

**GLOBAL
MISSION
PARTNERS**

A photograph of a woman in a dry, arid landscape. She is smiling and looking down, carrying a large, light-colored sack on her head. She is wearing a yellow t-shirt with the word 'Rule' written in a cursive font. The background is a dry, hilly area with sparse vegetation. Overlaid on the left side of the image are three overlapping orange circles.

*Faith
in
Action*



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Taking Steps of Bold Faith



Despite the despair and uncertainty felt by many across the globe this past year due to conflicts, political changes and climate catastrophes, our partners display faith-filled resolve and inspire us to continue to put our faith in action.

Our partners have served over 11,160 people facing extremely difficult settings this year. From the ongoing conflicts in Sudan and Israel/Gaza, to the droughts in Zimbabwe, and the earthquakes in Vanuatu (December 2024) and Myanmar (March 2025), the efforts of our Churches of Christ Overseas Aid partners to persevere in bringing healing and hope are commendable. A notable disruption for the aid sector this period was the closure of USAID and, while our partners have not been directly impacted, many of our peer agencies have, with the ripple effects still being observed among communities around the world. This has reduced approximately a third of the world's aid funding, setting back by decades the gains made in global development. Thankfully, and against the global trends, the Australian Government has maintained its level of support for Overseas Aid, meaning our Churches of Christ Overseas Aid partners continue to be supported in their projects, thanks also to the additional donations made by many of our generous supporters.

The effectiveness of our Churches of Christ Overseas Aid partnerships came into sharp focus for me when I had the privilege of visiting Hosanna Ministries (February) and witnessed their impactful livelihood training programs, including sewing groups, computer classes and care for people living with a disability. A special time was visiting the Prakesh Tekadi community and seeing the education centre providing a step-up for many young people who otherwise would be unable to access education. Hosanna is committed to the hard task of long-term generational change amongst the most vulnerable whom they serve.

In the face of religious persecution, famines, water shortages and cultural pressures, people are surprisingly still choosing to follow Jesus! We should be both proud and encouraged by the ministries of our International Church Partnerships partners over this past year. We have received many reports of churches

being planted, students completing biblical studies and numerous baptisms across our partnerships.

A highlight for me was visiting the Christian Church Theological School of Indonesia and Asia Pacific Institute in November, where I witnessed the passion and drive of their students to bring holistic change to the communities they serve as part of their weekend placements. I was accompanied by a small group of pastors and leaders from a handful of Victorian churches (Discovery, Ringwood, One2One, and One Church). Together we learnt about the respectful ministry required in a majority Islamic context. Serving with great love for their neighbours is proving extremely fruitful!

BJ and Chipso Mpofu's visit from Zimbabwe (November) was also a positive time with over 1,800 people connecting with them through church presentations, in-person and online events, as well as radio interviews. Together, we were able to honour and thank BJ for his partnership and service as he approaches retirement. The positive reports of churches thriving in Zimbabwe are a testament to his leadership and collaboration with us at Global Mission Partners.

Sadly, during this period, we learnt that one of our partners, Pastor Thuy in Vietnam, had a stroke and was incapacitated. Communication with the Vietnam Churches of Christ dropped during this time as they attempted to establish new leadership. Craig Brown and I travelled to Thailand and Vietnam (May) to meet with both the Church of Christ in Thailand and the Vietnamese Churches of Christ to receive updates and offer encouragement. I was pleased that the leadership in Vietnam were able to establish a national council model, a shared leadership for the future of the churches there, and sign a new Partnership Agreement with Global Mission Partners.

Indigenous Ministries Australia has been going through a transition period. This past year, we farewelled Remy Sese, based in WA, but thankfully retained Nick Wight, who continues to oversee Indigenous Ministries Australia nationally. We are intentionally moving away from old models and adopting new ones, with a dual

focus on restoration and reconciliation. This year has allowed us to lay foundations for new approaches for supporting emerging Indigenous leaders and building stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christian leaders. Over this period, we've hosted 13 Songlines Tours and provided 4 On-Country Immersions. We hope you can join us next time!

A significant change for Global Mission Partners this past year has been adopting our new brand. As we aim to support more churches in mission and appeal to more supporters, we felt an important step was to refresh our brand and website. The goals of the brand project were to embrace the fullness of our name, stand out as a leader in Christian mission and development, and reflect the momentum we aim to inspire for God's mission. Feedback has been positive, and I trust you enjoy engaging with the new look as much as our Board and team.

Of course, this life-changing work and ministry couldn't be achieved without the generous support of church partners and our dedicated individual supporters. Global Mission Partners has adopted a 2030 strategy and, as part of that plan, aims to improve our fundraising. This past year 2,300 individuals supported our fundraising campaigns and 138 faithful churches continued to back our partners. We are grateful for the opportunity to steward your generosity to our partners, addressing crucial needs, socially and spiritually. Financially, Global Mission Partners continues to rely on our reserves to support our partners and activities. We thank God for his provision through our community of supporters, which saw an 6% increase in donations year on year and a small surplus end result for the financial year.

We continue to enjoy collaborating with the Church of Christ State Conferences, and we're grateful for the opportunities to contribute to their initiatives. BJ Mpofu was one of the contributors to the Churches of Christ NSW/ACT "Collective", and Carly Cassidy (National Church Relationships Manager) and I presented at

Churches of Christ VIC/TAS' Summit. Additionally, our team has visited and preached at over 40 churches across the ACT, QLD, NSW, SA, TAS, VIC and WA.

A few team changes occurred this year, with Craig Brown stepping out of the Director of Partnership role in August and moving into the Major Gifts Manager position. We farewelled Remy Sese from Indigenous Ministries Australia, Sheree Crouch concluded as Supporter Care Coordinator in February to support her family. Melinda van Vuuren stepped into the Supporter Care vacancy with ease, and this allowed Lynette Chan to join us as Partner Finance Lead in April. Karen Trafford added to her Redress Administrator responsibilities and became our Group Secretary in March. After 14 years of service, Colin Scott concluded his role as International Partnership Manager (COCOA) in June, and we enjoyed celebrating his many achievements with the team and partners.

Our vision is to see "every Christian active in God's mission, offering hope, love and restoration throughout the world", and our renewed mission statement is to "inspire and resource, locally-led, high-impact Christian partnerships." I hope that you'll continue to partner with us as we build momentum and play our role in God's global mission.

In faith,

John Lamerton
Chief Executive Officer



Faith in Action Through Servant Leadership



As Global Mission Partners navigates a season of change across the Churches of Christ in Australia, we continue to develop and implement the Vision and Mission Directions outlined in our 2024 Annual Report. Our foundational principles are rooted in our distinctives as part of the Australian Churches of Christ, committed to both mission and development. We partner internationally and domestically with a long-term commitment to serving local partners.

Our Vision is to see every Christian active in God's mission, offering hope, love, and restoration throughout the world. Our Mission is to inspire and resource locally-led Christian development and mission partnerships. Our distinctive focus is on locally-led, high-impact Christian partnerships, deep local church engagement, passionate and deeply engaged supporters, and ensuring that Global Mission Partners is a healthy and sustainable organisation. Our core values are Jesus-centeredness, local leadership, courage, collaboration and trustworthiness. We are inspired by our partners, supporting them as they model faith in action within their ministries and local communities, and are reminded to keep our bearings in Christ Jesus while proactively sharing God's love..

REFLECTING ON 2024-25

Reflecting on the past year, it has been a privilege to witness the dedication of our amazing partners and their communities, our incredible team working under the compassionate leadership of John Lamerton, and the many volunteers serving our mission and development programs. I also extend my sincere thanks to the Australian State Church of Christ Conferences leadership groups and our Board of Directors for their contributions.

