



2019 annual report

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spreading
substantive,
maturing,
expanding

joy in God.



healthy things grow

our responsibility

This has been a year of growth for CrossPoint.

We've seen growth in attendance. We've seen growth in relationships. And we've seen spiritual growth as our hearts and minds have been continually shaped by God's word as we study it and seek to obey it together.

But what about the coming year? What is our goal? Do we want to see CrossPoint grow further? For some, "church growth" is the main goal. Success is measured in terms of seats filled and dollars collected. For others, the goal is more spiritual. Growth is measured in intangible terms such as spiritual maturity.

Both approaches have some validity. Higher attendance means more people to share in and help spread our joy in God. And growth in grace and in the knowledge of God is a biblical goal as well. So how should we think about growth at CrossPoint?

Our responsibility is to faithfully and joyfully build people up in Christ. If no one is being built up, something is wrong. But even if people *are* being built up, God may not choose to build up the numbers in our assembly. That's God's business. Our business is to be a healthy assembly. To have joy. To nurture joy. And to spread joy. In God. Through Jesus Christ crucified. And made knowable through the Spirit. For the glory of God in all the earth.



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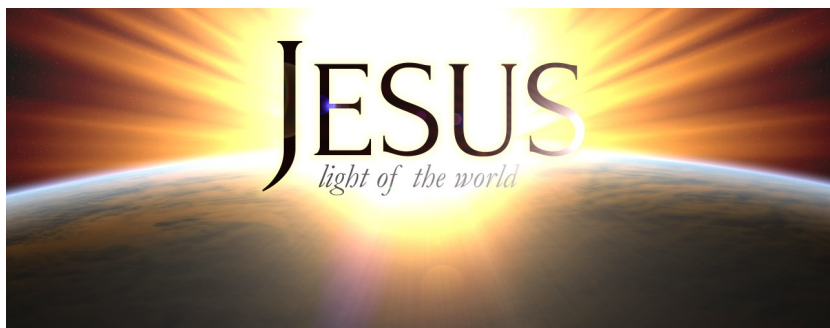
Jason Harris

Around the middle of last year, I was wrestling with God about where CrossPoint was at. I felt sure that we had followed him to this point; that this assembly was important and needed to exist in Cairns. But I wasn't confident that he was at work in our assembly. I asked God to make it clear whether we should continue to exist or not. God answered that prayer eight weeks later through a confluence of events that left me decisively clear that God is at work in our assembly.

CrossPoint has become something very special to me over the last four years. It has become an assembly that is God-centred, gospel-saturated, and passionate about the truth. It is a place where people feel safe to be real, and honest, and vulnerable. It is a space where real people are building real relationships in an atmosphere of real humility and genuine joy in God.

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May we soberly work to protect and nurture these things, and may we be profoundly aware that all of this is the gracious work of God himself in the hearts of his people. God is at work at CrossPoint and he deserves all the credit for what he's doing.

Looking back

God has brought a number of new people to CrossPoint this year. It has been a huge blessing to see this increase in the size of the assembly. We're not here for big crowds, but we are rejoicing that God is building his assembly at CrossPoint. It has been wonderful to see people added to the assembly, relationships developed, cooperative efforts for the gospel, and growth in grace and in the knowledge of God. May God continue to make us large-hearted toward those God brings through our doors and into our lives. May we be community of gospel-hope in a world of brokenness and darkness.

Another blessing this year has been the food! David and Charmaine have coordinated a number of Sunday afternoon meals which have been a really lovely opportunity to get to know each other and enjoy our fellowship in the gospel. We've also seen our morning tea become a more organised ministry under the oversight of Mel. It's wonderful to see relationships being developed and people getting involved in each others' lives through that ministry.

