

NEW HEART

2021 ANNUAL

REPORT



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We are all still living in the midst of a CoVid impacted world. However, we are grateful for the relatively small disruptions that we have faced as a Church this year compared to 2020 in Brisbane.

We are so grateful for the staff, leaders and volunteers who have helped us navigate the ever changing world landscape. Special thanks to Ps Brad, Covid wardens, and Welcome teams for keeping us meeting live, safely.

As you can see from the stats and stories in the report, there are so many things for us to celebrate and give thanks for. Isn't our God good!!!

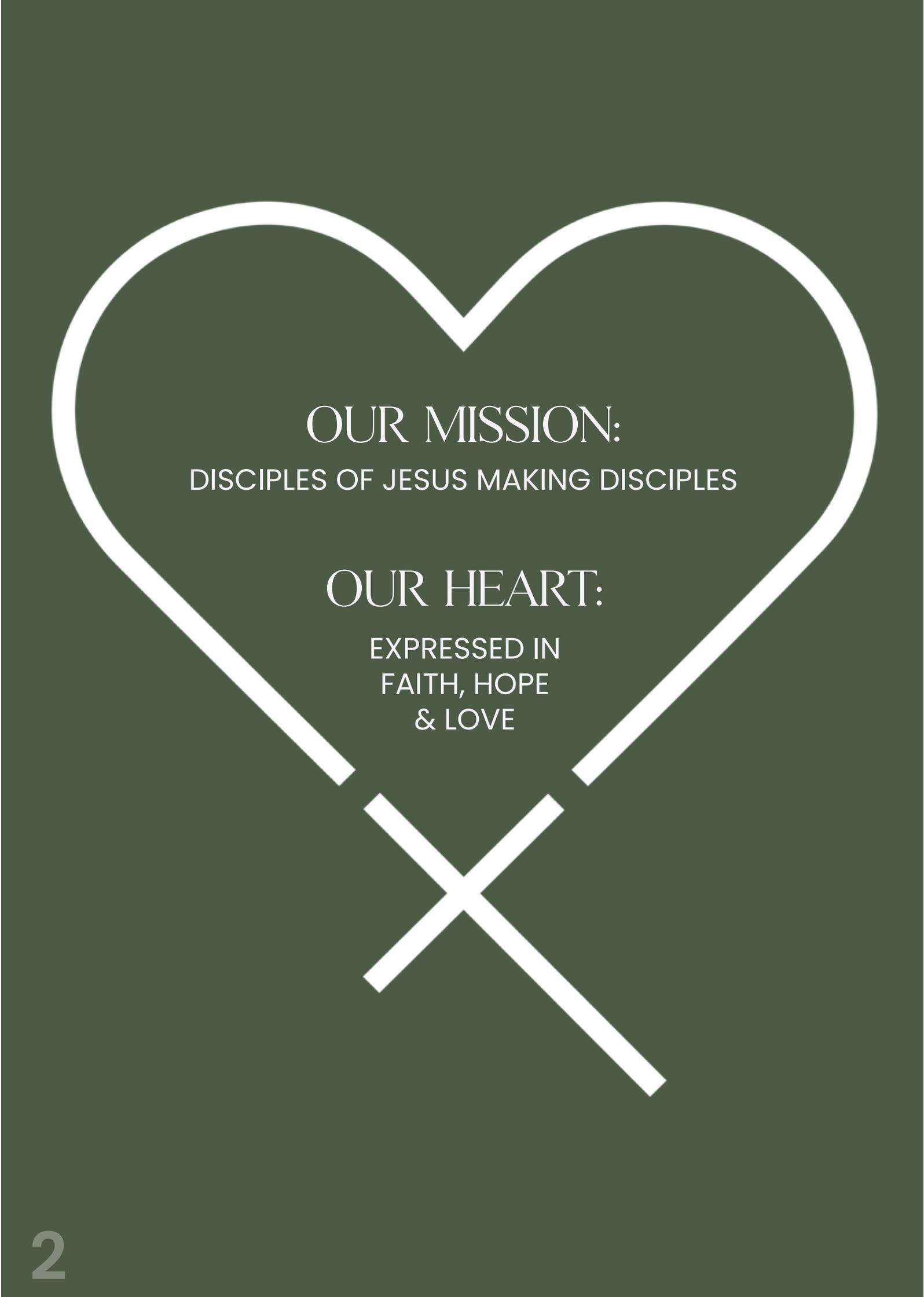
We want to express our thanks to all our amazing co-workers, Partners, Elders, staff, local and global missions' teams,

congregation leaders, Life Group leaders, Youth and New Heart Kids leaders, sound desk and worship teams, and all our many volunteers. We thank you for your dedication and your service to serve Jesus, His Church and the world with your gifts, time and resources. We love working alongside you. What a privilege and honour!

