



Giving for the Gospel

ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BRISBANE

Our mission at EHPC is 'growing followers of Jesus'. As we've sought to live out this mission there is much to be thankful for. We've been growing in number and we're considering a second Sunday service. Our church lives out community life in our Growth Groups, our OA groups and there are all sorts of relationships where practical care and love is given. Kids and youth ministry is growing and we want to see these young people have a vibrant faith in Jesus. There is much to be thankful but we do face a financial challenge:

- As a church we made the decision together to appoint our current staff with the desire to grow ministry. With this decision, we anticipated drawing on our reserves this year.
- But we have been drawing on these reserves more quickly than anticipated, with the projection that we will run out of money before the end of 2017.
- Since 2015 we have grown in number but this growth has not been matched in our giving.
- In order to not reduce staff in 2017, we all need to consider the part we play to partner gospel ministry in our financial giving.

So here's the challenge. We have estimated that if every giver (single person/couple/family) would increase their giving by \$25 per week, we would be able to support our current staffing levels.

We offer \$25 as an average figure. Some people might be able to increase their giving by much more, while for others this figure would not be possible. We hope giving a number is helpful but God is more concerned about our hearts - giving generously and cheerfully, because we know Jesus has given so much to us (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

We do face the consequence of having to make some tough staffing decisions next year if our finances do not change. Please talk about this as a growth group. And please pray about this. Pray for our mission – that on the north side of Brisbane we would see more and more people growing as followers of Jesus. Pray for our staff team as they use their gifts and pour themselves out in the cause of this mission. Pray as you consider your response to this.

You can give electronically to our church account:

'Eatons Hill Presbyterian Church' BSB 034083 Account 229374.



Giving for the Gospel **IN REGIONAL QUEENSLAND**

Sunday 21 August 2016 was an exciting moment - it was the official launch of Emerald Presbyterian Church! Rod and Nat McLennan were with us throughout 2014-15 but now Rod is pastor of this new church which has a vision to reach Central Queensland with the gospel of Jesus. A new church plant which meets on Sundays in a school. Does that sound familiar?!

At the birth of this new church, we can support them in a very practical way. Rod and Nat have asked if EHPC would like to assist them in the purchasing of some tech gear. Their shopping list of essential items includes a digital mixer, speakers and stands, cables and microphones, totally \$2265. They also have a list of other things that are not as urgent. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their on-going giving to support our ministry on the north side of Brisbane. But we don't just exist for ourselves. We look outwards. Would you be able to give a one-off donation for Emerald Presbyterian Church?

If you want to make a one-off donation for Emerald Presbyterian Church :

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