Church. Say 'Hi' next time you're in.



HELLO BABY!

Baby boy, Ashton Psalms was born on May 9 to Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo. Rhiannan (nee Cowell) is a 2015 CrossConnect Alumni. Ashton is a chubby bub and both he and mum are doing well.



GOOD FRIDAY OUTREACH

157 volunteers from 42 Churches joined John and Sundari as they distributed gospels and booklets in India



29,000
Gospel of John
in Tamil, Telugu,
Hindi & English



11,000
Copies of
**Who is
this Man**



11,000
Copies of
**Way to
Heaven**



51,000
Gospel
Portions

Pray that the contacts that were made will enrol for Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses.



SHORT TERM MISSIONS

Cairns Sep 2023
PNG Jan 2024
Cambodia Jun 2024
South Africa Jun / Jul 2024
Taiwan Jul 2024

For more information visit encounterstm.com.au



PRAYER MATTERS

- Thank you to all who have been praying for Yuta and Mari as they sought to return to Indonesia. They are planning to go back to Indonesia in the middle of July. They are looking forward to working together in-person and continuing their discipleship ministry, and appreciate prayer as they settle back in - now as a family of four.
- There is still much unrest in Myanmar. Pray in particular for Len Len and his team in Kalay. Pray also for peace for the country and the Lord's protection.
- In Australia, among the GLO family are John Quilliam, Norm Probert and Renate Walker who are all battling cancer. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

FOOD PACKAGES

GLO is happy to announce that we are planning to offer free food packages for families struggling to make ends meet, starting September this year. We will be working with Hands & Feet, a Brethren para-church organisation that coordinate food distribution to the homeless in our city and to the needy in our suburbs.

SHARE & *Prayer*

Saturday July 22 | 9 am

Hear about the work of GLO
and pray with us over Zoom.

Register at glo.org.au/events

GLO DAY OF *Thanksgiving*

Sat 28th Oct | 9am – 2 pm

Join us at Riverstone for
updates on the work and give
thanks with us for all that the
Lord is doing.

Morning tea and lunch provided

RSVP visit glo.org.au/events
or call 02 9838 1595