As John, our CEO, shared, "Despite the despair and uncertainty felt by many across the globe this past year due to conflicts, political changes and climate catastrophes, our partners display faith-filled resolve and inspire us to continue to put our faith in action." This Annual Report celebrates the heartfelt commitment of our partners in Christ across 12 nations. Their servant leadership in sharing God's love with their neighbours, communities, and friends is evident in examples such as 200 young people coming to faith in Vanuatu, and other impactful initiatives throughout the year.

In the past year, our team and volunteers have diligently developed operational plans and implemented GMP's longer-term strategy. They have risen to the challenges of guiding our organisation into this new season, serving both the mission and development objectives of our international Partners and within our churches in Australia, with professionalism and unity. Their work embodies "Christ-like Love," trusting steadily in God, hoping unswervingly, and loving extravagantly.

Our Board has worked unitedly, providing diligent governance, financial and risk management, and leadership to the organisation and its stakeholders. Key accomplishments include:

- Monitoring the National Redress Scheme on behalf of the Council of Churches of Christ in Australia, ensuring each claim is handled with dignity and respect.
- Updating, streamlining, and further developing Board and Governance Policies and Procedures.
- Revamping operational committees and reference groups into effective Advisory Groups and Board Committees, each facilitated by a Board member and a senior staff member.
- Further developing our Finance and Risk and Audit Committee.
- Proactively building internal connections with Australian churches and external relationships with international partners.
- Monitoring and guiding the five-year strategic planning process.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF FAITH IN ACTION

As James 2:14-17 reminds us, faith without action is lifeless. We are called not only to believe but to act on our faith, addressing the physical needs of others. Romans 10:14-15 highlights the importance of being sent to share the good news, for how can people believe if they have not heard?

We follow in the spirit of Mother Teresa, believing "it is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters." Helen Keller reminds us that "faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." Eleanor Roosevelt teaches that "what is to give light, must endure the burning," and Anne Frank encourages us that "nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

I encourage everyone to read the full Annual Report and continue to be part of the journey of sharing Christ's love to the world in word and deed, demonstrating "Faith in Action."

Gordon Buxton
Board Chair



Our Partners Around the World

● Churches of Christ Overseas
Aid (COCOA) Projects

● International Church
Partnerships (ICP) Projects

● Indigenous Ministries
Australia (IMA) Projects



Australia

Projects: IMA
Areas of work:
Indigenous Ministry



Bangladesh

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work:
Church and leadership
development (ICP);
sanitation, education



Fiji

Projects: ICP
Areas of work:
Church and leadership
development



India

Projects: COCOA
Areas of work:
Livelihoods, schooling,
health care



Indonesia

Projects: ICP
Areas of work:
Church and leadership
development



Papua New Guinea

Projects: ICP
Areas of work:
Church and leadership
development



Philippines

Projects: ICP
Areas of work:
Church and leadership
development



South Sudan

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work:
Church and leadership
development (ICP);
schooling, livelihoods (COCOA)



Thailand

Projects: ICP
Areas of work:
Church leadership and
development



Vanuatu

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church
and leadership development
(ICP); community
development, disaster risk
reduction (COCOA)



Vietnam

Projects: ICP
Areas of work: Church
and leadership
development



Zimbabwe

Projects: ICP, COCOA
Areas of work: Church
and leadership development,
supporting evangelists (ICP);
vulnerable children,
safe water (COCOA)

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid



Churches of Christ Overseas Aid is the international community development program of Global Mission Partners, working to overcome poverty through accompanying communities living in poverty toward realising their aspirations for wellbeing. We work in Asia, Africa and the Pacific, focusing on Clean Water, Primary Health Care, Quality Schooling, Productive Livelihoods and Peaceful Relations. We partner with local civil society organisations that are embedded in the communities they serve, letting their aspirations for wellbeing drive our projects.

Steps Towards Fostering Local Ownership

In our ongoing journey towards fostering independence within the communities we serve, we have focused on empowering our partners through strategic initiatives and capacity-building efforts, ensuring they are equipped to lead their communities toward sustainable change. For some partners, this past year has been marked by civil unrest, adversity and travel restrictions. Despite these challenges, our partners remain steadfast and resilient in bringing hope to their communities.

Know the Locals Research Project

We hired an external International Development Consultant to facilitate multiple two-day workshops for the Know the Locals research project. Leaders from church partnerships and relief and development projects were among the 85 participants attending the workshops. Know the Locals enabled partners to have conversations about organisational structure, their approach to key stakeholders, strategic direction, leadership challenges, understanding of well-being and communication preferences. Participants reported developing strategic plans and engaging more deeply with community stakeholders after the workshops. It has stepped up our engagement from implementing projects to strengthening partners. As a result, we will place greater emphasis on strategic planning, leadership development, and financial sustainability—presumably what is meant by income generation—in our future training plans.

Theory of Change

Training, or capacity building, is now at the forefront of our theory of change. We build partner capacity, enabling partners to implement effective projects that, in turn, make life-giving changes in vulnerable communities. Our Organisational Capacity Assessment, Partner Capacity Building Plans, and Effectiveness Framework all now align around this central idea.

Bequest Provides for Expansion in India

We wish to acknowledge the Williams family, who, with a bequest, made a new building for Hosanna Ministries in India possible. The building provides offices and other spaces, generating ongoing income.

Partnership with Act for Peace

We offer our appreciation to Act for Peace (AfP) and Zimbabwe Christian Care, who have partnered with us in conservation farming over the past three years. This was the first partnership of its kind, with both Australian agencies contributing from their ANCP allocation and coordinating their reporting. This partnership showcased the transformative power of collaboration in deepening our impact across the communities we support.

Accreditation Review

We are already underway with our preparation for the 2027 accreditation review with DFAT. Responses to the previous feedback are almost complete, and a mid-accreditation review and Board preparation are currently in progress.

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid Advisory Group

Many thanks to those who served on our Churches of Christ Overseas Aid Advisory Group, providing expert input on our projects: Claire Egan, Gordon Buxton, and Wendy Suma, who have since moved on, and Rochelle Nyatoro, Peta Bilton, and Ally Renton, who recently joined. Peta has taken up the role of chairperson.



Partners and Projects



ASIA

Bangladesh – Community Advancement Forum Community Sustainability Project 2

This project works with Hill Tribe communities in the Bandarban Hills, improving their access to education, income, sanitation and clean water.

Unfortunately, the project continues to face restrictions due to ongoing military activity, which limits the number of activities that the organisation can undertake.

This project received support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

India – Hosanna Ministries Vocational Education and Training 4

Hosanna Ministries offers vocational training to vulnerable women and men in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and the rural Yavatmal district.

The tailoring project trained over 250 women with 79% reporting earning an income.

In computer classes, the project trained over 245 students, with 60% being female. Additionally, 21% of survey respondents reported earning an income.

More than 80 women were trained in the beauty courses and 91% of survey respondents reported earning an income.

Driving lessons enable students to gain a licence. This year, the project trained 20 males to drive taxis or rickshaws. All participants reported securing employment.

This project received support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

India – Prakash Tekadi Community Building Project

This project works with the rag-picking squatter community of Prakash Tekadi increase access to education and health outcomes for community members.

A total of 40 children received access to education with alphabets, numbers, and poems in Marathi, Hindi, and English. Sessions are held in the morning, helping children to continue attending local schools.

A women's literacy class was run for 20 women. The recent evaluation found that all the participants reported an increase in their literacy skills.

Following several health workshops and medical camps, 79% of households reported improvements in personal health practices and a better understanding of how to access health services.

AFRICA

South Sudan – Christian Mercy International

Education Project

This project supports 10 community schools in Northern Bahr El Gazal State, focusing on income generation, facility development, and teacher training. Latrines were built at two schools, improving hygiene and enabling eligibility for daily meals from the World Food Program. All up, 45 carers of disabled, orphaned, or otherwise vulnerable grade one students received goats, helping to cover schooling costs, while four teachers completed their high school education. This qualification enables them to access the government's teacher training program.

