

Genesis helps Christian Organisations with strategic planning and seed capital in order to multiply their work and implement projects that become self-funding, so that they have the greatest impact for Christ's Kingdom. The project needs to be strategic and have a multiplier effect. We review the development plan, strategies, budgets and management requirements. The grant usually is a reducing commitment over 3 years.

Chairman's letter

The Genesis Foundations have supported 156 projects during 2016/17 (178 in 2015/16), including 54 (62) that were approved this year.

Of the funds distributed in 2015/16, 26% were directed to youth ministries, 17% to points of influence (Christian media), 20% to Church Development, and 14% to resource ministries. 85% were for Australian projects (overseas projects included 7 with global impact, 2 in Asia, 5 in NZ, 5 in Africa).

Our heavenly Father is reaching out to people all over the world: His message of love, forgiveness and holiness is getting clearer - individuals are accepting Jesus and settling into and growing in churches.

We sincerely thank those donors who have continued to support Genesis.

David R Smith
Chairman

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Some groups that Genesis supports:

Youth

- School Chaplain providers
- Crusader Union
- Scripture Union Tas
- Logosdor
- YFC Aust
- RedFrogs

Christian media

- Christian Media & Arts Aust
- Various growing radio stations

Church Development

- Various plants in Aust/NZ
- Geneva Push
- Overseas Council

Leadership

- Ministry Training Scheme
- Arrow Leadership
- Christian Management Aust

Community

- PeaceWise
- Focus on the Family

Sports

- Sports Chaplains Australia/NZ
- Extreme Sports

Mission

- AFES
- Navigators
- City Bible Forum
- Military Christian Fellowship
- Church Army (evangelists)

Poverty ministries

- Christians Against Poverty

Global

- African Enterprise
- GAFCON
- YFCI
- Christian Surfers Int

Grant Process

Our grant application process involves 2 stages – first a “Preliminary Enquiry” (PE), which we ask to be 2 pages to minimise the speculative work by ministries. If we sense it is possible that the proposal will meet our criteria, then the enquirer is invited to make a full submission for consideration by our Board. This year we received 128 PEs and 78 grants (60%) were approved at our 2 Board meetings.

We do not pursue enquires from people overseas who are unknown to us. We have a working relationship with Overseas Council for developing Bible Colleges, mainly in Africa.

Our Church Plant committee considers Church plant submissions – in November 2016, out of 27 PEs, 18 were invited to make a Submission and the Board approved 14.

Grant Categories

We have target ranges for giving which we monitor retrospectively; target ranges and actual support in 2015/6:

- Youth work (10-30%) 26%
- Christian media (15-30%) 17%
- Church growth (10-25%) 20%
- Evangelism (5-15%) 8%
- Resources (0-15%) 14%
- Other ministries (0-15%) 11%
- Good works (0-10%) 4%

We also monitor our actual geographic spread:

- Sydney (20-40%) 12%
- Australia (30-50%) 73%
- World (15-30%) 15%

Wind up

It is the Board's hope that all the funds in the Genesis Foundations will be distributed by 2030.

Research

Research on “Faith and Belief” (partly funded by Genesis) by McCrindle, released in May 2017:

- 2 in 3 Australians (68%) follow a religion or have spiritual beliefs
- Over half Australians (52%) are open to changing their religious views given the right circumstances and evidence
- Over half Australians (55%) often or occasionally talk about religion or spirituality
- Australians most value Christian organisations for their work with those in need: homeless (74%), offering financial assistance (72%) and disaster relief (69%)
- 8% of Australians do not know a Christian
- one in 29 Australians have never heard of Jesus
- Greatest influences on opinions of Christians and Christianity is parents/family (57%), friends/networks (25%), books/articles (22%), the media (21%)

Youth Ministries

Most believers admit they made their decision to follow Jesus in their youth, the time when life's values are being formed.