We've also consolidated our rosters this year which has helped us to get more organised and have more people involved in serving. Our new roster includes a more organised cleaning ministry with Joy overseeing that as well as more people getting involved in leading the pastoral prayer and the Scripture readings. I'm encouraged to see God's people serving him and each other in all of these ways this year. God works in us and through us as

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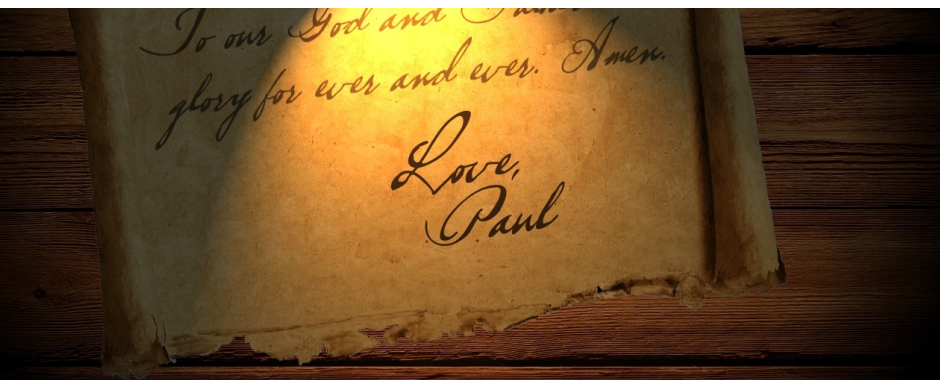
a strong tower
against the enemy

we use our gifts in the assembly.

Our time in the word has been a blessing to me this year. First we finished our series in Romans. Then in September and October we looked at *Parables of the Kingdom* in Matthew 13. After that we spent five weeks looking at God as our *Refuge*, remembering that God is good (he *wants* what's best for us), he is wise (he *knows* what's best for us), and he is great (he *can do* what's best for us)! Over Christmas, we looked at *Jesus, Light of the World* in John 1 where we were challenged to remember that the darkness has not overcome us, but rather, that Jesus Christ, the light of the world, has come to reveal God to us. In the new year, we looked briefly at gifts in the church in the series *Finding Your Place*. Since then we've been going through a series on Philippians titled *Love, Paul* where we've seen the apostle's warm affection and gospel concern for his friends in the church at Philippi.

One more thing that has had a significant impact on our assembly this year—probably unrealised for most—has been the voluntary administrative assistance that Kez has been providing me part time. This

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ministry has allowed me to function far more effectively, to preach much more often, and to be better prepared when I do. I am grateful for this assistance.

Looking forward

One thing CrossPoint needs to look at this year is our legal structure. At some point, most churches become incorporated associations. This provides a number of legal benefits to the church, the members, and the community. We are in the process of drafting a constitution for consideration by the assembly. Nothing additional will happen on this until the assembly has looked at the proposed constitution and voted on how to proceed. Please be in prayer about this matter.

Please also ask God to help me as I seek to carry out my responsibilities as an elder with wisdom and insight. I am dependent on God's kindness to sustain me in the work. Ask, also, that God will give me joy in himself. I want my ministry to you to be rooted in my joy in God so that I can effectively "work with you for your joy" (2 Corinthians 1:24).

I pray that this year will be a year of growth in grace for us at CrossPoint. That our hearts will be made more confident in God. That our understanding of who God is will grow broader and deeper so that our joy in him will increase.

May God bless you.

income statement

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2019	2018
Income		
Donations		
Building	295	270
Care	745	70
Craft Night	310	223
Designated	671	-
Domestic Violence	209	2,550
General	14,487	13,671
Mission	360	602
Fundraising	322	832
	17,399	18,218
Expense		
Advertising	41	-
Building		
Equipment	-	41
Furnishings	-	5
Rent	13,248	13,041
Signage	161	129
Utilities	418	444
Care	700	125
Domestic Violence	-	1,834
House keeping		
Food	64	19
Supplies	34	16
Ministry		
Books	49	54
Carols at the Hospital	21	-
Craft Night	172	-
Mission	350	317
Multimedia		
Equipment	158	-
Licences & permits	66	65
Office supplies	123	38
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,051	1,045
Printing and reproduction	14	11
Staff		
Guest Speaker	-	100
Phone	-	81
Website costs	-	25
	16,670	17,388
Net income	729	830