Returnee Women First Harvest

The political crises in Sudan prompted many to flee to or return to Aweil, where Christian Mercy International assisted 80 female-headed returnee families with food relief, enabling them to plant their first crop on land allocated by the local chiefs. Intense rain meant that 30 of these households received a bumper crop. Unfortunately, the remaining 50 families located on low-lying land were affected by floodwater. Our partners negotiated with local landowners to implement a more sustainable system with mixed allocations of land, including both high and low-lying land. This approach preserves crops during flooding while providing access to fertile lowland soil. We hope to assist the 50 families to restart their cultivation in the coming year.

South Sudan – Laid Foundation of South Sudan (LAFOSS) Highland

The political turmoil in Sudan also caused many to flee to Juba, particularly those who previously called it home. The Laid Foundation of South Sudan combined relief and development to create a project that addressed the immediate needs and fostered ongoing resilience in a refugee community. Food and non-food items distribution was followed by training in small-scale livelihood opportunities and peacebuilding. Small restaurants, tea shops, charcoal and vegetable businesses, and agriculture sprang up as a result, with participants reporting increased incomes that they expected to continue and grow. The peace-building training encouraged participants to reach out to their network to promote peaceful coexistence and explore more effective ways to manage conflict among the diverse tribal groups that comprise the camp. Approximately 859 people received training including 99 school students.

Zimbabwe – Organisation of Showers of Blessing Trust Water Project

Zimbabwe made a strong recovery from the 2024 drought, with Showers of Blessing collaborating with communities to drill 9 hand-pumped wells- that means now 8276 people benefit from the wells including 58 person with disabilities. A community that received a solar-powered borehole significantly benefited, enabling women to launch a savings scheme using their community garden profits, improving their quality of life. Men and women report better lifestyles, shorter distances to water points, and cleaner water.

Children in project areas have also seen significant gains; a primary school that previously could not open due to a lack of water is now operational after Showers of Blessing installed a borehole. Over 600 students, previously travelling more than five kilometres, now attend this school located just one kilometre from home, and enjoy meals from a vegetable garden and poultry project. Over 50 people attended workshops at the school that educated the community on water conservation and promoted the cultivation of fruit trees near boreholes. Showers of Blessing provided 50 tree seedlings to the primary school.

This project received support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Partners and Projects Cont.



Zimbabwe – Khayelihle Children’s Village Family 2 Project

Khayelihle Children’s Village reconnects vulnerable children with supportive families. Children in the village are safe and healthy, and school performances improved this year. The village has identified mentors for children aged 15 and above, who have begun providing guidance and support to them. Two children have participated in a regional debate hosted by the Zimbabwean President. This year, there have been seven reconnections, and four young adults have exited. The village has also secured paid internship opportunities for five young adults; another has been employed and is on probation with a major bank in the capital, Harare. Houses have been renovated with new kitchen appliances and solar-powered water systems, while chickens and vegetables on the farm continue to provide extra cash income. New communities have been selected for workshops on strategies to prevent child abandonment.

Zimbabwe – Christian Care Building sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience to mitigate displacement

This project is managed in partnership with Act for Peace. It aims to build resilience to the threat of climate-induced displacement through initiatives focused on groundwater, agriculture, livelihoods, and protection. Approximately 1130 households now have improved access to groundwater. There is improved irrigation at a community garden, providing reliable water access, boosting food security and livelihoods in the community. Seventy farmers, more than half of whom are women, were trained in vegetable production.

Christian Care trained 854 farmers in conservation farming and 32 people as Farmer Field Facilitators. Around 240 people with disabilities were identified and trained in small livestock production. Exactly 101 women received support to assume leadership roles, and 1204 poor women and men increased their incomes through conservation farming, small livestock and apiculture.

This project received support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

PACIFIC

Promoting Dignity, Inclusion and Protection
This year, workshops for key church leaders in Vanuatu focused on gender equality, disability inclusion, and child protection. Featuring both female and male facilitators and equal numbers of men and women participating, the sessions encouraged deep spiritual reflection. Participants committed to changing their behaviours, leading to remarkable community outcomes. Notably, in Ranwas, South Pentecost, men interrupted their kava gatherings to engage, resulting in local workshops. Initiatives included building houses for widows, installing school toilets, and establishing a community aid post. These efforts highlighted that “all persons, including those with special needs, are made in God’s image.” This year, we completed the workshops on Maewo Island, which concludes the series in Vanuatu.

This project received support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Vanuatu – Conference of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu

Disaster Preparedness and Community Building Project

This project enhances disaster preparedness in Penama, Sanma, Malampa, Torba, Tafea Provinces, and the Efate Islands. Community leaders receive training on disaster response, domestic violence, and substance abuse, promoting well-being and mental health.

Over 50 participants across six communities have received the training. This project also aims to build stronger and safer communities, promoting healthy family relationships.

The earthquake that struck the capital, Port Vila, in December 2024 partially impacted the project, as staff were diverted to support the emergency response. This project received support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



International Church Partnerships

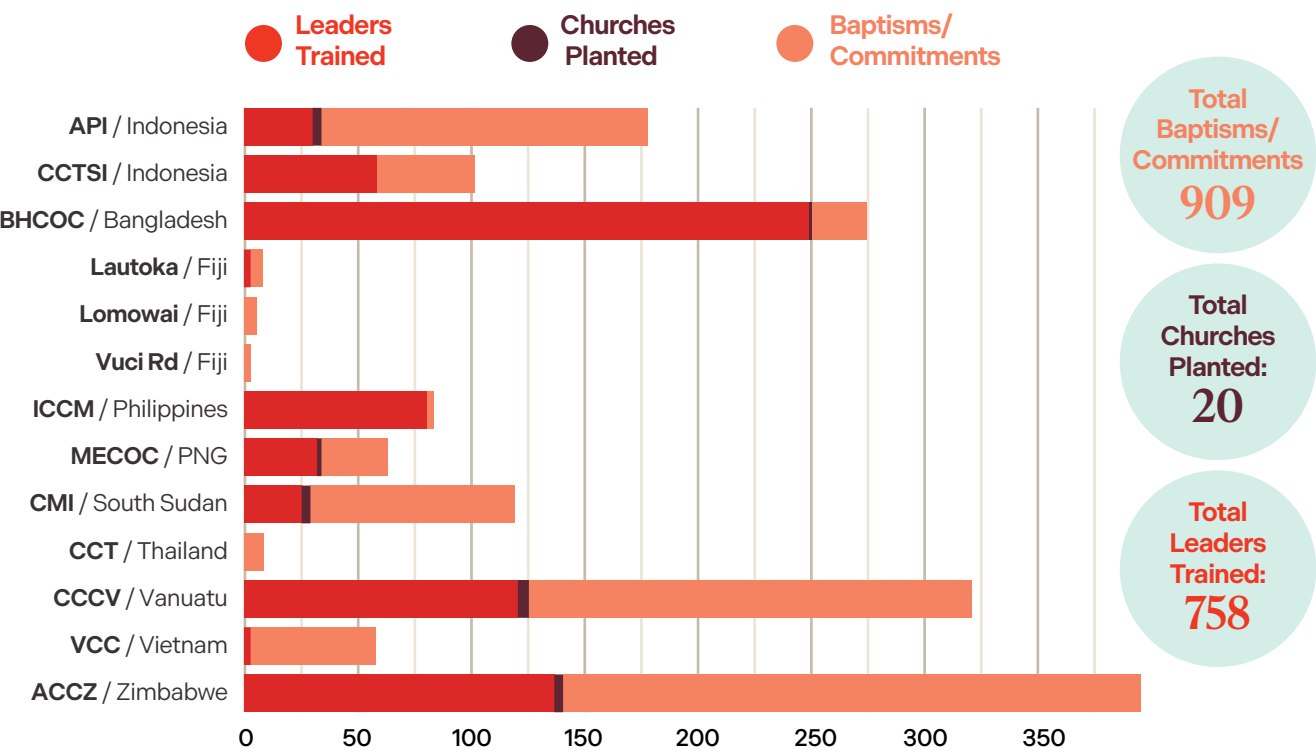
International Church Partnerships focus on partnering with the global church by supporting our Churches of Christ partners in their mission commitments. We do this by connecting Australian people and churches to those across the nations so that we can support, encourage, and resource the work of the gospel in Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Sudan, Thailand, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.



