

*The Genesis Foundation is committed to helping Christian ministries in Australia and New Zealand present the good news of Jesus in word and deed and give people the chance to respond to Him.*

*We do that through providing seed capital and strategic support to Christian ministries for tactical projects that will deliver long term sustainable ministry growth.*

### **Chairman's letter**

*The Genesis Foundations supported 165 projects during 2018/19, and have approved 26 grants this year.*

*Of the funds distributed in 2018/19, 32% were directed to youth work, 29% to Church Development (plants & growth), 15% to resource ministries and 10% to Christian media. 85% were for Australian and New Zealand projects (overseas projects included 6 with global impact).*

*Last September, we outsourced future church plant and growth grant management to the Gospel Future Fund: we will provide funds in bulk for the grants and will participate on their committees. This has significantly reduced the number of grants we need to process, while the total amount given will be similar.*

*The Board recently held a vision day to discuss and pray through what we thought our Lord would like to see and our part in that, by 2030. It is our hope that the funds will be fully distributed before 2030. Further details are in this newsletter.*

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

*I thank our Board and Committee members who volunteer their time. A special thank you to Lisa Wong, our Administrator who has been a great help in the smooth operations of the Foundations.*

*David R Smith  
Chairman*

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The Genesis Board has recently refined the vision for the foundations which is:  
**“To see God’s Kingdom grow”.**

In particular, we would like to see:

- men and women coming to a personal faith in Jesus and participating in a healthy local church, and
- a supportive framework for new and growing churches.

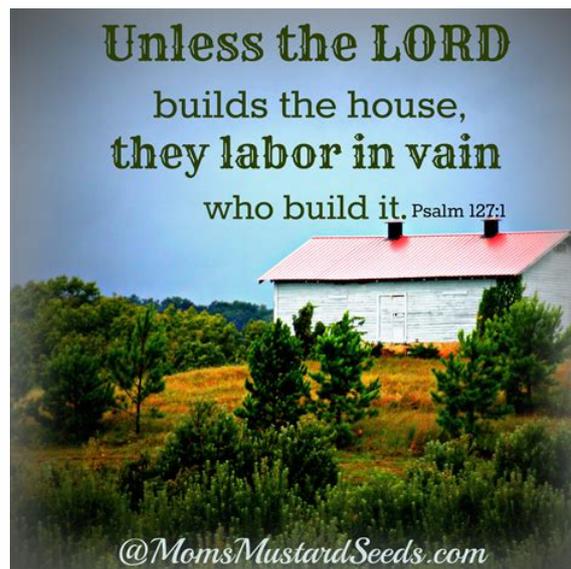
We are particularly interested in receiving Ministry Grant submissions for Bible-based projects in Australia and New Zealand that include sustainable growth projects focused on:

- Youth
- Evangelism
- Christian media
- Community based ministry, including sports ministry

The funds are directed towards the establishment of strategic ongoing growth projects that are likely to become self-funding after a reasonable time. Genesis does not support the regular funding of ongoing projects.

In addition, we have partnerships for specific ministry areas. If your area of interest is related to the following, then please direct your enquiry in the first instance to our relevant partner via their link:

- Church growth – [Gospel Future Fund](#)
- Church plant – [Gospel Future Fund](#)
- African bible college development – [Overseas Council Australia](#)
- Global ministry support – [Glolead](#)



**Examples of Christian ministries that Genesis currently supports:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Some recipients in 2019/20</b>
Church Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gospel Future Fund (church planting &amp; growth)</li> <li>• Geneva Push</li> <li>• Overseas Council for African initiatives</li> </ul>
Youth Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Chaplaincy providers</li> <li>• School Scripture teaching in NSW &amp; QLD</li> <li>• Crusader Union (CRU)</li> <li>• Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA)</li> </ul>
Christian Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Media &amp; Arts Australia (CMAA)</li> <li>• Juice Media for Gold Coast citywide Easter program</li> <li>• NSW radio hub to assist Pulse Illawarra to join</li> </ul>
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry Training Strategy (MTS)</li> <li>• Arrow Leadership</li> <li>• Christian Ministry Advancement (CMA)</li> </ul>
Evangelism and Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Bible Forum</li> <li>• Missions InterLink</li> </ul>
Community and Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Chaplains Australia</li> <li>• Cinnamon Network</li> <li>• Kairos Prison Ministry</li> </ul>
Global Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAFCON</li> <li>• Sports Chaplaincy International</li> <li>• Christian Surfers International</li> </ul>

**Grant process – changed to once a year:**

*Our grant application process involves 2 stages – first a brief online “Preliminary Enquiry” (PE), which we ask to be brief 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 more substantial “Grant Submission” for consideration by our Board. Usually around 1/3 to ½ of the PEs are invited to submit a Grant Submission and around 80-90% of Grant Submissions are approved by our Board.*

*For 2020 and beyond, we consider PEs and Grant Submissions once a year. The majority of our enquiries and submissions have been with ministries with a calendar financial year which has resulted in most of the enquiries being at the end of a calendar year in preparation for their next few years planning.*

*We do not consider nor respond to enquiries from unknown sources outside Australia and New Zealand, which are outside our target area and mostly computer-generated spam.*

## *Church planting and growth outsourced*

*Genesis has entered a partnership with the Gospel Future fund (GFF) to review and manage all future enquiries, submissions and grants, which commenced in the December 2019 quarter.*

*Geneva Push is the trustee and administrator of the GFF. As a multi denominational support ministry to churches, Geneva Push have considerable experience in understanding and serving the needs of individual churches.*

*GFF have established separate committees to consider church plant requests and church growth requests – the committee's chairmen and members have appropriate experience in these areas.*

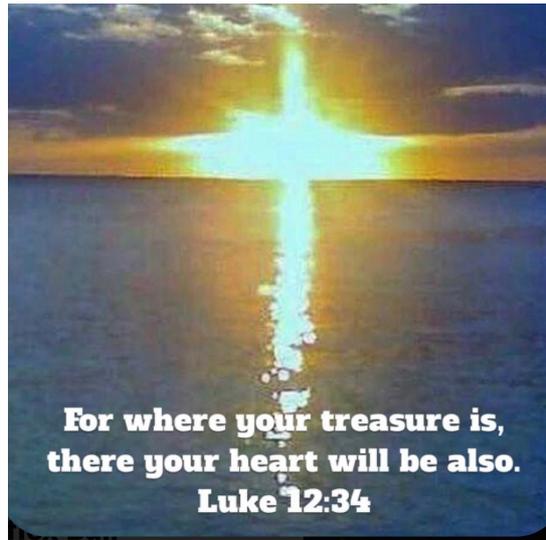
*Genesis handed over all our processes and procedures to GFF and provided assistance in establishing their systems.*

*In the December 2019 quarter, the GFF church plant committee considered 12 PEs resulting in 7 grants and the GFF church growth committee considered 30 PEs and 12 Grant Submissions resulting in 7 grants.*

*Genesis has provided a commitment to GFF to fund these grants over their respective periods of payment. Genesis has provided a maximum level of funding that GFF can work within.*

*The intention is that GFF develop other funding sources to complement the Genesis grant so that more individual churches can be assisted in their planting and growth.*

*GFF will focus on assisting individual churches. Genesis will continue to consider assisting the central secretariat of denominations e.g. GAFCON and FIEC.*



#### *Genesis Foundations Structures*

*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.*

*Genesis Life Foundation is a foundation to which donations are not tax deductible. The distributions from this foundation must be for organisations that are income tax exempt charities.*

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

***Thank You – your support is achieving great things!***

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