As we move into a new phase of living with CoVid, we are looking forward to moving into the things that God would have us do as a Church, to share the hope of the Good News with more people, and to equip more people to be fruitful disciple makers.

I look forward to sharing with you some of the exciting things we hope to explore and pioneer in 2022 at our meeting.

LOVE FROM PASTOR PAUL & MICHELLE



OUR MISSION:
DISCIPLES OF JESUS MAKING DISCIPLES

OUR HEART:

EXPRESSED IN
FAITH, HOPE
& LOVE

OUR VALUES

1 **ALWAYS JESUS**
EVERYTHING BELONGS TO JESUS
HE IS ALWAYS OUR NUMBER ONE

2 **YOUR STORY**
YOU MATTER, WE WANT TO HEAR
YOUR STORY AND SHARE OURS
WITH YOU

3 **GOOD NEWS**
GOD IS GOOD AND GOD IS LOVE
AND WHAT JESUS HAS DONE IS
THE BEST NEWS FOR EVERYONE

4 **POWER FOR CHANGE**
THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS IS
THAT HE TRANSFORMS LIVES AND
GOD PROVIDES THE POWER TO
HELP US LIVE OUT OUR FAITH

5 **DISCOVER TOGETHER**
WE BELONG TO A SPIRITUAL FAMILY
WHO ARE DEVOTED TO SEEKING
AND SHARING JESUS WITH ONE
ANOTHER AND THE WORLD



**N E W
FOLLOWERS
& BELIEVERS**

31 NEW FOLLOWERS

29 BAPTISMS

By being obedient to what God wants me to do, I felt I was given authority to share the Good News even more!

I never understood what it meant to be baptised, I did not know why anyone would do it or what they would get from it.

I was raised in a home surrounded by substance abuse & violence. I always believed my life would never amount to much, but I always hoped I would hit the jackpot or become famous.

When I personally met Jesus in jail, I began to understand that baptism is being re-born.

