


A black and white photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there are terraced fields and a river winding through the valley. In the background, there are mountains under a cloudy sky. A yellow rectangular box with a thick border is centered over the image, containing the word "EXPANSION" in bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters.

EXPANSION

ON MISSION



**Do not withhold
good from those
to whom it is due,
when it is in your
power to act.**

Proverbs 3:27 (Justice Bible)

STRATEGY

Vision Statement

We are Christians who exist to bring hope to humanity, raise leaders, establish Hope Centres that transform communities, both down the road and around the globe.

H O P E

Our aim is to see individuals and communities find hope and wholeness through the transforming power of the Gospel message. Our acronym is **HOPE**. Everything we do is an activity which champions:

HOLISTIC MINISTRY

Serving the whole person (spirit, soul, mind, body) and their community.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Creating voice and inclusion for everyone in the community regardless of race, gender, creed or economic status. In overseas contexts Indigenous locals must always be empowered as active participants, not passive recipients.

PARTNERSHIP

Engaging with communities and their representatives to see them flourish with dignity, transformation and empowerment. This also means not duplicating efforts or ignoring solutions already working within communities, and includes key collaboration with stakeholders like governments, NGOs, family and community leaders or like minded others who want the same outcomes.

ECONOMIC HEALTH

Fostering sustainability, empowerment, and sound stewardship of finances, gifts, resources and people. This matrix allows us to determine opportunities. If they empower locals, are two-way, foster independence, enhance dignity, are sustainable, reinforce community cohesion, use current best practice models and methods and utilise good strategy; we are more likely to initiate, support or advocate for these partnerships. This approach has served us well and continues to yield fruit internationally.

It is such an honour to lead a church that is motivated by devotion to their God and a genuine love for people. We mean it when we say, "everything we do is ...because people matter."

This edition of the Expansion Magazine captures so many amazing stories of people and projects to which you have contributed. Hope Centre people have embraced the challenge to pray, give and go in response to the Great Commission.

The word that we have embraced in this season of ministry is 'Breakthrough'. We are believing for breakthrough in our missional endeavours both down the road and around the globe. Last year you helped sow more than one million dollars into helping change lives in Jesus' Name. We want to thank you for your radical generosity. Could it be in our Year of Breakthrough that we go to even greater levels of giving?!

The stories told on the following pages are a snapshot of the exciting things achieved through your participation in Expansion. We trust you are inspired. God is speaking to us about embracing the challenge of how we engage in mission at every level: local, national and global. This will require some fresh definition, greater faith and new levels of willingness to pray, give and go in order to fulfil Acts 1:8.

We appreciate you and look forward to seeing what we can do together in the coming 12 months... whether it's a project in a local neighbourhood or an international initiative on a grand scale.

Thank you and we love you,

WAYNE & LYN ALCORN

SENIOR PASTORS – HOPE CENTRE



Through The Hope Store, we took over 400 requests for Prayer and over 230 Connections were made with people in the Beenleigh community.

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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Our community mission work currently covers the Moreton Bay Region, Brisbane City, Logan City and the Ipswich Region. Outworked through our local campuses, our teams have the ability to meet the individual needs of each of our cities. In the pages that follow, you will read either stories, stats or facts of how we are reaching local communities.

THE HOPE STORE

The Hope Store is situated centrally in the Beenleigh CBD and is not only a quality pre-loved clothing shop, but is also a wonderful connection point for the Beenleigh Community. It's a place where everyone is welcome.

LET'S HELP DAY

Our community mission work continues 24/7, 365 days of the year. Our **Let's Help day** is an opportunity for the whole church to come together on the same day to help our community. Our goal this year is to complete 25 community projects, with 250 volunteers, all on the one day! In addition to helping our community, our Let's Help day provides an opportunity to raise funds to support the growing work of Hope Centre's community mission work.

HOPE SPACE

Located at our Brisbane Campus, the Hope Space is a dedicated space to help others. It is available for community partnerships and purposes. *City Wide Skills and Services* hosts 'Work For The Dole' computer skills training, community impact based projects, job application support and mentoring three days per week. Tim Bean reports that **up to 50% of participants** go on to further study or employment.

"Bec is an engineer who has not worked for years. She suffers from anxiety which limits her chances to work. Thom, an employee of City Wide Skills and Services, worked closely with her, upgrading her resume, involving her in team work etc. and she grew in confidence daily. Bec recently successfully applied for a chemical research position in New Zealand. She now lives happily there and is grateful for all our support."

SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES

SCHOOL START UP 2017

In 2017, over \$14, 500 was distributed to schools in the Moreton, Logan, Ipswich and Brisbane areas via our partner program Scripture Union Qld. The money went to 24 schools and their chaplains, supporting students in need of equipment, uniform and other school supplies or educational resources. Jennifer Bennett, Chaplain of Yeronga State High School, reported:

“I organised a full set of uniforms (formal and sports) for a Year 11 boy today using the start-up money. His family home was destroyed in a fire last weekend, and hasn’t been at school for a week now. He is one of 5 children to a single Mum, and they are African refugees. It was so good to be able to help.”

BREKKY CLUB - THE EMBASSY YOUTH

Through The Embassy Youth Brekky Club, we were able to:

- Reach 8 schools on a regular basis
- Cook 14,000 pancakes and 1,000 sausages
- Interact with an average of 500+ Students per week
- Mobilise 25 volunteers

CHAPLAINS – PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOL

We currently support the work of SU Chaplains in 12 schools across South East Queensland. Some of these schools have Hope Centre people as chaplains; others are schools that we support through brekky clubs or teaching RE. On the following page is a list of schools and the number of students who attend. Through School Chaplaincy, we have such a great opportunity to make a significant impact on future generations.

Each year, World Teacher Appreciation Day is celebrated in October across schools in Queensland. This is another opportunity for us to strengthen the hand of our school chaplains as Hope Centre people bake cupcakes, muffins, brownies and other culinary delights for chaplains to distribute within their school community.



UNI OUTREACH

In the past year, our Young Adults partnered with Red Frogs and QUT Kelvin Grove Residential College - Iglu. You enabled us to:

- Give away 8kg of Allen’s Red Frogs
- Have 6 pancake cook ups onsite with 740 pancakes being made
- Interact with 120 students
- Be part of 5 Iglu College events that involved Red Frogs volunteers
- Invited students to be part of our 2 Hope Centre YA events
- Mobilise 8 Hope Centre Uni volunteers
- 7 students from Iglu College have attended a Hope Centre church service, 2 students from Iglu College now call Hope Centre home

School	Chaplain	Student Nos
Mansfield State High	Glen Petersen	2430
Earnshaw College		700
Bardon State School	Daniel Baxter	320
Stafford State School		280
Fig Tree Pocket State School	Julia Banks	480
Kenmore South State School	Jilanna Craig	640
The Glenleighden School		90
Deception Bay State School	Grant Austin Chaplaincy Committee	650
Scarborough State School		900
Kippa Ring State School	Schools we assist through Mimi’s	360
Clontarf State School		480
Murrumba Downs State School		490
Kedron State High School		1500
Yeronga State High School	Jennifer Bennett	750
Yeronga State School		700

MIMI'S HOUSE

Mimi's House provides an innovative, early intervention support service for at risk children in the Moreton Bay region of Queensland. It targets children 5 to 10 years old who find it difficult to develop emotionally, socially and academically at school. These children are highly vulnerable and at risk of falling out of the education system entirely. Mimi's House was founded in 2012 and since then, it has taken 120 children through its program. Since 2014, Mimi's House has been collecting data on the behaviour, emotional and social wellbeing and children's academic performance upon commencement and completion of the program. While only based on a small sample initial findings, it shows that:

- After participating in the program, students are better engaged in class and learning
- Have improved class attendance (100% of survey respondents reported some improvement);
- Improved behaviour (86% of survey respondents).

In September 2016, Hope Centre Services entered a three-year venture philanthropy partnership agreement with Social Ventures Australia. This partnership is intended to facilitate the growth of the Mimi's program from 3 days per week to 5 days per week in Moreton. As of 2017, Mimi's House has now 50 students going through the program from four partner schools, extra staff in the form of a second coordinator, three program support workers, and a Family Support worker.

HOPE CENTRE

SERVICES

Through **Transport Assistance** (our bus fleet), we help over a 100 people every week either get to church (to attend their weekly church service) or attend Youth (on Friday nights).

Our **Live Well Logan program**, has upwards of 140 people in attendance with a majority of them coming from 20 different nations. Live Well Logan is also a Logan City Council initiative and funds one of our Fitness Classes. The classes run during school terms and aim to inspire a healthy community, by providing a variety of free physical activities and healthy living programs for everyone to enjoy. As a community outreach we offer free child minding in our state of the art Hope Zone, child safe playground where the children get to have a play and make new friends whilst their parents utilise these classes.



Our **Night Watch Chaplains**, under the leadership of Lance Mergard, patrol the Brisbane entertainment precincts by vehicle and on foot, between the hours of 11pm and dawn every Friday and Saturday night. They are able to offer some unique services, which encompasses crisis intervention, conflict resolution, front-line first aid, support and welfare assistance to people. Their rapid response service works in partnership with other official services - Police, Ambulance, City Council, venue management and security, taxi operations and other city stakeholders.

