

annual report

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EXISTS **TO SPREAD**

SUBSTANTIVE,

MATURING,

EXPANDING

JOY IN GOD.



A new church in Cairns

Jason Harris

When I woke up a year ago today (26 July, 2015), the notion of starting a new church in Cairns was the furthest thing from my mind. I had no idea that by evening, God would have planted in my heart a burden to do just that.

I've just looked up my journal for that day and the first comment I made when the idea came to mind was this: "It seems impossible and unadvisable in a thousand ways, but none that has any real weight in my heart right now."

Here we are, a year later, and God has done it! God did an impossible thing. First, he brought together a launch team who were willing to put in the effort and hard work to get off the ground. Then he provided a dedicated worship centre!

None of this seemed likely. None of us alone or combined could have done this. God has opened the doors and I am 100% convinced that he did it, not because we are more right than others or have better ideas, but because God has promised to build his church. May we never, ever forget that. This is God's church. We are his servants. Anything good that happens here is him. All him.

May we wait on God humbly asking him to work among us for his glory and for our joy in him.

Elder's Report

Jason Harris

So much has happened over this first nine months of our existence. It can only be summarised by looking at this whole Annual Report. But I'll try to give you an idea of things from where I sit.

Gifts-based ministry

As I look over the ministry reports in this document, I'm amazed to see all that God has done in such a short time. It has been such a pleasure to see our launch team mobilised to reach out and minister in ways that were previously not happening. CrossPoint has been an assembly-effort from the start.

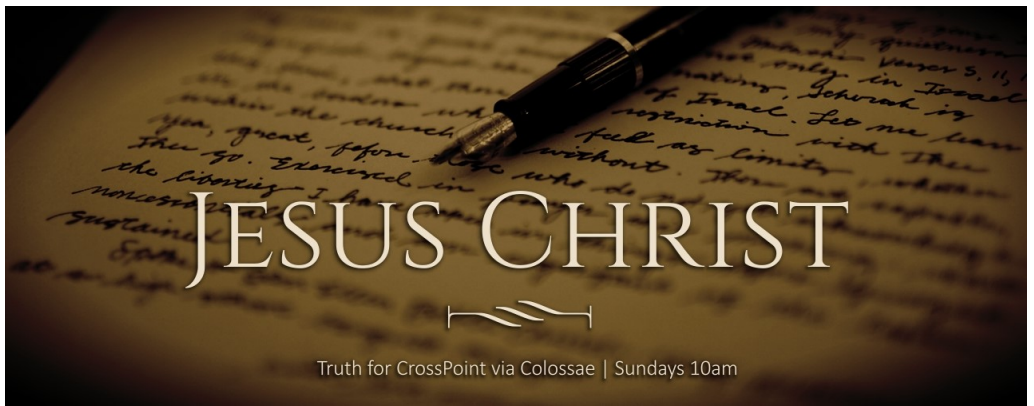
Every member contributes in the ways God has gifted him or her to contribute for the building of the whole body for the glory of God. If you're new and we haven't approached you about getting involved yet, it's because we're more interested in you grasping the full extent of what God has



already done for you than in what you can do for God. That said, if you want to minister, ask God what he made you to do and then find a way to do it. I would love to assist you in finding the niche where you will be most happy and most fruitful in serving God.

My work

Let me give you an idea of what I do in a typical week right now. First, I work for a living and have a number of obligations as a part-time student. On top of that, as an elder at CrossPoint, my week involves several hours of counselling sessions; meeting up with a local Minister for mutual encouragement, support, and accountability; meetings with members of our assembly for mutual encouragement, planning, and growth; leadership in the "trellis work" of our ministry (see my sermon on 26 June, 2016); and general responsibility for the pulpit ministry of the assembly. This part of the ministry is the most time- and life-consuming. I don't mean that in a bad way. I am blown away with the privilege I have in explaining the word of God. And I relish every opportunity to proclaim it. But there is never enough time to properly prepare. And I'm daunted by the obligation to explain the word carefully and in a balanced way. Pray for me, please, in this as-



pect of my ministry. So much depends on our understanding of God and his gospel through his word.