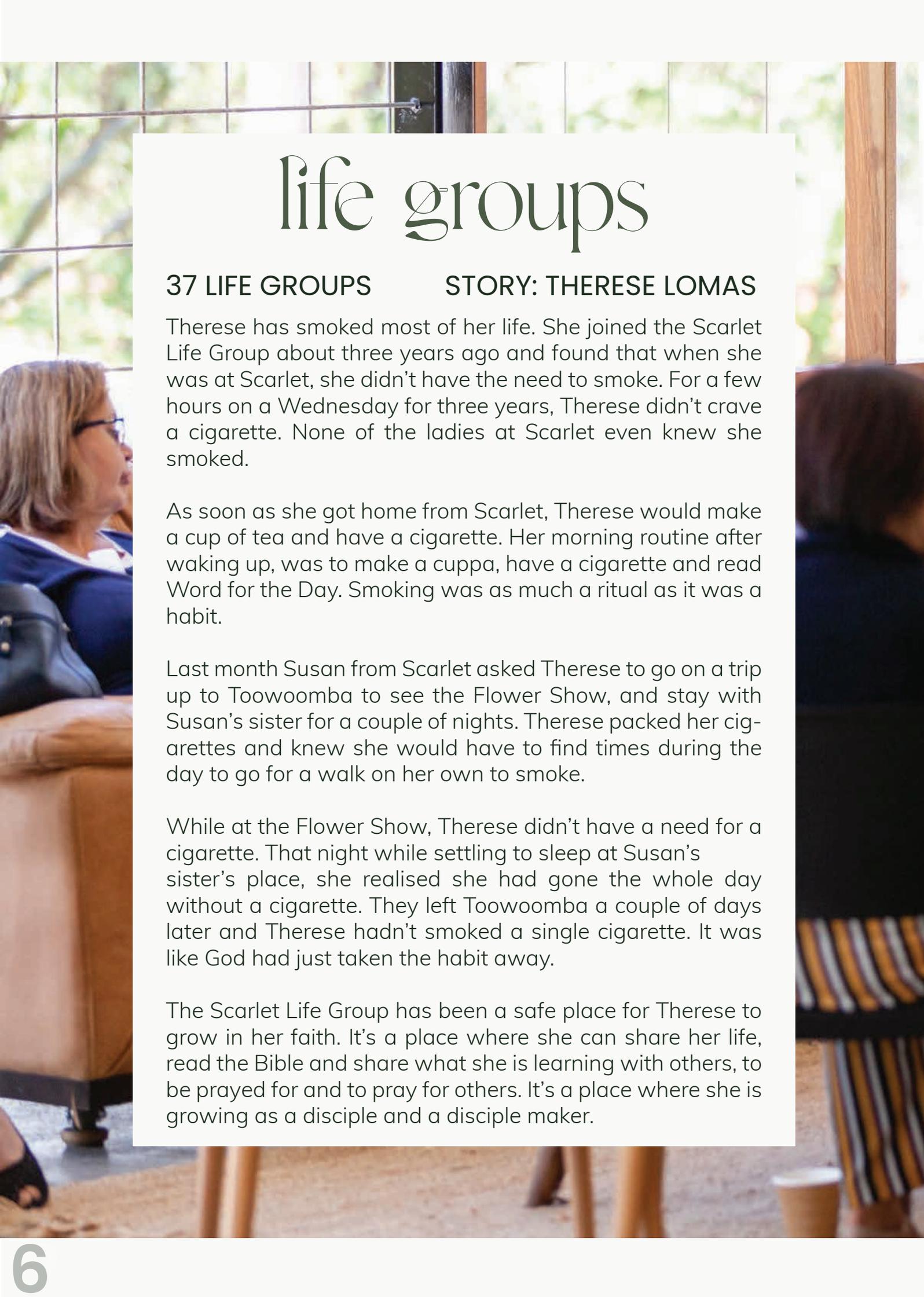
Once I was released from jail & I continued to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, I didn't rush to get baptised. But once I felt the Holy Spirit lead me to this, I approached Pastor Brad to set a day, & two women (Chrissy & Debbie) made time

to go through New Heart's baptism booklet to make sure I understood what I was doing.

I was baptised at New Heart Rochedale by Debbie, a chaplain who led me to the Lord, who loved me from the day I met her. What I got from it was (more) freedom. By being obedient to what God wants me to do, I felt I was given authority to share the Good News even more! I was overwhelmed with joy & love. I was re-born into God's family, where I finally belong & have hit that jackpot!

I continue to grow, to share the message of life & truth. My life has purpose & is overflowing with God's love & grace.

STORY BY JASMINE PERESE



life groups

37 LIFE GROUPS

STORY: THERESE LOMAS

Therese has smoked most of her life. She joined the Scarlet Life Group about three years ago and found that when she was at Scarlet, she didn't have the need to smoke. For a few hours on a Wednesday for three years, Therese didn't crave a cigarette. None of the ladies at Scarlet even knew she smoked.

As soon as she got home from Scarlet, Therese would make a cup of tea and have a cigarette. Her morning routine after waking up, was to make a cuppa, have a cigarette and read Word for the Day. Smoking was as much a ritual as it was a habit.

Last month Susan from Scarlet asked Therese to go on a trip up to Toowoomba to see the Flower Show, and stay with Susan's sister for a couple of nights. Therese packed her cigarettes and knew she would have to find times during the day to go for a walk on her own to smoke.

While at the Flower Show, Therese didn't have a need for a cigarette. That night while settling to sleep at Susan's sister's place, she realised she had gone the whole day without a cigarette. They left Toowoomba a couple of days later and Therese hadn't smoked a single cigarette. It was like God had just taken the habit away.

The Scarlet Life Group has been a safe place for Therese to grow in her faith. It's a place where she can share her life, read the Bible and share what she is learning with others, to be prayed for and to pray for others. It's a place where she is growing as a disciple and a disciple maker.



NEW HEART
CONGREGATIONS



rochedale morning

317 PEOPLE

PS BRAD GARDINER

This year has been like a box of chocolates. From week to week, you never know what you are going to get. Although there has been uncertainty, I thank each person for their patience and resilience.