Our Chaplains, Michael & Gloria Hebert, have been able to share the Gospel whilst visiting patients in **hospital** and the elderly in an Aged Care facility at Kelvin Grove, where Michael is now a Chaplain.



Darryl and Edwina Lingwoodock head up the **Indigenous Communities Support team** at Hope Centre in partnership with UnitingCare Community. They visit SEQ Gatton and Barollen correctional centres each week as Prison Chaplains. Other Indigenous initiatives they are involved in include, the National launch of Alpha for Our Mob series and Australians Together, a program to church leaders in the South East Queensland region. Darryl and Edwina sit on the ACC National Indigenous Initiative Committee and play a significant part in the planning of the **NAIDOC** festivities in Musgrave Park every July which involved 80 Hope Centre volunteers in 2016.

We have established relationships with 20 families in the Logan community through our **Mainly Music** program. It not only is a fun place for under 5's to play, dance, sing and learn, but it has also been the perfect environment to find out how we can assist families in need.

Through our **Emergency Assistance – Connect & Crisis**, we are able to assist families and people in crisis by providing emergency food parcels. By connecting with them at their appointment, we develop relationship with the aim to connect them to the wider community or other services where necessary.

In Logan, we have the highest per capita rates of **domestic violence** of any Australian city, resulting in a staggering 75% of all police call-outs. As a leadership church, we are called to this city to address the source of this social epidemic. In the past 12 months we have rallied over a dozen local churches, and offered workshops for over 50 leaders in how to effectively engage with domestic abusers. Our home-grown Circuit Breaker course is now being offered by 5 Logan churches; bringing real hope and change to people wrestling with anger and violence in the home.

Kenneth and Judy Pervez have led visitations of **BITA Detention Centre** at Hamilton for the last 3 years. In this time, they, and the volunteers they take with them, have met people from Iran, Bangladesh, Burma, Sri Lanka, Iraq, and many nations of Africa. Their biggest learning is that the needs of detainees are as diverse as their nationalities. Moreover, most people come from cultures where everyone believes in a god, so the opportunity to discuss different belief systems is very open. Our team has had many wonderful opportunities to discuss misconceptions about Christianity, trying always to bring hope to those in detention and assuring them that they matter to our God. They are still in contact with many individuals and families who are now in Community Detention in Australia or are back in offshore detention, on Nauru and Christmas Island.

In 2017, **J Crews** have formed around projects, emergencies and community response initiatives requiring practical assistance. Teams of tradies with volunteer supporters have called upon to respond to flood damage, maintenance and moving requests from the elderly, infirmed and bereaved.

In **Cultural Advocacy and Support**, we work alongside migrants and the Pacific Islander community in Logan and assist them in in preparation and job seeking, life skills, settling in the community and language support.



Our **English Conversation Classes** have a weekly attendance of about 20 students that is composed of 12 regulars, and approximately 5-8 new students per month. This year alone we have hosted 27 different nationalities including Saudi Arabian, Moroccan, Jordanian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Colombian, Brazilian and more. After our Sunday afternoon class, about 80% of the students attend the evening church service. We have enabled text to screen during the service and follow up with the group after the service with supper and a discussion on the sermon including assistance with vocabulary and addressing questions. The class is run by 8 native English speaking volunteers and 8 students who help run the program in various ways. In the past 12 months, there have been 9 salvations and 6 baptisms through the ESL class.

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Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

N A T I O N



DESERT LIFE CHURCH - ALICE SPRINGS

Along with many other amazing initiatives, Desert Life Church has established a strategic local partnership with the Alice Springs Domestic Violence Shelter.

The story below is a great testimony of how God has opened the door for us to share the love of Jesus with many.

“Di Gipey is the CEO of the Alice Springs Women’s Shelter. For a number of years she has been attending DLC. Together with Danielle Teefy, Di has crafted a strategic partnership for DLC and Alice Springs on the issue of domestic violence - a shocking and evil feature.

Our women have established a safe space in the main street of Alice which serves as a drop in centre, training space, referral centre and place of refuge. Recently, we held an evening workshop there and people from the community attended with great results. This type of community partnership sets the pace for how churches, like ours, can influence the community, serve its deepest needs and activate for healing in its deepest hurts.”

A REPORT FROM PASTOR BEN & DANIELLE TEEFY

LEAD PASTORS - DESERT LIFE CHURCH, A HOPE CENTRE

DESERT LIFE CHURCH**ALICE SPRINGS**

We saw a new high water mark in tithes and offerings.