Finally, on top of these other obligations is my role as a leader. As the one entrusted with oversight of the body here at CrossPoint, I need to be praying and thinking about the big picture. What needs to happen to enable growth, ministry, progress? What are the needs in the body? What are the opportunities? Where do we as a body need to grow? How can we facilitate unity, clarity, ministry, and joy in God?

Expanding the eldership

Pray with me, please that God will open doors to add others to the eldership. This will require finances to pay a salary. I am quite willing to continue paying my own way for as long as God enables. But if we want to grow, we'll need to be thinking in terms of bringing in people who are gifted in ways we are not. This is actively on my mind and heart.

In review

Let me just briefly outline some of the things that have happened this year. We launched the church in October, launched a children's programme a few months later, purchased a keyboard, signed a lease on public facilities, and had our first missionary presentation. In that time we studied Paul's letter to the Colossians together, we began a study through 1 Peter with John Piper via video, and we started our present series in John 3: Jesus and His Nighttime Encounter. We've seen a steady flow of first time guests

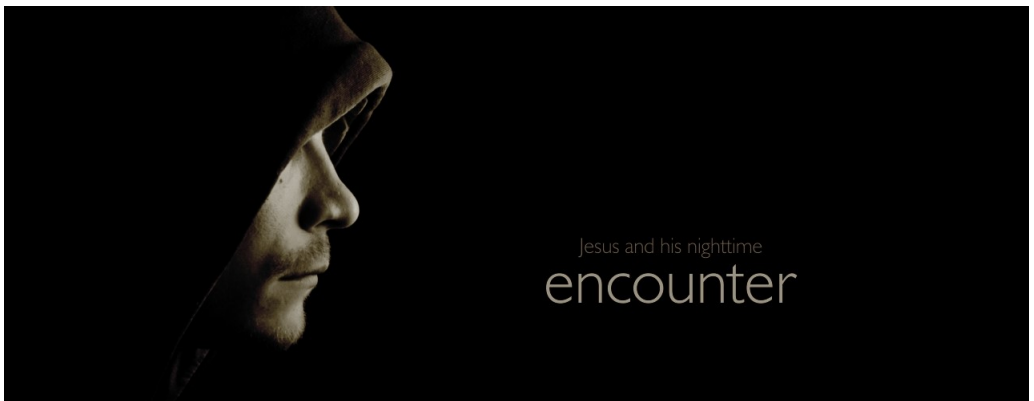
and rejoiced to see some of them become regulars. We've had the opportunity to proclaim the gospel to a number of unbelievers and to point many believers to the cross as the way to the God in whom we are so happy. We've developed a clear purpose statement and a draft Child Protection Policy & Procedures document. We've begun the process of becoming a part of the Bayview Heights community, and we've been challenged to grow in grace and in our love for God at every step of the process. Praise God!

Looking forward

I don't know what God has in store for us this coming financial year. I'm confident there will be many struggles and many joys. May we be steadied through both by a firmly rooted joy in God himself.

There is much to do. Our time is short and our mission great. We're praying and dreaming about starting periodic prayer gatherings, offering a community seminar on financial wellbeing, starting a community craft group, holding a holiday children's ministry, doing some serious trellis work, increasing our involvement in world mission, etc. Pray with me that God will open doors for spreading joy in himself in the coming year.

Grace to you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jason", written in a dark ink.

Income Statement

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Income | |
| Donations | |
| Building | 87 |
| Designated | 3,693 |
| General | 5,689 |
| Mission | 169 |
| Fundraising | 699 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 10,336 |
| Expense | |
| Advertising | 14 |
| Building | |
| Bond | 1,042 |
| Cleaning | 6 |
| Construction | 1,587 |
| Fees | 1,029 |
| Maintenance | 22 |
| Rent | 4,034 |
| Equipment | |
| Purchase | 671 |
| House keeping | |
| Food | 6 |
| Mission | |
| Rachael Cochrane | 50 |
| Music | |
| Equipment | 592 |
| Licences & permits | 63 |
| Office supplies | 73 |
| Printing and reproduction | 340 |
| Website costs | 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 9,554 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net income | 782 |