Despite restrictions, we have met together building community because it takes a community to make disciples. Together we have met in “Gatherings”, Life Groups and celebrated being community and doing life together. I have celebrated the stories of faith that we regularly hear in our services.

We kicked off this year with the Alpha Course and had over 40 participants. It was highly successful in people accepting Christ and being filled with the Holy Spirit. However, the success of the course would not have been possible without the amazing team of helpers. A team that used their gifts and abilities to come together as one and were phenomenal. We have also journeyed with 31 couples through the Marriage Course. Many learned new things about each other, and it was wonderful to hear of relationships being enriched.

I am grateful to our amazing Congregation Leaders for their support and promoting spiritual health through pastoral care, mentoring, discipling ministry leaders, and encouraging Life Group engagement.

My hope and prayer for 2022, (the year of walking 2 by 2), is to strengthen and grow new Life Groups and build relationships that transform lives to be passionate followers of Jesus. Also, as Disciples Making Disciples, strengthening relationships and helping each person to know they are loved and accepted for who they are.

My personal thanks to You, for being the community, that makes disciples. I love You.

rochedale evening

25 PEOPLE

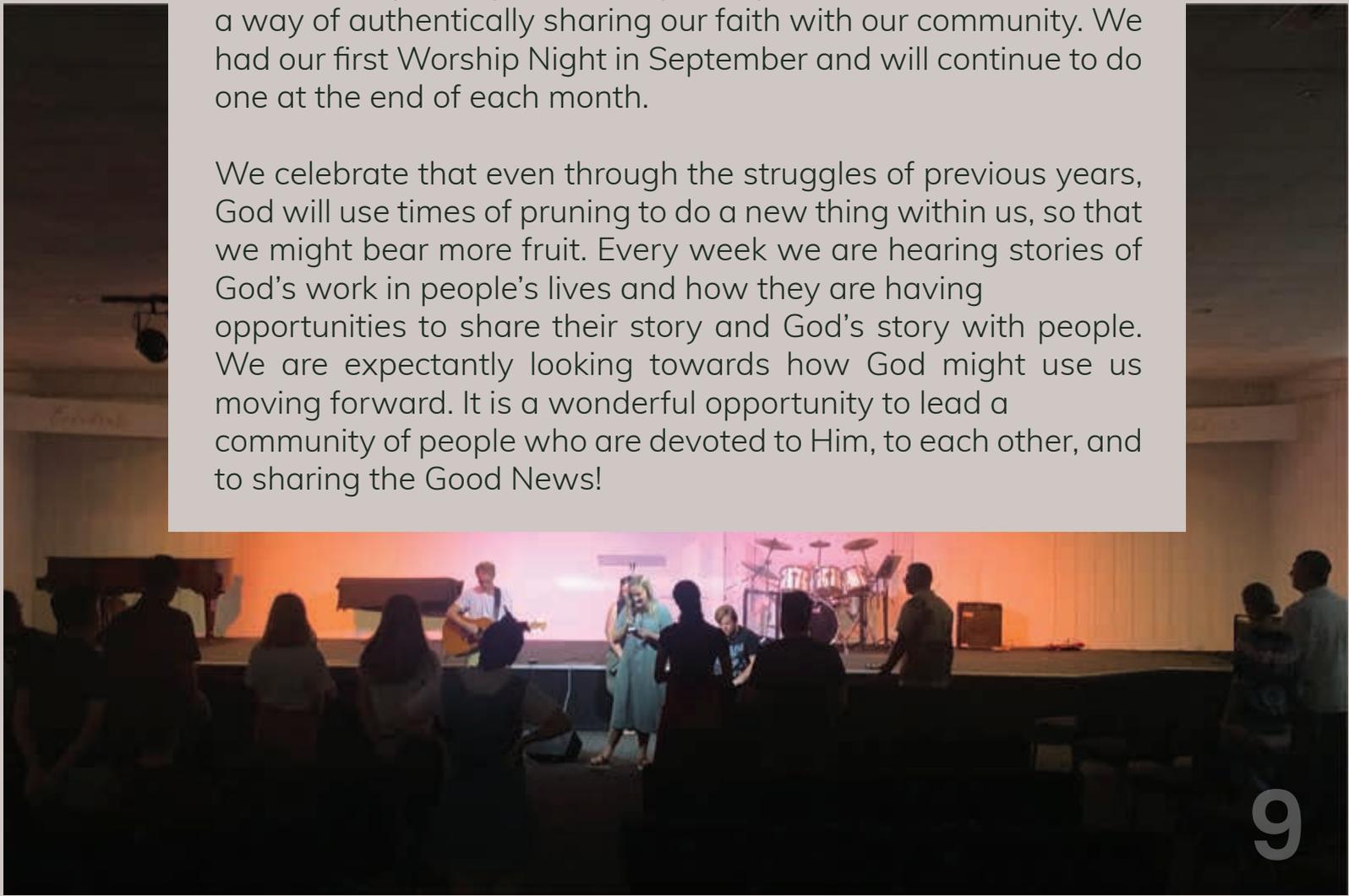
JOSIAH & ZOË VAUGHAN

This past year, God has taken Night Church on a journey for a new vision and a refocusing on local mission as a congregation. Since our appointment in June, our first focus was to spend intentional times of prayer and worship as a group. The Lord created a sense of unity and trust for the group to have honest conversations about 'the elephants in the room' which had created struggles and concerns among us.

As a group, we were able to discuss new priorities and expectations about what our congregation could become. These shared priorities ended up being a devotion to God, a devotion to one another, and a devotion to the Good News. We took these to God and asked Him to breathe life into these areas, and to guide us with ideas, inspiration, and wisdom.

One of the ideas which was carried strongly by many was the idea of doing an 'Open Worship' in a park in Rochedale Estates, a way of authentically sharing our faith with our community. We had our first Worship Night in September and will continue to do one at the end of each month.

We celebrate that even through the struggles of previous years, God will use times of pruning to do a new thing within us, so that we might bear more fruit. Every week we are hearing stories of God's work in people's lives and how they are having opportunities to share their story and God's story with people. We are expectantly looking towards how God might use us moving forward. It is a wonderful opportunity to lead a community of people who are devoted to Him, to each other, and to sharing the Good News!



PS JOE &