Our mission giving also set a new high and beat previous record by \$33,000. We set a faith goal of \$100,000 for mission and the church gave \$113,000!

Our number of small groups has doubled.

In 2016, 170 new people joined DLC and although the transient nature of Alice Springs meant we farewelled quite a few families, the church has grown!

We now hold weekly open air Gospel meetings in Town Camps for those who cannot get to church. We saw a number of great testimonies! One lady (an ice addict) came straight to church after being released from jail. She gave her life to Jesus and was instantly delivered and hasn't touched drugs or alcohol since. And it's been a year now!

We ran a huge crusade with Billy Graham's grandson, Will Graham, and saw thousands of Indigenous people from the surrounding remote communities attend. Over 600 of them made a first time decision for Christ.

Our Kidman St Indigenous service has doubled in size and continues to grow.

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HOPE FOR OTHERS

God has blessed Hope Centre. We are a leadership church that is called to raise leaders both in the context of our local church and churches beyond by resourcing, equipping and training their leaders. We have a motto, 'we can't lead what we won't serve', knowing that to whom much has been given, much is required.

The following initiatives are just 3 examples of how we outwork our leadership mandate.

HOPE CONNECT

Our church formally and intentionally invests into the leadership of ten other churches through Hope Connect. This is an opportunity for our senior leadership to regularly gather with and train the leaders of these churches. Our goal is to see these leaders and their churches strengthened to reach their communities in Jesus' Name.



WORSHIP TOGETHER

Worship Together started three years ago, out of a desire to see walls broken down between local churches and denominations. These free events have provided an opportunity for worship leaders and pastors to come and be encouraged while building relationships with other like-minded people.

We have seen exciting growth with over 1400 people attending a single night last year. Hope Centre has had the opportunity to host a growing number of worships teams from across Brisbane with over 40 churches represented.

More than individual events, Worship Together has strengthened genuine kingdom relationships, building connections across the ACC, but also with many other denominations.



SHE STANDS FOR JUSTICE

She Stands for Justice is a conference to start conversations, provoke thoughts and spark new ideas into how we can administer justice on earth in Jesus' Name. Since its inception three years ago, She Stands reaches a capacity crowd of pastors, leaders and every day women from all around our nation – people who are passionate about, or even, overwhelmed by how to respond to the injustices of our world. Through this conference, Hope Centre has forged relationships with key community stakeholders and governing bodies that work in the justice space – and it as given way to have an influential voice in our community. It has also allowed us to collaborate with churches from different denominations in bringing the heart of who God is into the justice conversation.

TRAINING

HOPE ACADEMY

In 2016, 26 students from our ministry training facility Hope Academy, took a mission trip to Alice Springs to work with Desert Life Church with community engagement programs. During the trip, our students:

- Helped run various programs including Lightforce; designed specifically for community Indigenous children, youth and their families.
- They also assisted at the Domestic Violence Shelter in the refurbishment of their children's area, and maintenance to their property.
- Students were able to assist with the clean up of the church after the recent storms.
- At the Alice Spring Show, students ran the Desert Life Church stand where they connected with people and help build stronger relationships between the community and the local church.
- Students experienced the 'Town Camps' where they were able to share the gospel.

In 2017, our First-Year students will head to Alice Springs (July) and our Second-Year students will be travelling to Vietnam to work with Kelvin and Rebekah Windsor (September).

NEXT

The aim of the NEXT group is to create a solid foundation and a clear pathway for the up and coming generation to fulfil the call of leadership they have on their life. A select group of ten young adult leaders, who actively serve within the life of the church, meet over the course of the year to be equipped, inspired and directed towards further developing that call through training and discipleship with the Senior Pastors.

AC UNI

Alphacrucis is the National Bible College of Australian Christian Churches – and provides the accreditation for Hope Academy. Educating people to minister and become faith filled business people, educators, Church and community leaders is a priority of Alphacrucis College. Our stated Mission is 'Equipping Christian leaders to change the world'.

The demand for student places at the College is growing every year and the exciting news is that Alphacrucis is on a path to become Australia's first non-Catholic Christian University.

Our church leadership have decided to invest significant funds into the vision of seeing Alphacrucis College become Australia's first true protestant (Christian) university. We see this as an exciting opportunity to partner in the creation of a legacy that will influence future students and leaders of our nation and beyond.