Balance Sheet

CrossPoint Church
as at 30 June*

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| <hr/> | |
| Assets | |
| GST paid | 523 |
| Building | 87 |
| General | 54 |
| Mission | 119 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 782 |
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| Liabilities/Equity | |
| Retained earnings | 782 |
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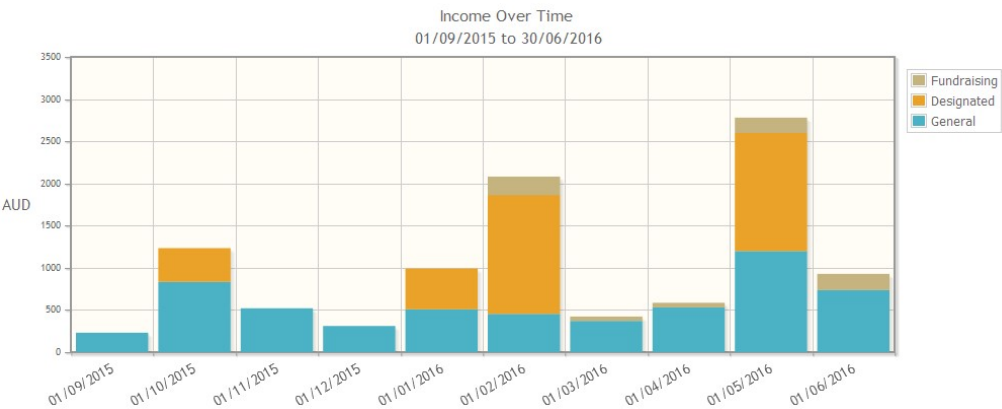
Statement of Cash Flows

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Inflows | |
| Assets: GST paid | 314 |
| Expenses: Building: Rent | 1,042 |
| Donations | |
| Building | 87 |
| Designated | 3,693 |
| General | 5,689 |
| Mission | 169 |
| Fundraising | 699 |
| | <u>11,692</u> |
| Outflows | |
| Assets: GST paid | 837 |
| Advertising | 14 |
| Building | |
| Bond | 1,042 |
| Cleaning | 6 |
| Construction | 1,587 |
| Fees | 1,029 |
| Maintenance | 22 |
| Rent | 5,076 |
| Equipment | |
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| Printing and reproduction | 340 |
| Website costs | 25 |
| | <u>11,433</u> |
| Difference | 260 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 0 |
| Cash available | <u>260</u> |

Monthly Income



| Date | General | Designated | Fundraising | Grand Total |
|------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 01/09/2015 | 230.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 230.34 |
| 01/10/2015 | 834.00 | 398.86 | 0.00 | 1,232.86 |
| 01/11/2015 | 520.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 520.00 |
| 01/12/2015 | 310.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 310.00 |
| 01/01/2016 | 507.90 | 484.04 | 0.00 | 991.94 |
| 01/02/2016 | 453.50 | 1,410.00 | 217.05 | 2,080.55 |
| 01/03/2016 | 370.00 | 0.00 | 52.00 | 422.00 |
| 01/04/2016 | 530.00 | 0.00 | 55.00 | 585.00 |
| 01/05/2016 | 1,198.00 | 1,400.00 | 182.00 | 2,780.00 |
| 01/06/2016 | 735.00 | 0.00 | 193.00 | 928.00 |

Budget

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year to 30 June, 2017

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Expense | |
| Building | |
| Utilities | 650 |
| Rent | 12,500 |
| Signage | 1,000 |
| Equipment | |
| Purchase | 400 |
| House Keeping | |
| Food | 50 |
| Supplies | 50 |
| Ministry | |
| Junior Church Materials | 200 |
| Music | |
| Equipment | 200 |
| Licences & Permits | 65 |
| Office Supplies | 160 |
| Organisational expenses | |
| Incorporation fees | 200 |
| Insurance (public liability) | 1,080 |
| Printing and reproduction | 400 |
| Staff | |
| Conferences/retreats | 100 |
| Resources | 50 |
| Website Costs | 80 |
| Budgeted income | 17,185 |

Ministry Reports

Website

Kezia Dennison

It took a couple of bumpy starts and many long hours of fiddling, but CrossPoint now has a fully functioning website. We also have a twitter account, a Facebook page, have linked our official website to Google and have claimed our building location on Google Maps. This means that people are quickly able to find our church online and learn when and where we gather easily.