Steps of Faith in Challenging Places

Global Mission Partners currently supports 13 partners across 11 countries who are part of the worldwide Churches of Christ through our International Church Partnership program. Our support is primarily focused on leadership development and central Conference support, but also includes resourcing the growth initiatives of our partners. Collectively, our International Church Partnership partners have seen tremendous growth and fruitfulness of ministry, despite the challenges of persecution, natural disasters, conflicts, economic shocks and the ongoing pressure of scarce resources.

This past year, our partners reported planting 20 new churches, training 758 leaders, with 909 people making commitments to follow Jesus or being baptised. The active faith of our International Church Partnership partners is spreading God's light and hope into some of the world's most challenging places.



Ministering to Migrant Workers in Thailand

In the diverse Thai setting of Buddhist temples, the bustling Maeklong railway and Tha Kha floating markets in Samut Songkhram, a community of 20 Christian families gathers every Sunday for worship, dedicated to ministering to Thai and migrant workers in the province. The Samut Songkhram Evangelism Center is the first of its kind among the Mon people in the area, led by missionaries Thaung Myint and his wife, Yu Marlar, from Myanmar. The community comprises migrant workers from various ethnic backgrounds engaged in vegetable gardening, salt production, coconut sugar production, seafood processing, and construction work. The Samut Songkhram Evangelism Center provides opportunities for people to hear the gospel and learn more about Jesus in a place of diverse beliefs and religions. As a result of these efforts, 12 people recently decided to follow Jesus.



Projects and Programs



Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, significant challenges since October 2022 have arisen from restrictions on travel and public movement, leading to the abandonment of some villages. The Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ focus on leadership development, empowering leaders and members to stand strong in their faith, and supporting pastors and evangelists. Despite the challenges, the construction of the church building at Basatlang was completed and inaugurated in February 2025, providing a place for worship after three years of effort by the community.

Fiji

The ministry context has been challenging in Fiji. Despite this, all three churches, Lomowai, Lautoka and Vuci Road, continued to reach out to their communities, offering Bible studies and assisting the sick with transportation and participating in school cleaning projects. Lautoka's Manna Ministry provides warm meals, essential items, and spiritual support to the homeless, unemployed, and those struggling with substance abuse. These efforts have led to remarkable transformations, including people giving their lives to God, regular church attendance, spiritual growth, and with some being baptised, leading to restored lives and renewed hope within the community.

For missional and strategic reasons, Global Mission Partners will phase out support for the Fiji churches. Each of the churches was informed of this decision in March 2025, with a conclusion date set for December 2025.

Indonesia

Christian Church Theological School of Indonesia faces difficulties in recruiting students, community intimidation of converts, and financial needs for school operations and a new dormitory. Despite this, their theological training, discipleship, and practical programs – including sustainable projects – have led to numerous conversions and baptisms across Indonesia, fostering spiritual transformation despite the risks.

Asia Pacific International faces similar challenges, including religious resistance, transportation to remote areas, and meeting financial needs for church planters, training, clinics, and education. Accomplishments include leadership development, theological training, church planting, evangelism, pastor support, medical, and education ministries. Outcomes include government accreditation, student graduations, SmartPoint projects, new pioneering locations, 72 baptisms, and Bible story translations into tribal languages.

Papua New Guinea

Despite the obstacles faced in Papua New Guinea, including rugged terrains and communities untouched by modern civilisation, the Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ are engaged in widespread evangelism and theological training. Their activities include planting churches in areas like Bogia, reaching out to the Aldebert Ranges and the borders of Jiwaka, Western Highlands, and Enga Provinces. They conducted training at Gandep Bible College, where 20 students graduated in 2024. These dedicated efforts have resulted in significant positive impacts, with over 30 baptisms, lives being changed, communities transformed, and Christians demonstrating profound acts of generosity like providing an outboard motor to a remote community.

South Sudan

In South Sudan, Christian Mercy International faces challenges including “spiritual darkness”, tribalism, lack of developmental infrastructure (e.g., water), and difficulty with baptisms in border areas. Their core activities are leadership development, church planting, pastor support, and school chaplaincy. This includes sending leaders to Livingstone International University in Uganda, door-to-door evangelism, local Bible training, and distributing Bibles and plastic sheets. These efforts have led to 97 new baptisms, the establishment of new churches, community transformation to Christian values (peace, love, unity, forgiveness), and the equipping of leaders who minister and plant congregations in the Aweil region and beyond.

Thailand

The Samut Songkhram Evangelism Center faces significant challenges in transportation for its growing number of members and children who live in different areas and lack their own means of travel, as well as the need for a larger space to accommodate growth. Led by missionaries Thaung Myint and Yu Marlar, the centre conducts weekly Sunday services, community outreach to migrant workers at factories and worksites, and provides counselling for family problems, particularly for people with non-Christian spouses. As a result of these efforts, migrant workers from diverse backgrounds are learning from one another, children are learning the Word of God and languages, and over 12 people have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, leading to life-changing experiences and spiritual growth within the community.

Philippines

The International Christian College of Manila has envisioned a campus of its own, but is currently renting, and is facing the major challenge of the significant cost of building a new campus. The school provides theological training and Bible college education, preparing and equipping students to become ministry and community leaders. In the academic year 2024-25, the college held its 23rd graduation exercises, with 12 students earning a government-accredited Bachelor in Theology degree. Additionally, the college has been granted government accreditation to accept foreign students.

Vanuatu

The Conference of Churches of Christ Vanuatu is facing significant trials, including earthquake damage, a shortage of trained pastors, and difficulty engaging youth. Their response has involved extensive relief efforts, trauma healing programs, theological training, and bi-annual meetings. These efforts have led to positive outcomes, including 15 baptisms, a successful Bible translation, increased community awareness of social issues, and ongoing spiritual growth.



Vietnam

The Church of Christ in Vietnam experienced a difficult year, including communication breakdown with their Australian counterparts, financial limitations, government persecution, and difficulty gaining legal recognition. Despite these challenges, a new committee is leading efforts in theological training, evangelism, fellowship, and practical support, such as Bible classes and well drilling. These efforts have led to approximately 60 conversions, numerous baptisms, stronger local churches, and leaders equipped to plant new churches and improve lives through Christian economic programs.

Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, the Associated Churches of Christ faced major issues, including drought, illnesses, and inconsistent giving from members. Evangelists like Pastor Bhanzi, Pastor Gatawa, Augustine Mahlangu, Hlupo, and Monga Mafweda have focused on pastoral visitations, evangelism, establishing new preaching points, reviving churches, and distributing maize seeds to congregants. These dedicated efforts have led to notable successes, including 71 baptisms and commitments, the reopening of Malisa Church, the establishment of a new church in Polland (a local village) and a deeper understanding of mental health and crime prevention through community workshops.



Indigenous Ministries Australia



Global Mission Partners seeks to partner with and among Australian Indigenous people, focusing on Indigenous ministry and development. Our Indigenous ministries have been developed and planned by a network of Indigenous people to allow for in-depth direction-setting from key Indigenous leaders and communities around the country.

Steps Forward in Indigenous Ministry

Your support is making a difference in the lives of Indigenous Christian leaders across Australia. This past year, we've seen powerful change as our partners have taken brave steps of faith. Through your giving, they are building stronger communities, growing in leadership, and sharing God's love in new and life-changing ways.