statement of cash flows

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2019	2018
Inflows		
Assets: GST paid	1,629	1,623
Donations		
Building	295	270
Care	845	70
Craft Night	310	223
Designated	325	-
Domestic Violence	209	2,550
General	14,167	13,611
Mission	360	602
Fundraising	322	982
	18,462	19,931
Outflows		
Assets: GST paid	1,495	1,610
Advertising	28	-
Building		
Equipment	-	18
Furnishings	-	5
Rent	13,248	13,041
Signage	155	129
Utilities	418	444
Care	700	125
Domestic Violence	-	1,834
Ministry		
Books	-	54
Mission	350	317
Multimedia		
Equipment	30	-
Licences & permits	66	65
Office supplies	-	38
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,051	1,045
Printing and reproduction	14	11
Staff		
Guest Speaker	-	100
Phone	-	81
Website costs	-	25
Fundraising	-	150
Income: Christmas Offering	100	-
	17,655	19,092
Difference	807	840
Cash at beginning of period	1,717	877
Cash available	2,524	1,717

balance sheet

CrossPoint Church

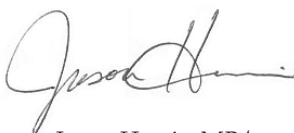
as at 30 June*

	2019	2018
Assets		
GST paid	399	477
Building	802	507
Care	153	108
Domestic Violence	925	716
General	267	20
Mission	376	366
	2,923	2,193
Liabilities/Equity		
Retained Earnings	2,923	2,193
	2,923	2,193

*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

statement

These financial reports were prepared by myself and represent to the best of my knowledge an accurate picture of the financial situation of CrossPoint Church during the 2018/2019 financial year. The books from which these reports were compiled have not been audited or reviewed this year, as there is no legal or constitutional requirement to do so; however, the books are available for inspection by any member of CrossPoint Church by arrangement.



Jason Harris, MPA

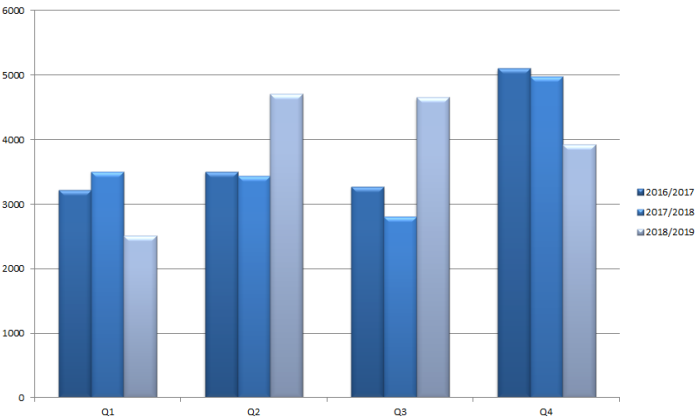
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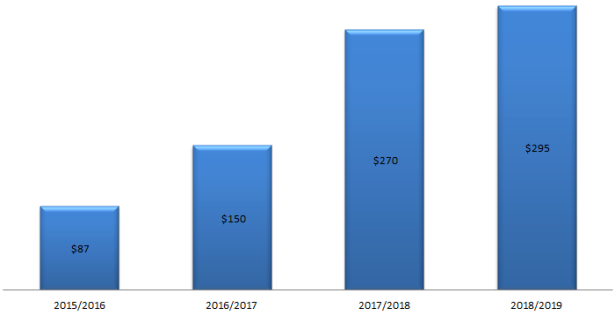
Annual general giving



Quarterly general income



Annual building income



ministry reports

Music

Kezia Dennison

Our music ministry has been running smoothly. This year, we have been blessed to welcome a new musician, David, to our worship music team. He is a great pianist and a blessing to have involved.

Please pray for our musicians in the coming year that they would be able to continue to use their talents to lead us in gospel-soaked worship each week. We endeavour to have our music ministry be deliberate in guiding our hearts and minds to see God and respond to him in worship whenever we sing. Please pray that our song selections, our musicians, and the behind the scenes running of this ministry will serve to meet this goal and not deflect from it.

Morning tea

Melissa Thornton

We have come a long way in a year. We started the year with only myself providing morning tea for a rather small group. With the blessing of new attendees and visitors came the need for a roster, allowing others to serve as well. Our current roster has five individuals signed up.

We have had a kettle, some mugs, cups, jars, and spoons donated which has allowed us to provide for the increased numbers.

Anyone wanting to be involved in the morning tea ministry is welcome to sign up on the date/s they would like to do when the sign up sheet comes out each quarter.