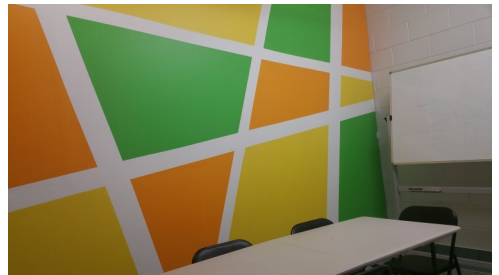
Our website itself offers CrossPoint's events calendar, Notes from our Pastors, ministry pages, a sermon archive, information about what to expect on your first visit, contact details, donation information, recent tweets, links to our various social media outlets, information on what we as a church believe and who our leadership is, and much more.

At present, we are continuing to tweak any bugs and refine the overall look of the website. We will also be adding more ministry pages as our church grows and our new ministries get off the ground. It is our desire that this website be an engaging, current, informative, and edifying tool to be used now and in the future not just by our regulars and prospective guests, but also by those who are or wish to partner with us in prayer and support from a distance.

Children

Melissa Thornton

Currently Joy and myself are taking turns to teach Junior Church. We have had two children coming regularly and six visiting children. Our goal at this point is to increase our class size. To reach more children we are encouraging the children to invite their friends as well as distributing Junior Church fliers.





Fundraising

Joy Harris

Unlike most new churches, CrossPoint was started with a core of four people and with zero ongoing outside financing. After meeting in a home for several months and believing God would provide, we leased a storefront in Bayview Heights. Launching out in various directions to raise money, we turned this empty shop into a welcoming worship centre.

To accomplish this financially, we chose the following avenues: With Jason lifting heavy items, Kezia and I set up a stall at the Woree Neighbourhood Watch Markets two different months; Kezia and I had two garage sales selling donations from members; and on Gumtree and Facebook, Kezia and I posted and sold donated items.

The goal was to raise \$700 before 30 June and, on that date, \$699.37 had come in!

What can we all do to continue raising funds while we wait for God to grow our church? Continue to give our tithes and offerings faithfully. De-clutter our homes and donate items to sell—or sell them yourself. Pray for God to bring new people and put feet to that prayer by inviting people and letterboxing.

Donate money to advertising options such as newspaper ads, an outdoor church sign, listings in community events websites, adding CrossPoint to lists of local churches in motels and caravan parks and other ideas.

Thank you each for your contributions so far and thank God with me for what He is going to do for His glory.

Mission

Jason Harris

In our first nine months as a church, we’ve had the opportunity to connect with two missionaries. Jeremy & Liz Pinero, working in Vanuatu, lived in Cairns early on. And Rachael Cochrane was able to be with us and present her work in Vanuatu in June.

We set up a dedicated Mission Fund this year into order to make it possible for people to give to mission and be confident that every dollar they give into that account will go to mission work in Australia and around the world. We dedicated our Christmas offering this year to launching the fund and have since begun to see a small, but growing stream of gifts to this account.

Please pray that God will give us a heart to support others who are doing his work around Australia and around the world.



Mission Account Summary

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Cash flows | |
| Inflows | 169 |
| Outflows | 50 |
| Net cash | 119 |

Domestic Violence

Joy Harris

Aiding victims of domestic violence is a ministry that is dear to the heart of our Healer God because he hates oppression. I am part of a group of women from different churches across Cairns that volunteer to maintain a “safe room” on the second floor of the courthouse every Thursday morning from 8:30am until the last case has been heard—usually from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Many women are appearing in court seeking a Protection Order against their perpetra-

tors and since both she and the male partner are required to be present, these women, fearful of reprisals, need a place of safety while they wait. Many come in with black eyes and bruises and are terrified of having to be in the same room as their perpetrators.