YOUTH ALIVE

"Young people are the future of our nation and we believe this is a future worth living." Cameron Bennett (National Youth Alive Director)
In 2016, Youth Alive's UNITED WE STAND (#UWS16) event was held in 75 locations across the nation with tens of thousands of young people gathered on one night (August 19) to lift up the name of Jesus. The week leading up to the event, our Youth teams helped run United We Stand events in schools where we were able to encourage young people to make a difference in their community.

Isaiah 49:6b, ESV

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.



AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

INTERNATIONAL (ACCI)

ONE DAY

One Day is a simple idea with a powerful impact: give one day's salary to impact communities around the world for good. Since this idea was implemented in 2010, One Day has globally raised \$1.7million and impacted 305,878 individuals across 25 countries. These finances have assisted in providing mobility aids for the disabled, building wells, teaching good health principles, hosting women's conferences, providing Bibles, training church leaders and much more. Hope Centre contributes to this initiative by contributing our Christmas Day offering each year. Thank you for your generosity.

ADOPT A VILLAGE – TAM THANH

Last year, Hope Centre commenced a partnership with AOG World Relief Vietnam to adopt the village of Tam Thanh, located close to the city of Da Nang. This project is all about community transformation for long term sustainability.

In August 2016, a small team from Hope Centre visited Tam Thanh where they were involved in the initial baseline survey of the village. This survey identified some of the unique needs of Tam Thanh and led to fruitful community consultation, resulting in a Development Action Plan being drawn up and implemented.

This September, our 2nd year Hope Academy Interns will be going to Tam Thanh to work alongside Kelvin & Rebekah in another stage of development – installing water filtration systems. One of the very basics needs is to provide a clean and reliable water supply within the 3 local schools. Part of this process will also include training in hygiene. Another project, in which they will be involved, is building gardens within these schools. Hope Women have also been involved by raising funds to assist in resourcing not only these projects but also those in the area of maternal health and nutrition training. This is only the beginning of what will be an exciting journey as we work together with AOG World Relief Vietnam and the community members of Tam Thanh.

ONE LIFE PARTNERSHIP

Hope Centre is a One Life Partner. The funds we contribute to ACCI enable them to staff their operations centre, provide practical assistance and advise to field workers and help ensure that our monthly mission contributions have the best possible impact.

MISSIONARIES – LOCALLY BASED

Grant & Bek Cunningham - Having left Hope Centre staff at the end of 2016, Grant & Bek have embarked on a journey of faith as they continue to work with teenagers, by presenting 'To Be You' seminars in high schools, at youth camps and churches.

John & Val Lewis - For many years, John & Val have been traveling across the State (and Nation) training, assisting and encouraging pastors in regional districts and remote areas. Their contribution is highly valued and appreciated.

Carl Butler - Carl is an Evangelist who continues to travel to many countries to share the Gospel. Many doors of opportunity have opened for Carl in countries like Malaysia, India, Singapore, Myanmar, USA and, or course, New Zealand and Australia.

MISSIONARIES – GLOBALLY BASED

Kelvin & Rebekah Windsor - Based in Vietnam, Kelvin & Rebekah head up many of the community development programs, working with community leaders to bring about sustainable transformation in the areas of health, hygiene & first aid training, supply of medical equipment, resourcing schools and so much more.

Josh & Rachel Hilton - Newly appointed to Vietnam, Josh, Rach and their 3 young children (Ellia, Asher, Macie) will be based in Da Nang where they will be involved in micro enterprise, community development and life skills programs.

Ross & Donna Winchester - Based in China, Ross & Donna take a practical approach to outreach by serving local people, especially children, through a community centre. They engage young people through concerts, equip boys with life skills, encourage women and girls to see their value and worth through the 'Flourish' program.

Doug & Anna Boyle - Having moved from Kazakhstan to Georgia, Doug & Anna have a heart to share the Gospel with the Muslim population within Georgia, Iran and Turkey. Many of those, whose lives have been transformed, have gone on to plant churches, work as missionaries or join the Teen Challenge team.

As part of our Expansion giving, we contributed thousands of dollars to various ACCI projects and missionary support over the past 12 months.

\$46,000

Missionary Support

\$850

2017 She Styles – Adopt a Village

\$1000

2017 Cyclone Debbie

\$10,000

2016 Haiti

\$8,800

2016 Fiji Disaster Relief

\$5,000

2016 One Day

\$5,000

2016 Young Adults - Pakistan family

Matthew 9:38 (NKJV)

The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, PRAY the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

P R A Y

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

G I V E

Isaiah 6: 8 (NLT)

'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will GO for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'

G O

Expansion Giving

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift makes a difference. For Expansion Mission giving options, including tax-deductible giving, please see our website hopecentre.com/give, use the giving envelope or speak with one of our friendly volunteers at the HUB.

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