Website

Kezia Dennison

Unfortunately this year, we had some hiccups with the church website. A server update managed to more or less break the entire site and with some difficulty and a great deal of digital rewiring, we have finally got it back to the point it was at before the update. There is some good news though as the new update now allows us to edit the site with more ease and we have been able to implement several formatting and other design changes quite quickly since the update.

We are also excited to announce that our prayer from last year's ministry report was answered and God supplied a excellent audio recorder and a good quality microphone with which we can record the sermons each week. The quality of the sermons we offer on our website is a thousand times better than it used to be and the sermons page is finally looking (and sounding!) like it should. We have already had reports that people are accessing these sermons on a weekly basis and we are praising God for his provision in supplying this need and allowing us to minister to people who cannot make our gatherings in person or might like to get a taste of what is being preached here at CrossPoint.

Please pray that renovations of the site continue to move along quickly, that we will find new ways to keep the site active and current, and that God will continue to use our online presence to spread joy in God.





Mission

Jason Harris

The reports below demonstrate a significant realignment of our mission giving this year. This is the result of our decision last year to separate our care giving from our mission giving so that we don't get distracted from Jesus' Great Commission by the urgency of the other needs all around us. This has been the first full year that we can say that every dollar donated to our mission fund goes toward the explicit proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Australia and around the world.

We were blessed to be able to help two new ministries this year. *Beyond Egypt* is a Sydney-based organisation which ministers to believers with same-sex attraction. Our other project was here in Cairns where we've partnered with other churches to fund religious instruction classes in our local schools. We were also able to increase our standing balance a little this year which provides an important buffer so we can commit to longer-term mission projects in future years.

Please pray for the gospel-work of these ministries. And please consider how you might have a part in supporting the proclamation of the gospel through our mission programme.

	2019	2018
Mission giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	-	50
Beyond Egypt	300	-
CCMN Religious Instruction	50	-
Open Doors Australia	-	117
Operation 513	-	50
Rachael Cochrane	-	100
CrossPoint Care Fund	-	163
	350	480

	2019	2018
Cash flows		
Opening cash	366	244
Inflows	360	602
Outflows	-350	-480
Net cash	376	366

	2019	2018
Consolidated mission/care giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	75	100
Beyond Egypt	300	-
CCMN Religious Instruction	50	-
International Justice Mission Australia	200	-
Local community care	200	-
Open Doors Australia	75	117
Operation 513	-	50
Rachael Cochrane	100	100
World Vision Australia	50	75
	1,050	442

Domestic & family violence

Joy Harris

Even though my family's domestic violence story on Channel Nine's *60 Minutes* was released back in July 2017, new abuse victims in Australia and overseas are still contacting Jason and I for encouragement and counselling. Jason often spends hours on the phone counselling a victim in crisis and others in the church have provided lodging and funds.

Jason and I are in the process of writing a book about a biblical view of power and abuse of power. We hope to be helpful to believers addressing domestic and family violence.



Last year, CrossPoint set up a separate domestic violence fund and contributions came in from various sources, including the USA. Information regarding how to contribute to this fund is on our website.

A recently-started opportunity to contribute to this fund is the containers4cash programme. There is a plastic bin in the back room of our building designated for 10 cent bottles/cans which will be turned into cash for the fund. Started recently, our domestic violence fund has increased about \$30 in this manner.

In addition, volunteering every month continues in the Aggrieved Room at the Cairns Courthouse. This is a service of mercy during the weekly Thursday morning Domestic Violence court from 8:30am to 12:00pm. The Aggrieved Room is a closed-off safe room that enables a victim to be hidden from her abuser while she waits her turn before the judge. Setting



up and covering the windows before they arrive, we offer the women a warm beverage and biscuits and provide magazines, as well as toys for the small children that occasionally accompany them. We have large photos to inform first-timers of how the courtroom is set up, plus educational pamphlets, and we provide a listening ear and tissues. Women police officers are posted nearby and QLD DV and Legal Aid workers meet with each woman individually. We accompany them to the restroom, guard the door, care for children while mothers are in the courtroom, and see them safely to their car afterwards. Occasionally, I have opportunity to share with them about *my* Refuge and Shield during this time of mourning and facing reality. This is a combined effort of all the churches in Cairns. Volunteers serve on the roster only once every 4-6 weeks and new volunteers are encouraged. Sitting with these victims will open your eyes and heart to a whole new world.