We bring in as many chairs as possible and cover over the windows before the women arrive. Then as they are escorted into our room, we offer them coffee, tea and biscuits and provide magazines, as well as toys for the many small children that come with them. We have large photos of what the inside of the courtroom looks like so they are less apprehensive. Women police officers are posted nearby and Queensland Domestic Violence workers and legal aid officers see each woman individually, seeking to meet their unique needs. We walk with them down the hall if they need the restroom and look-out for their partner after to make sure he has driven away.



It is validating and healing for them to listen to the stories of others in the room and, with my history of 42 years of marital violence and emotional and spiritual abuse, I can empathise, answer questions, and often have the opportunity to share with them about my Refuge and Shield.

CrossPoint has offered the Queensland Domestic Violence organisation use of our venue for meetings during the week when needed.

Part of this ministry also includes the twenty-four articles I've posted on InFocus at www.teaminfocus.com. This is an on-going series about Marital Abuse written mainly for young girls, current victims, and Christians uneducated in the unique abuse paradigm.

Future goals are:

- to pray for the oppressed living right here among us
- to continue the marital abuse series, possibly turning it into a book
- to seek out more volunteers to share their tender hearts and be blessed
- to be open to individually helping women whom God brings our way as a church family
- to donate to safe houses for displaced women and children in our community



Letterboxing

Kezia Dennison

Since our new pamphlets arrived, we have been seeking to letterbox them around Cairns to let the community know about the new church in town. Thanks to numerous willing volunteers, we are seeing the map of Cairns slowly but surely being marked off as already having received our flyers. The flyers direct those interested in CrossPoint to our website where they can find out everything from what we believe to where we meet each Sunday. So far, we have letterboxed large areas of Bayview Heights, Woree, Mt. Sheridan, and White Rock.

Music

Kezia Dennison

From day one at CrossPoint Church, we have wanted to have a worship music ministry that was deliberate. We wanted to implement worship songs that were not chosen carelessly or at random, but were songs—both hymns of old and contemporary—that reflected the theology and doctrine we as a church hold to, that were arranged throughout our gatherings so as to further the preaching of the Gospel, that would help to focus our hearts and minds on God be it through solemn reverence or joyous praise, and that above all would be glorifying to God.

Over the past several months, we have been working hard to determine a system for our music ministry which will implement these ideals into our weekly worship. We have also been able to purchase CCLI licensing for our music ministry which allows us to be able to display lyrics by PowerPoint legally and allows those who create the music we use to receive proper compensation so they are in turn able to create more music.

There are still kinks being worked out and structures being worked out for how to manage the more logistical side of the music ministry such as rosters, musicians, purchasing sheet music, music practices, etc., but by the grace of God, these things will slowly come together more and more easily.

In the future, we are praying that God brings along musicians (or people who would be willing to train to be musicians) to join us and be a part of our worship music ministry.



AGM Agenda

31 July, 2016

Song

Prayer

Introduction (Jason)

Call to order

Appointment of a chairperson/secretary

General business

Child Protection Policy & Procedure

Note: Typographical amendments.

Movement: "That the draft CrossPoint Church Child Protection Policy & Procedures as amended be adopted."

Discussion/vote

Incorporation

Movement: "That CrossPoint Church begin the process of pursuing incorporation in the state of Queensland including the payment of any relevant fees, the drafting of a constitution, and application for charity status/income tax exemption."

Discussion/vote

Governing documents

Movement: "That governing documents be drafted as soon as is practical for adoption at a future meeting. And that these documents be designed to be easily adapted for use upon incorporation."

Discussion/vote

Lease option

Movement: "That the elder/s be authorised to take up our lease option on the venue at 5/220 Toogood Road each year until our Cairns Regional Council approval at the site runs out."

Discussion/vote

Presentation of financial reports

Movement: "That the reports be accepted as given."

Discussion/vote

Discussion of budget (a planning document; not a control document)

Ministry spotlights

Adjournment (Movement: "That the ministry reports be accepted and the meeting be adjourned." Discussion/vote.)

Song

Prayer

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