One of the biggest areas of growth has been the Indigenous Ministries Australia Pathways program. Thanks to your support, more emerging Indigenous leaders are stepping into ministry training than ever before. These are people with deep faith, cultural wisdom, and a heart to serve. They now have the chance to learn, grow, and prepare for leadership roles in their churches and communities.

For many, joining the Pathways program is a bold step. It takes courage to step away from the familiar and pursue study, especially in settings that often feel distant from home and culture. But your support means they don't walk this road alone. They are mentored, encouraged, and resourced along the way. It's not just about study – it's about transformation.

Les Shultz, a respected Ngadjju leader from Western Australia, is one of the many voices helping shape this work. His strong Christian faith and leadership have taken him from desert country to the United Nations in New York, where he spoke about Indigenous land care and stewardship. Les reminds us how important it is to honour the past, listen deeply, and walk gently. His voice – and the voices of others like him – are helping shape a new generation of Indigenous leaders who hold both culture and faith in balance.

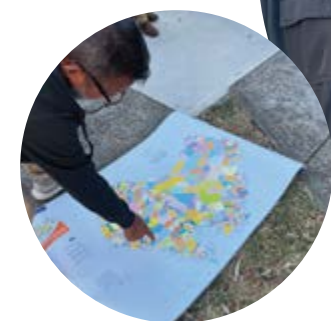
Alongside this, your support has helped expand our Indigenous Ministries Australia Immersion Trips. These trips invite people to be guests On Country, to sit, learn, and share life with our ministry partners. It's not about fixing or teaching – it's about listening and learning. For many who participate, it's a life-changing experience. They return with a deeper understanding of faith, culture, and community. And they come back as better friends and allies.

All of this is only possible because of you. Your giving puts faith into action. It supports innovative programs while still honouring the strength and wisdom of the past. It opens doors for Indigenous Christians to step forward in leadership, to be heard, and to shape the future of the church in Australia.

We continue to face the multiple challenges relating to the National Redress Scheme, significant social changes, ageing leadership and a low resource base for both Indigenous Ministries Australia and our partners. Still, these have also offered us the opportunity to focus our strategy on leadership development and innovation in ministry, and we continue to be thankful to God for that.

Thank you for believing in this work over the last year and for walking with us and with our partners. As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, we see even more opportunity for growth and change. We know that, together, we can continue to make a real and lasting difference.

Your support is not just appreciated – it's powerful. You are helping bring faith to life, one step at a time.



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Partner Highlights



Western Australia

Bunbury

- Peter and Francis Jetta are helping provide new leadership direction and are exploring closer partnerships with other local churches in Bunbury.
- Noongar Language Classes continuing at the church.

New South Wales

Dareton

- The Dareton Youth and Community Centre has recently incorporated and is developing new funding opportunities.
- Hosted a pilot Immersion trip to Dareton with support from ONE Church and Ringwood Church of Christ.

Queensland

Dalby

- Continuing highly impactful immersion trips with the dhiyaan community.
- Two younger leaders are participating in the Pathways program.

South Australia

- Providing ongoing Indigenous immersion trips with Dusty Feet Mob in the Flinders Ranges.

Meet Wanita Caylun – Dusty Feet Mob

Wanita Caylun is a proud Noongar woman and the founder of Dusty Feet Mob, an Aboriginal dance group based in Port Augusta and Adelaide, South Australia. Deeply committed to cultural healing, faith and empowerment, Wanita uses dance, storytelling, and community engagement to strengthen identity and connection for Aboriginal children and young people. Her leadership fosters pride, resilience, and cultural knowledge, creating safe spaces for self-expression and growth. Through Dusty Feet Mob, she shares powerful messages of truth, hope, and reconciliation. Wanita's passion for nurturing the next generation continues to inspire change and bring communities together through her faith and the strength and beauty of culture.



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Indigenous
Ministry
Partners

3
Associate
Indigenous
Ministry
Partners

13
Songlines Tours
140
participants

Average of **150**
Indigenous youth
per week (25 a day)
accessing the Dareton
Youth & Community
Centre

3
IMA
Pathways
participants

14
Church Speaking
Engagements
and
consultancies

4
'On Country'
Cultural
Immersion Trips
38
participants

Steps to the Future: Engaging the Next Generation

One of Global Mission Partners' ongoing commitments is to the next generation of change-makers and Christian mission. Young people across the nation are passionate about making a positive difference and are seeking faith communities that impact their communities locally, nationally, and globally. Young people have no problem putting their faith into action—they do so regularly in conversation, at the ballot box, through their spending decisions and their giving.



Global Mission Partners aims to support local churches and schools around Australia with Bible resources, mission experiences, and discovery trips that form and inform young people to be active participants in God's Kingdom mission of reconciliation, restoration, and redemption.

In the 2024/25 financial year, we decided to retire the Embody brand, under which Global Mission Partners has lived out this support of young people for the past decade and a half. Our activities supporting young people and leaders of young people have not changed. We continue to do this work under our parent brand.

Our centrepiece initiative has not changed either. Safe Water September continues to be the best gateway for young people—and people of all ages!—to join the Global Mission Partners' family and put their faith into action. We have taken, and continue to take, steps to strengthen the pathways from Safe Water September into the broader world of Global Mission Partners, and introduce young people to the other work our international partners undertake to put faith into action and take steps in following God's call to the margins of their communities.

Safe Water September 2024 raised a total of \$179,625 for safe water projects implemented by our local partners, smashing our target of \$160,000 and dramatically exceeding the previous year's fundraising total. This amazing result was made possible by the support of 359 challenge takers across 49 teams and 1,276 individual donors from across Australia.

Safe Water September continues to be a movement driven by young people, with around 55% of participants in 2024 aged 20 years or younger. We hope that Safe Water September fosters a lifelong commitment to Christian mission in these young people, with Global Mission Partners as their preferred partner.

Mitchell Salmon, National NextGen Lead, says, "It has been a great pleasure to travel interstate more often and visit churches and camps across Australia." A particular highlight was running an elective game at the Churches of Christ Queensland FUSE combined youth camp, where Mitchell shared about the importance of safe water in development and invited young people to join the Safe Water September challenge.

Mitchell has also had the privilege of spending time with young and emerging leaders at the second biannual national Churches of Christ RISE conference. Subjects included principles of relationship, local knowledge, and intimate community understanding that underpin good, sustainable mission, and the importance of positive feedback.

We look forward to continuing to develop Safe Water September and Global Mission Partners' other offerings to better partner with local churches and engage more young people deeper into God's mission. It is exciting to work with the next (and current) generation of leaders, thinkers, and change-makers across Australia. Thank you for your support.

Total raised through Safe Water September:

\$179,625 (+25% Year on Year)

Number of Challenge Takers:

359 (+22% Year on Year)

Returning Challenge Takers:

131 (-10% Year on Year)

New Challenge Takers:

228 (+59% Year on Year)

Age range of most Challenge Takers:

11-20 years old (50.3%),

21-30 years old (11%)

Most Challenge Takers by state:

Victoria (48.2%)

South Australia (17.8%),

New South Wales (10%)

Number of Teams:

49 (+29% Year on Year)

Number of Donors:

1276 (-2.4% Year on Year)

Partner Visits: Steps Together



This year, we have facilitated visits to our partners here in Australia and overseas for both Global Mission Partners staff and supporters.

Visiting Indonesia

In November 2024, a small team of five pastors and leaders from different Churches of Christ in Australia, met with our partners at Christian Church Theological School Indonesia in Salatiga, and Asia Pacific International in Bandung. The group met with students who are being trained in theology and social enterprise, like a small business. The experience highlighted the importance of a holistic mission.

Visiting Fiji

In September 2024 - 7 Oct 2024, a team of six people from the Devonport Church of Christ, led by Dominic Piscioneri, visited their long-term partners at the Lautoka Church. There, they undertook ministry and outreach, and supported David and Christy Reddy in their leadership.