MONITA
DUJMOVIC

68 PEOPLE

BALMORAL

Well 2021 was certainly a challenging year for all and here at Balmoral we were still able to experience God's grace and blessing.

A highlight for the year was the baptism of Justin Mann, a wonderful young man who grows from strength to strength in his walk with Jesus. He has become a valuable member of our congregation and youth leadership team. Jaggi and Aman, a lovely couple who have been coming regularly for the past few years have now accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Our worship team is growing and perform live worship every second Sunday. A real blessing and our thanks to all who put an effort onto this. The children continue to develop in their walk with Jesus through the enthusiastic team of wonderful leaders.

Life groups have been an important part in our discipling and strengthening relationships, which have grown in our ladies groups, men's group, family group and the recent children's life group. Thank you to all our leaders.

Our Thursday Playgroup continues to flourish with new mums connecting with our Church families and developing long term relationships.

We have also continued including our congregation leaders in preaching and leading Sunday services. They have been an absolute blessing delivering God's word and love in beautiful and varied ways being both engaging and activating God's spirit in all of us.

We thank all those wonderful people who serve in our local missions and those behind the scenes who keep our Church beautiful, warm and welcoming.

Overall we thank God for His amazing provision, grace and blessing over every person and aspect of this, His wonderful Church!





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PEOPLE

KARENNI

This year has been very difficult for our congregation due to CoVid. We had been meeting in a very small hall. This really affected some of our congregation and our numbers started to decrease.

We have recently moved to a larger place and people are coming back. The hall is not available every Sunday and sometimes we have to use Zoom. This is working well as before our congregation haven't embraced Zoom and we weren't meeting at all during a lockdown. Now they are getting used to it, and we will be able to use it during a lockdown.

We have Home Missions where Church members are visited regularly by our Elders, pastors and other congregational members. It is important that we stay connected and pray for one another. Every family in our Church have family in Burma, and this affects us greatly. All our leaders and Elders faithfully pray together for our Church, our families in Burma and our community.

A highlight for this year happened with a Karenni family we had been in contact with. One day they started thinking properly and decided to give their lives to Jesus, to make Him Lord and Saviour. There was one older person who was very traditional, and could see his children going to Church, that they had become different and wanted a part of this. He gave his life to Jesus! Ten people in this group got baptised this year.