The initiatives Genesis supports include:

- Support and grow Scripture teaching & chaplaincy in schools
- Increase holiday camp attendance
- Expand Christian mid week meetings in schools
- Strong Christian witness on every Uni campus in Australia

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain"
Psalm 127:1

Africa Strategy

The UN projects that the population on the African continent will quadruple this century, to about 4 billion (while the rest of the world remains much the same 7-8 billion). With such a large growth we assume our Lord will want His church to grow too! If the church is to maintain at about half the population (2 billion), the demand by 2100 is likely to be 1,000 strong bible colleges with about 250,000 students to lead the churches.

In partnership with OCA, we have developed a strategy to strengthen the effectiveness of bible colleges across Africa, starting with 7 Anglican colleges. The courses will be from basic training for current village church leaders, Diploma, graduates, Masters thru to PHD.

By 2030, we hope to see in every nation with an Anglican presence:

- local village training programs provided by bible colleges
- 4,250 effective Christian ministers equipped
- at least one Diploma course in each country
- at least 1 fully developed graduate program
- 15 bible colleges providing full Masters (>150 Masters grad pa)
- 6 colleges providing full range programs producing >30 PhD graduates pa
- 50 financially sustainable colleges

we have established our Africa Committee to consider specific grant proposals and the members include bible college leaders with experience in Africa.

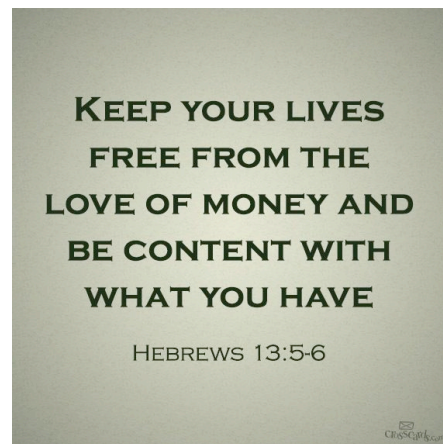
Points of Influence

Christian media has an important influence on the community culture and contact point for churches.

Over 4 million Australians listen to the 38 Christian radio stations each month and ACC TV is available in most portals, including FoxTel. McCrindle research has established that about 1.7million Australians listen to Christian radio who do not attend church.

Genesis has assisted Christian Media Arts Australia with the expansion of their work across the sector.

A significant grant was given to establish a new “hub” of Christian radio stations in regional NSW, with the professional support from Hope Media.



Church Development

Our grants assist new churches being planted; existing churches grow to new levels and church leadership development and training.

Church plants were assisted in Adelaide, Marsden Park, Rooty Hill, Green Square, Leppington, Halidays Point, Coomera, Goonellabah, Melbourne East, Shepparton and Auckland.

Evangelistic Projects

Genesis has a vision of supporting a missions in regional Australia. This year, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc ran the “Come Together” event in Naomi (near Narrabri NSW) with a 5% response from over 1700 attendees.

The recent School for Evangelism had over 140 attendees – speakers included Will Graham and Bill Newman.

Support is also provided to Church Army for their new CEO and City Bible Forum for expansion into Hobart and Canberra and strengthen management.

Resource Ministries

African Council of Accreditation and Accountability (AfCAA) have commenced accrediting ministries across Africa similar to EFCA in USA and CMASC in Australia.

Other ministries

The Prisoners Journey pilot project (PFM) was very fruitful and a further grant was provide to extend the course to 1100 “graduates” over the next year with a target of 300 confessing Jesus. Other ministries include “Just Brass” for the Salvation Army, the Military Christian Fellowship, Sports Chaplaincy NZ.

Global Ministries

Genesis provides assistance to the leaders and head offices of global ministries. This can take the form of individual coaching, structural advice

(particularly for emerging global ministries), training programs , brand development and marketing programs.



Genesis Foundations

The Genesis Charitable Foundation is a foundation to which donations are tax deductible. Accordingly, the Australian Taxation Office requires that distributions from this foundation must only be to organisations that are also “Deductible Gift Recipients – item 1”. Genesis Charitable Foundation mainly supports youth and Christian media projects.

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The trustee of both Foundations is the company Genesis Charitable Foundation.

Thank You – your support is achieving great things!

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