In January 2025, Helen Fernandes, International Church Partnerships Manager and Craig Brown, Major Gifts Manager, visited our church partners in Fiji to commence a review of our partnerships there. This brought the pastors and their wives together from the three churches for three days of fellowship and facilitated discussions.

Visiting India

In February, John Lamerton, Chief Executive Officer, and Suzanne Hayes, International Partnership Specialist, visited Hosanna Ministries in India. Other than conducting a partner monitoring trip, the main purpose of the visit was to celebrate the opening of the new office for Hosanna Ministries, made possible through the generosity of a bequest. Other highlights included hearing from project participants about how the project activities had improved their lives.

Visiting Zimbabwe

In March, International Partnership Specialist, Eva Ntege, was in Zimbabwe for a partner monitoring visit to Showers of Blessing Trust, Khayelihle Children's Village and the joint project with Act for Peace partner, Christian Care. The highlights include a borehole that has changed over 600 school students' lives, children who have grown into progressive adults, and a widow and her family's life transformed through practising conservation farming. A visit to the Australian embassy concluded the visit, during which the ambassador commended our partners' work.

Visiting Dareton, NSW

In April, 10 Victorian and South Australian participants visited our Indigenous partners for an On-Country Immersion Experience on Barkindji Country, in Dareton, NSW. Carly Cassidy, our National Church Relationships Manager, and Nick Wight, Indigenous Ministries Australia's National Manager, led the team on a formative and educational experience. This was the first On-Country discovery trip of its kind.

Visiting Thailand and Vietnam

In May, John Lamerton and Craig Brown undertook an urgent trip to Vietnam to work with our partners to establish new leadership. A new partnership agreement was signed, a committee formed, and Pastor Nguyen Tan Bin was appointed as the National Director for the Churches of Christ in Vietnam. On the way, they also visited the Church of Christ Thailand and met with evangelist Thaung Myint and his wife, Yu Marlar, who lead the work in Samut Songkhram.

Visiting Uganda

In May, Eva Ntege accompanied International Partnership Manager Colin Scott to meet with South Sudanese partners in Entebbe, Uganda. The ongoing unrest in Sudan and South Sudan has made travel risky. The highlight was witnessing how grateful the partners were for the effort taken to meet with them, as there had been no direct visit for nearly two years owing to safety concerns. Another highlight was watching the partners' joy at receiving laptops and several donated Bibles.

Visiting Vanuatu

In May, Eva Ntege was in Vanuatu. Monitoring included the Conference Churches of Christ Vanuatu Disaster Preparedness and Community Development (DP&CD) project and the Earthquake Response projects in Port Vila and Santo. Eva was joined by Director of Engagement, Colin Battersby, for the Port Vila leg of the trip. The highlight was seeing how the Healing the Trauma counselling has been so valuable and meeting the new DP&CD Disaster Management Officer, Hosea.



Emergency Response



Churches of Christ Conference Vanuatu Earthquake Response

Vanuatu was hit by a 7.3 magnitude earthquake on December 17, 2024, located close to Port Vila, which caused landslides and significant damage to key infrastructure, including two major bridges. Powerful aftershocks continued to follow months later, and these caused widespread trauma, especially to children. Churches of Christ Conference Vanuatu responded with basic food, water and non-food items through a joint shipment with ACOM-Anglicans. The Churches of Christ Conference Vanuatu facilitated Healing the Trauma sessions for communities in Port Vila. They provided workshops for 85 trainers (including six from ACOM), followed by individual and group sessions held in the local churches and community. Sessions were conducted with Christian women and men's groups, as well as with youth and students in Grades 5 to 9, across two schools. In total, Churches of Christ Conference Vanuatu has impacted over 1000 people through the provision of essential supplies and the delivery of trauma sessions.

This project received extra support from the Bill Crews Foundation and Transform Aid International.

Myanmar Earthquake Response

A devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit Myanmar on March 28, 2025, followed by several aftershocks, including one measuring 6.4 in magnitude. This powerful earthquake triggered widespread destruction. Varying estimates have placed the death toll at over 3000 people, with over 5000 people injured. The earthquake was the strongest Myanmar has experienced in over a century. Priority needs included shelter, non-food items (such as tents and tarpaulins), WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) services (including safe drinking water, emergency toilets, handwashing units, and hygiene promotion), provision of sanitary supplies, food security and livelihood support, and child protection and mental health support. Global Mission Partners supported the response through the Act Alliance, a network of church-based humanitarian agencies across the world. Act Alliance partner Community World Service Asia (CWSA) has been operating in Myanmar since 2007.



Meet the Team

EXECUTIVE

John Lamerton	Chief Executive Officer
Cathy Chang	Chief Finance Officer
Colin Battersby	Director of Engagement
Craig Brown	Director of Partnerships (concluded August 2024)
Karen Trafford	Group Secretary

PARTNERSHIPS

Colin Scott	International Partnership Manager (concluded June 2025)
Suzanne Hayes	International Partnership Specialist
Eva Ntege-Dhizaala	International Partnership Specialist
Nick Wight	Indigenous Ministries Australia National Manager
Helen Fernandes	International Church Partnerships Manager (concluded February 2025)

OPERATIONS

Lisa Szepessy	Finance Lead (Payables and Payroll)
Patrick Yip	Finance Lead (Receivables)
Lynette Chan	Finance Lead (Partner Finance)
Melinda van Vuuren	Partner Finance Coordinator and HR Support (concluded February 2025)

ENGAGEMENT

Elise Moss	Communications and Fundraising Manager
Rachel Conteh	Media and Communications Specialist
Carly Cassidy	National Church Relationships Manager
Mitchell Salmon	National NextGen Lead
Craig Brown	Major Gifts Manager
Sheree Crouch	Supporter Care and Events Coordinator (concluded February 2025)
Melinda van Vuuren	Supporter Care and Events Coordinator

Gordon Buxton (NSW)

Board Chair, Member Churches of Christ Overseas Aid Advisory Group, Member Finance Risk and Audit Committee, Member GMP Extend, Member GMP Assist. Established Yooralla Youth Ministries and Yooralla Overseas Development Fund, which is a registered aid and development fund. Gordon has more than 30 years of experience as a senior executive and consultant in customer-focused operations and human resources management.

John Lamerton (NSW)

Chief Executive Officer MA in Missional Leadership. John has 18 years of leadership experience with international aid and Christian mission organisations, including World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, Alpha Australia and Worldshare Australia. He served three years with Churches of Christ UK, and is now an endorsed minister with Churches of Christ NSW/ACT. Married to Tara and with two daughters, they worship at Coast Community Church on the NSW Central Coast.

Janet Woodlock (VIC)

Deputy Board Chair, International Church Partnerships Advisory Group, Indigenous Ministries Australia Advisory Group, Member GMP Extend. BSc, Dip Ed, MDiv, Cert IV in Workplace and Business Coaching. Teacher and ordained Churches of Christ minister. Janet works as a coach and trainer with Arrow Leadership. She has worked for the National Council of Churches, Churches of Christ in Australia, and Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas. Janet serves as the Chaplain at Kilvington Grammar School.

Symon Pratt (VIC)

Chair of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee. Grad.Dip. of Divinity, MA (Ministry Practice), B. Business (Marketing) and a Grad. Dip. in Business (Travel and Tourism). Executive Pastor at one2one Church of Christ, Ballarat, and previously at Bundaberg Church of Christ. Formerly Associate Pastor at CrossCulture, where he worked with children, youth and university students, including ChildSafe Training, leadership development and leading local and international mission trips.

Dr Mark Riessen (SA)

Chair International Church Partnerships Advisory Group, Member GMP Assist. MTh. and DMin. Mission and Ministry. Director with Churches of Christ in SA and NT. Doctor of Ministry Program Manager with the Australian College of Ministries. Part of the research team with the Sydney College of Divinity. Mark worships at Aldgate Church of Christ, where he is also on the Board.