Our vision for 2022 is to see our community and Church to have God in their lives, and be disciples. For the whole Church to work in unity so the Kingdom of God can grow.

new farm start-up

7 CORE TEAM BRYAN & ELOISA GREENHAM

New Farm has finally started to see the small seeds of prayer and dedication begin to grow with a cohort of 12 strong now attending weekly! We are in awe of what God is doing in our small congregation and the sense of community is very robust. We have so many stories of God meeting individuals' needs and healing, including a young lady healed from side effects of a stroke (cold hand) and chronic fatigue. She is running in Park Runs now! We can see she is being absolutely transformed by Jesus this year, which is just the best. Plus, many people have shared how on various occasions God has met financial needs during this year – to the dollar. Praise God as He turns up and blesses our small but strong Church.

As we look forward, we ask you to pray for more Christians to join the team, which God has already begun to provide, and to bring into the fold those who are searching! We are so ready to have new Christians join us and we can't wait to have baptisms and discipleship. If you are looking for a new challenge, we would also ask you to consider joining us at New Heart New Farm, under the tree. There is no doubt God has used this unconventional "Church" to challenge each of us about what Church really means and has stretched our faith. We are also seeking God for where He wants us next, as the tree doesn't provide air-con or shelter for those hot summer days!





logan start-up

9 CORE TEAM

RICHARD WHITE + CRAIG BEHRANS

The highlight for Logan this year would be the baptisms.

It all started with Cam (name changed for privacy). Richard had known Cam for 15 years, their children were babies together. Cam had serious addictions.

Late last year, Cam's brother died and Cam was thinking of taking his life. Richard called the police and Cam said that had saved his life. Richard started meeting with him every Sunday, did the 3 Circles with him, and Cam gave his life to Jesus.

Richard asked him if he would like to get baptised. Cam had done time in jail and was out on probation. He breached his probation but before he went back to jail, he got baptised. When Cam got out of jail, his family got baptised!

The vision for Logan comes from the movie Dunkirk. Dunkirk involved 375 000 men, the same number of people living in Logan. In Dunkirk, the large ships couldn't get to shore, they had to use small boats to get them men out.

Small Churches can get right into a community and reach people one on one, meeting them where they are. This is the vision of NH Logan.

Most of the congregation are people with serious life issues, addictions, broken relationships, and trust issues. Logan want to be a Church that is a safe place for people, to show them how to be survivors with Jesus in their lives.

Logan currently meets in a café and are looking for their own building to be a base for the practical outworking of their vision.

57

PARTICIPATED
IN ALPHA



285

BELONGING
TO LIFE
GROUPS



31

NEW
FOLLOWERS



280

PEOPLE
SERVING
IN A
MINISTRY



29

BAPTISMS



2021 AT NEW HEART

594

BELONGING
TO NEW HEART



6

MISSIONING
GLOBALLY



142

PARTNERS



83

MISSIONING
LOCALLY



40

REGULARLY
ATTEND
PRAYER
MEETINGS



NEW HEART KIDS

86 KIDS

PS JILL GARDINER

Disciples who make disciples is the heart of what we do in New Heart Kids. To walk with them on their journey as they grow in their relationship with Jesus, and helping them discover the plans God has for them and others.

As we reflect on the year and what God has been doing, sometimes it's in the small things is our greatest celebration. Seeing the children each week and the fun and enthusiasm they bring; the stories they tell, the friendships they form, and conversations as children's eyes are opened wide to the idea that God knows everything about them and their future.

Highlights:

Rochedale Campus: This year we shared 3 Circles with children; the simple illustration of how to share Jesus with their friends using 3 simple circles. We allowed space for the children to practice in front of the children. To see how quickly they got the concept was amazing. Some children even added

to the diagram and created their own version of the 3 Circles. One child aged 8 recently shared with the PM Service the 3 Circles. Here was a young child grasping the idea and ready to share with others. If only we were all bold like this child! Ready to share Jesus with others. Another highlight was the privilege of being part of the baptism of one our children.

Balmoral: Seeing children grow from being participants to future leaders of NHK.

How to Pray:

- Pray for more leaders especially across all campuses
- For new families and opportunities to connect with families in Rochedale area

Thank you to my fantastic team of leaders across all campuses who not only give to the children, but they provide me with great support, prayer, and encouragement.