This church ministry also includes the twenty-four articles on marital abuse posted at teaminfocus.com.au.

Future goals are to pray for the alarming numbers of the oppressed living right here among us, to seek out more volunteers, to be open to helping victims, and to donate to the over-crowded safe houses for oppressed women and children in our own city.

	2019	2018
Cash flows		
Opening cash	716	0
Inflows	209	2,550
Outflows	-0	-1,834
Net cash	925	716

Care

Jason Harris

This has been a wonderful year for our care fund. Last year we contributed \$392 to care projects while this year we've been able to almost double that by giving \$700. We've been able to assist with needs in our own local community as well as helping with medical and other care around the world. We were also able to help stand up for the victims of human sex trafficking through IJM Australia this year. Finally, we supported two organisations that minister to suffering Christians around the world.

We believe that ministering to the material needs of others, especially other believers, is part of our biblical duty to love our neighbours. It is part of how we live out the gospel in our communities and around the world.

If you want to be involved in this ministry, there are two things you can do. First, pray for the ministries we support and the people they are supporting. Second, give sacrificially as an expression of our care in the name of Jesus.

	2019	2018
Care giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	75	50
International Justice Mission Australia	200	-
Local community care	200	-
Open Doors Australia	75	-
Rachael Cochrane	100	-
World Vision Australia	50	75
	700	125

	2019	2018
Cash flows		
Opening cash	108	163
Inflows	745	70
Outflows	-700	-125
Net cash	153	108

Cleaning

Joy Harris

This past year, we've started a new ministry to share in the care of our building. On the lobby table, rosters have been made available for those interested in getting involved. We want people to feel free to work as often

or as little as they want. If someone signs up for only one week during the whole year, that is appreciated. Men and women are both able to participate and all supplies are provided.

We aim to clean every other week and have split the roster into cleaning the inside and cleaning the outside. Outside cleaning involves the windows, sweeping the walk and steps and pouring boiling water on the weeds along the curb. This takes about half an hour.

Inside cleaning involves the inside of the front windows, toilet, sweeping, etc. and can take an hour for one person. Inside the “Trinity Room” (triangular closet) a list of items is posted.

Our aim is to make our meeting space clean, comfortable, and inviting and to show others that God matters to us.

Community Craft Night

Melissa Thornton

Over the past year we have had a steady stream of attendees, averaging five each session. There are currently twenty-three members on our Facebook page.

We continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Looking forward, we are hoping to establish more contacts in the community and increase visitor numbers through Facebook marketing, letter boxing, and personal relationships.

Please pray that we will have more regular attendees join us and that we may have opportunities to share more of our joy in God with those who join us.



Letterboxing

Kezia Dennison

We have new flyers and we have begun distributing them around Bayview Heights. It was encouraging to see people show up to help letterbox the area (despite the area's many hills!) and it was exciting to see website views jump the day immediately following the outreach. We are looking forward in anticipation of what God will do with these new flyers and praying he might bring new people along to CrossPoint if that is his will.

Due to its success last year, we are hoping soon to be able to do another outreach where we personalise our flyers. Please pray that this will go smoothly and will be successful in reaching our community about the "good news" we desire to share!

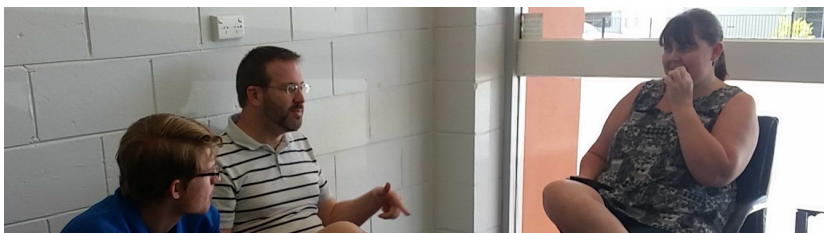


Fundraising

Joy Harris

This ministry originally raised funds to help pay our rent through setting up a stall at the Gordonvale and Woree markets and also holding garage sales. Later, we focused on selling items online. We raised \$322 this financial year.

Since our circumstances have changed significantly this year, we sat down to assess whether the benefits of this ministry justified the costs. Based on this assessment, we have chosen to close the ministry. Thank you to each person who participated and/or contributed items to sell.



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