Vandana Thavare (WA)

Member of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee, Member of the Indigenous Ministries Australia Advisory Group. BSc (Physiotherapy). Grad. Dip. Divinity. Formerly Chaplain (Churches of Christ) at Curtin University and Prison Fellowship WA Volunteer since 2021. She has worked in far north WA and in the NT with several Indigenous communities. Born in India, she moved with her family to Fiji, where they served as missionaries with OMB (now Global Mission Partners) from December 2001 until 2006.

Claire Egan (VIC)

Concluded 1 May 2025

Chair of Churches of Christ Overseas Aid Advisory Group. Served with Churches of Christ Vic/Tas for the past 14 years. Involved in various leadership positions in local churches, including boards, committees, and youth ministry. Claire studied communications and worked in para-church organisations for most of her career.

Ally Renton (ACT)

Commenced 15 November 2024

Member of the Churches of Christ Overseas Aid Advisory Group. B.Project Management. GradCert. Climate Policy. Having served with NGOs including World Vision, Baptist World Aid and corporations such as Coffey and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in the UK, Ally has a background in policy development and program implementation. She currently works on Australia's international development program with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). With her young family, Ally is now located in Jakarta, Indonesia.

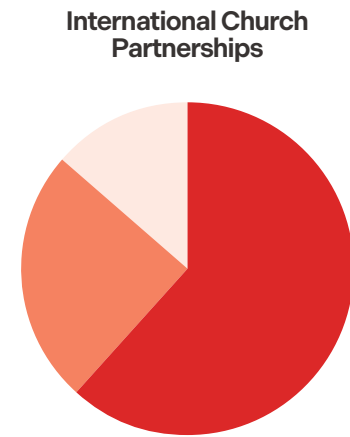
Peta Bilton (NSW)

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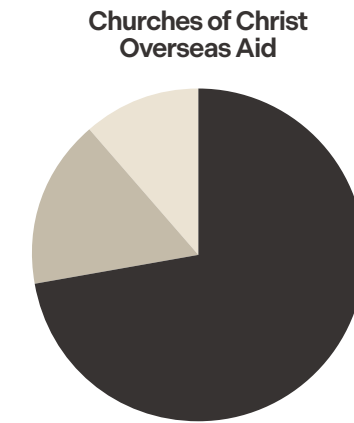
Member of the Churches of Christ Overseas Aid Advisory Group. B.Humanitarian & Development Studies. Peta interned in Nepal for three months and has served with faith-based groups such as Soul Survivor and Arrow Leadership. She has established an ESG and social impact consultancy specialising in ESG strategy, B-Corp Certification and social impact measurement. She's also completed the AICD NFP Foundations Directors course. Peta previously lived in Queensland and worshipped with Southport Church of Christ, but has moved to be closer to family in Bowral, NSW.

Financial Summary

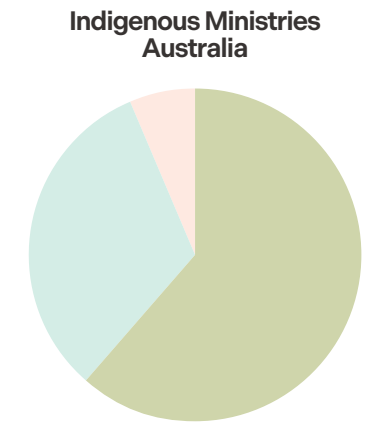
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at www.acfid.asn.au. The full statutory financial statements are available on our website at www.gmp.org.au/annual-reports



● Program + Com. Ed. 61.71%
 ● Administration 24.80%
 ● Fundraising 13.49%



● Program + Com. Ed. 72.33%
 ● Administration 16.46%
 ● Fundraising 11.21%



● Program + Com. Ed. 57.72%
 ● Administration 35.26%
 ● Fundraising 7.02%

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid is an approved fund under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme and satisfies the requirements for Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Full Accreditation with the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). Churches of Christ Overseas Aid has policies and priorities that guide the use of funds in keeping with such requirements. In 2024-2025, almost \$2m was raised in this fund and \$2.5m was used for program implementation, support, community education, fundraising and administration. The \$528K variance was in line with the Board approved Budget and was also a result of unforeseen project variations, currency fluctuations, reduced grant income and lower bequest gifts. The deficit was covered by Reserve Managed funds to ensure community development programs were not delayed or inhibited. Positively, we reduced administrative costs by 9% for this period.

International Church Partnerships

The International Church Partnership fund supports church projects with a priority on evangelism, church planting and leadership development. In 2024-25, \$773k was raised and \$878k was allocated to program implementation, support and community education, as well as fundraising and administration in support of our partnerships. The \$104k deficit was incurred as part of the Board approved budget to ensure the programs continued as planned and covered by Reserve Managed funds. In addition, 4% more funds were directed to support projects year on year and administration costs were reduced by 1/3.

Indigenous Ministries Australia

Indigenous Ministries Australia is supported through the Global Mission Partners Indigenous Partnership Fund. In 2024-25, the total \$1.38m was a combination of donations for Indigenous programs and National Redress Scheme (NRS) contributions by State Conferences. Global Mission Partners administers the NRS on behalf of the National Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia (CCCA). Their contributions allowed us to reduce the NRS liability by \$664,895 during this period. \$526k supported specific Indigenous Ministries Australia projects, program implementation and community education work, as well as resourced Indigenous Ministries Australia fundraising and administration.

Income Statement - Segment Financial Performance - Parent Entity Only

(Extracted from Note 24b Audited Consolidated Financial Statements)

	2025			2024		
	ICP	COCOA	IMA	ICP	COCOA	IMA
REVENUE						
Donations and Gifts						
Monetary	463,128	1,020,732	130,180	319,393	879,520	179,731
Non Monetary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bequests and Legacies	10,022	66,939	1,000	600,192	379,495	30,065
Grants						
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade	-	820,523	-	-	905,977	-
Other Australian	-	35,000	-	-	130,932	-
Investment Income	242,316	51,349	64,600	280,574	63,380	55,058
Other Income	58,014	(121)	1,192,912	7,430	(547)	667,474
Sub Total International Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Revenue	773,480	-	1,388,692	1,207,589	-	932,328
Total Revenue	773,480	1,994,422	1,388,692	1,207,589	2,358,757	932,328
EXPENDITURE						
International Programs						
Funds to International Programs	342,179	1,258,381	-	323,649	1,556,049	-
Program Support Costs	82,802	330,472	-	84,313	406,530	-
Community Education	116,933	236,107	-	114,476	244,992	-
Fundraising Costs - Public	118,465	282,839	-	107,950	235,320	-
Accountability and Administration	217,744	415,260	-	318,393	458,759	-
Sub Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	-	2,523,059	-	-	2,901,650	-
Sub Total International Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	878,123	-	-	948,781	-	-
Domestic Programs						
Funds to Domestic Indigenous Programs	-	-	133,120	-	-	86,066
Program Support Costs	-	-	133,120	-	-	246,599
Community Education	-	-	37,526	-	-	43,758
Fundraising Costs - Public	-	-	36,927	-	-	41,620
Accountability and Administration	-	-	185,588	-	-	153,328
Sub Total Domestic Programs Expenditure	-	-	526,281	-	-	571,371
Total Expenditure	878,123	2,523,059	526,281	948,781	2,901,650	571,371
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(104,643)	(528,637)	862,411	258,808	(542,893)	360,957

Notes to the Income Statement:

- The Group has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources. The identified segments are International Church Partnerships (ICP), Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA), Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA). These segments relate to the parent entity only.
- COCOA funds are used exclusively for International Aid and Development activity.
- ICP Funds are used in International Religious Adherence Promotion and Welfare Programs.
- IMA Funds are used in Domestic Indigenous Programs.
- No funds are used for International or Domestic Political Programs.