NEW HEART YOUTH

PS BRAD GARDINER

55 YOUTH

Every Friday night during the school term, the Youth Leaders intentionally meet with young people at Rochedale and Balmoral. Many of the young people are from non-Churched homes. The leaders are intentional in building relationships and discipling the young people. This year Rochedale has completed the Youth Alpha Course and has seen five young people accept Christ as Saviour. Praise God!! Balmoral has continued to grow in numbers through further contact and engagement with Balmoral High.

Youth intentionally engages with the young people in building relationships through Life Groups, strengthening the young people's knowledge, understanding and inviting them to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and walk with Him.

I love our Youth leaders and their ability to meet in person or online, even with short notice. Their heart is for these young people to know Jesus. Their stories from Life Group discussions are refreshing and rewarding.

Our Youth Leaders are followers of Jesus, making disciples who make disciples. They plan nights that are creative and dynamic to engage with the young people. They step out of their comfort zones and are present to make a difference in the lives of these young people. They are involved in mid-week Life Groups and breakfast clubs, going above and beyond. I love and celebrate each one of you. Thanks for being AMAZING!



local missions

8 LOCAL MISSIONS SUPPORTED

JOE AND MONITA DUJMOVIC



It's been a busy year for the Local Missions in New Heart, with the growth of most of our outreaches, internships and the Heart 2 Heart Glocal Expo.

The New Heart Internships have continued to develop and grow with 2nd year interns and a new group of 1st year interns. This internship program has been an exciting and rewarding way of developing and disciplining home grow believers into future leaders in our community and across our campuses.

The H2H Glocal expo was an amazing success in showcasing all the different outreach missions New Heart support both Globally and Locally. We are certainly blessed to have so many wonderful people serving in our church, community, nation and internationally.

Some of the Local missions include: New Heart Internships, Chaplaincy at 5 State Schools, Youth groups, Religious Instructions, Breakfast Clubs, Playgroups, Radiance and Shine programs, Prison outreach, Open Haven and Fishers of Men.

We appreciate all the New Heart congregations for their support of the local missions in many various ways, through volunteering, finances, prayers and encouragement. Thank you all so very much and praise God for His provision and blessing.



global missions

6 GLOBAL MISSIONS SUPPORTED

BARBARA AND LINDSAY AND LINDSAY AND FELL

The passion of the members of the Global Mission Team is that all people everywhere should have the opportunity to hear the gospel!

We strive to see our missionaries thrive where they serve – whether in Australia, Thailand, Ecuador or South East Asia. Our missionaries train Church planters, work on cutting edge technologies, educate the children of front line missionaries in creative access countries, and share the Gospel in remote communities. They deserve the best possible support and understanding, and that’s what the GMT aims to provide. It’s also why we share their journeys and needs with the Church to foster informed, intelligent prayer.

How we’ve done this in 2021:

- Encouraged our missionaries through the pandemic: lockdowns, reduced travel, altered circumstances.

- Run training for all our Home Missions Teams
- Conducted a Going Global Missions awareness course for the Karenni Church
- Organized the Going Glocal Expo
- Organised prayer updates and monthly mission spots
- Helped Abby prepare to return to Ecuador.

2021 Highlights

- The release of the Gospel in the Tugutil language - the culmination of 40 years work by John and Betty Sharpe (and their co-workers) supported by New Heart prayerfully and financially all that time. What a reward for their labours!
- To see Abby on the cusp of returning to Ecuador.

There’s always space for people on the GMT who have a passion for the Gospel going global, and who are willing to use their life and career skills to this end. Let us know if you’d like to join us!

NEW HEART



SENIOR PASTOR

Paul Butler



STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP + STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Michelle Butler



ASSOCIATE PASTOR: MORNING CHURCH, YOUTH + INTERNSHIP

Brad Gardiner



CHILDREN + FAMILIES PASTOR

Jill Gardiner



BALMORAL CONGREGATION PASTOR

Joe Dujmovic



BALMORAL CONGREGATION + CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Monita Dujmovic



EVENING CHURCH INTERN LEADER

Josiah Vaughan



CREATIVE OVERSIGHT + EVENING CHURCH INTERN LEADER

Zoë Vaughan



KARENNI CHILDREN'S PASTOR

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