Breakdown by Country

Funds sent to International Church Partnership Programs				Funds sent to Churches of Christ Overseas Aid and Development Programs			
ICP Program	\$	Associate Partners	\$	COCOA Program	\$	Associate Partners	\$
Bangladesh	20,220	India	-	Bangladesh ANCP	86,770		-
Fiji	50,176	South Korea	2,090	Fiji	-		-
India	-			India	30,784		
Indonesia	27,200			India ANCP	253,656		
Philippines	50,676			Papua New Guinea	-		
Papua New Guinea	33,038			South Sudan	124,500		
South Sudan	9,907			Thailand	-		
Thailand	5,000			Vanuatu	18,414		
Vanuatu	4,473			Vanuatu ANCP	85,614		
Vietnam	24,646			Zimbabwe	114,621		
Zimbabwe	32,071			Zimbabwe ANCP	432,542		
People in Mission	39,097			Emergency	75,350		
Emergency	-			Other	36,129		
Other	43,585						
Project Total	340,089	Project Total	2,090	Project Total	1,258,381	Project Total	-
ICP Total	342,179			COCOA Total	1,258,381		

Funds sent to Indigenous Ministries Australia Programs			
IMA Program	\$	Associate Partners	\$
Australia	133,120		-
Project Total	133,120	Project Total	-
IMA Total	133,120		

Grand Total	1,733,680
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Notes to the Breakdown by Country:

- These figures are derived from the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements available at www.gmp.org.au
- Global Mission Partners provides Associate Partners support for ministries that lack the systems required for operational functionality. These are legacy ministries that Global Mission Partners does not promote financial support for. Our Associate Partners in South Korea are Geon Homes and Korea Christian Gospel Mission, and in India, Reaching Hand Society.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	625,971	777,088
Trade and Other Receivables	123,905	426,476
Other Financial Assets	300,000	150,000
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	1,220,000	720,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,269,876	2,073,564
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Other Financial Assets	2,538,326	3,396,219
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,253,333	1,254,016
Intangible Assets	46,417	32,313
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3,838,076	4,682,548
TOTAL ASSETS	6,107,952	6,756,112
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	848,666	943,476
Employee Benefits	240,325	204,324
Borrowings	72,543	82,543
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,161,534	1,230,343
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	1,256,209	1,921,105
Employee Benefits	-	13,336
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,256,209	1,934,441
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,417,743	3,164,784
NET ASSETS	3,690,209	3,591,328
EQUITY		
Reserves	7,018,926	7,615,101
Retained Earnings	(3,328,717)	(4,023,773)
TOTAL EQUITY	3,690,209	3,591,328

Consolidated Finance Comments

Global Mission Partners’ audited financial reports encompass the full group of entities, including Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Ltd, Global Mission Partners Extend Limited (GMP Extend) and Global Mission Partners Assist Limited (GMP Assist), and cover all program areas—Churches of Christ Overseas Aid, International Church Partnerships and Indigenous Ministries Australia.

Financial Performance:

For the financial year, the Group recorded a surplus of \$98,881. We remain deeply encouraged by the ongoing generosity of our supporters and churches towards our shared mission. Despite the significant challenges posed by the cost-of-living crisis and broader economic uncertainty, we were heartened to see a 6% increase in donations—a wonderful reflection of the strength and faithfulness of our Churches of Christ community. We extend our sincere thanks to our long-standing and new supporters alike, whose commitment continues to sustain and inspire our work.

Total revenue for the year decreased by 6% compared to the previous year, primarily due to a reduction in bequests and legacies. These gifts, while deeply appreciated, are inherently unpredictable and can fluctuate from year to year. Whenever they are received, they make a meaningful contribution to supporting the long-term sustainability of our mission.

On the expenditure side, the Group achieved a 3.5% reduction in total costs, reflecting our continued focus on sound financial management and efficient use of resources across all program and support areas.

Program Impact and Partnerships

The growth in donor support, coupled with the strategic assistance from the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) grants provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), was instrumental in enabling us to continue supporting and scaling our partner programs. These leveraged funds are translating into tangible benefits that are creating meaningful impact across the communities we serve.

National Redress Scheme

The Group continues to carry the liability of the National Redress Scheme on behalf of the Council for Churches of Christ in Australia. The Directors remain confident in the Group’s capacity to meet these commitments, supported by the clear and ongoing backing of the State Conferences of Churches of Christ in Australia. This obligation is held by Global Mission Partners on behalf of the wider Churches of Christ movement and does not relate to Global Mission Partners’ own operational activities. An interest-free payment plan has been established with the National Redress Scheme, and the Directors gratefully acknowledge the collective contribution of the State Conferences in meeting this shared responsibility.

We remain profoundly grateful for the steadfast support of our donors, churches and stakeholders, whose generosity ensures that life-giving partnerships continue to bring hope and lasting change to communities around the world. To all our supporters who contributed to the programs of our life-changing partners this past year, we express our heartfelt gratitude.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Accumulated Funds \$	Restricted Funds \$	Total Funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	(3,687,763)	7,036,926	3,349,163
Surplus for the year	242,165	-	242,165
Transfers to / (from) reserves	(578,175)	578,175	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	(4,023,773)	7,615,101	3,591,328
Surplus for the year	98,881	-	98,881
Transfers to / (from) reserves	596,175	(596,175)	-
Balance at 30 June 2025	(3,328,717)	7,018,926	3,690,209

Statement by the Board

The Board declares that the financial extracts of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Ltd. for the year ended 30 June 2025, as set out on the previous pages, has been derived from, and are consistent with, the full audited consolidated financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Ltd. The full financial report is available on request and is in accordance with relevant legislation, accounting standards, provides a true and fair view of our financial position and performance, and indicates that Global Mission Partners can pay its debts as and when they become due. This Declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for, and on behalf of the Board by:

Gordon Buxton
Board Chair



John Lamerton,
Chief Executive Officer



30 October 2025

Independent Audit Report



Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Ltd
ABN 30 455 408 814

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

Opinion
The summary financial statements, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, Note 24(b) of the financial statements are derived from the audited financial report of Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2025.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

Summary Financial Statements
The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor’s report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon
We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 30 October 2025.

Board’s Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements
The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summary financial statements.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.



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Dated: 30 October 2025

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Australian Churches of Christ
Global Mission Partners Ltd.

Churches of Christ established the Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners (GMP) in 1891. Our strong history is evident in the quality and values of our partnerships, both internationally and in Australia.

Our Vision:

Every Christian active in God’s mission, offering hope, love and restoration throughout the world.

Our Mission:

Global Mission Partners exists to inspire and resource locally-led, high-impact, community development and Christian partnerships.

Our Values:

- Jesus-Centred
- Locally-Led
- Courageous
- Collaborative
- Trustworthy

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Global Mission Partners is a company limited by guarantee. The company members are the State Churches of Christ bodies and the Council of Churches of Christ in Australia, and each appoints up to two voting representatives. The members elect the directors. Global Mission Partners is registered in each State according to local requirements for fundraising.

Global Mission Partners fulfills its mission through three distinct programs:

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA)

is an approved aid and development program with a focus on empowering communities in poverty.

International Church Partnerships (ICP) prioritises church planting and development, evangelism and outreach, and the training and development of leaders.

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA)

focuses on Indigenous ministry and development.



Global Mission Partners is fully accredited by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing the Australian Government’s development program. Global Mission Partners receives support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Global Mission Partners is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory code of practice (www.acfid.asn.au). The ACFID Code of Conduct describes standards of practice for its members, including a complaints procedure. Please direct any complaints regarding GMP to the Chief Executive Officer on +618 7523 3580. Complaints regarding breaches of the Code can also be directed to ACFID (www.acfid.asn.au).

Global Mission Partners is also a member of the Church Agencies Network, Micah Australia, and the ACT Alliance. Based on communications with our partners, all statistics presented were accurate at the time of printing.



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