

Our Mission Partners

A guide to how we support
missions at St Phil's

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Introduction

It would be a wonderful thing to see all congregation members at St Phil's personally involved in missions in addition to our own Church ministries.

Our aim as a church is to support missions which are working in different areas, addressing appropriate needs.

Ministries in the Word of God: Church pastors, Scripture in schools, University student ministry, Theological education, Regional ministry.

Helping those less fortunate than ourselves: Poverty, Homelessness, Building hospitals, AIDS education

We feature one of our missions each month, channelling funds raised to that particular ministry. We share in many different ways such as videos, prayer points and visitors from that particular mission.

'Coins for cakes' is held on the first Sunday of each month (except during Covid). At the end of the year the amount received is directed to areas needing additional funding.

Several years ago, we changed to a new model for giving so more people could be actively involved. Whereas we used to donate a percentage of our total offertories, now we only budget for our CMS missionaries (CMS is the key mission agency for the Sydney Anglican Diocese). For all other missions, we fundraise each month and encourage personal giving where possible. To our delight we have seen an increase in the overall financial support for missions. In 2019, the total given to missions exceeded \$90,000, not including undisclosed personal giving amounts to organisations. Only around \$45,000 of this was directly through our church accounts.

Read on as we outline each mission agency, how we support them and how we have financially supported them over the past year.

- Pray for these missions regularly
- Subscribe personally to their emails, if possible.
- See if you are able to form a personal relationship with them.

You can always give through the Church, but donating directly to missions quite often brings a deeper commitment.

It may seem, when reviewing our budget, that St Phil's doesn't give much to missions. However, many Church members give generously year after year and we will never know how much. But we do know that it is happening! If you are one of those people, I want to thank you for being a great example of thoughtful and generous support to folk who have gone to share the Good News with others.

Bruce Stanley, Rector

Local Missions

Scripture in Schools - Special Religious Education (SRE)

SRE in Eastwood Public School



Type of mission work: Teaching the Bible

We send a team of 6 teachers to teach the Bible to students from Kindergarten to year 6 at our local public school. 30 minute lesson once a week.

Financial support in 2019: \$3,403

(The full cost to our Church for this ministry is \$15,500 per year)

Contact Person: Jason Smith

SRE in Marsden High School



Type of mission work: Teaching the Bible

We financially support a 3 day per week position to teach the Bible to students in years 7 to 10 at Marsden High school. They also run a lunchtime group. Our Church is represented on the board overseeing the teaching material and employment of the teacher.

Financial support in 2019: \$3,500

Contact Person: Yvonne Hall

Local Missions

In the Community

Christian Community Aid (CCA)



Type of mission work: Social work, financial assistance.

CCA have been a part of the Eastwood community since 1965. They assist people in need in our local community, especially the elderly and youth. They have a large network of volunteers and some of our church members volunteer with the work they do.

Financial support in 2019: \$1903

Contact Person: Mike Lum

Website: www.ccas.org.au

Anglicare



Type of mission work: Social work, financial assistance

Anglicare was an organisation originally established by the Sydney Anglican Diocese in 1888. They are now a nation wide organisation who assist people in need in our communities. Every year, we support the Winter appeal and the Christmas Toys and Tucker appeal, by encouraging members to bring in food and toys and gifts of cash to pass on to Anglicare. They then distribute these to people in need in our local communities in Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra areas.

Financial support in 2019: approximately \$2,430 + donations of food and toys

Contact Person: Peter Forbes

Website: www.anglicare.org.au

National Missions

In Remote Communities

Chinese Christian Mission Australia (CCMA)



Type of mission work: Teaching the Bible

We financially support the work of CCMA who seek to assist mainly Chinese speakers in regional and rural Australia, by bringing them the gospel. They also produce Biblical study materials in Chinese for the benefit of Christians and churches. These resources are available in our Church foyer.

Financial support in 2019: \$2575

Contact Person: Raymond Leung

Website: www.ccma.org.au

Bush Church Aid (BCA)



Type of mission work: Bible teaching, pastoral

BCA works in regional and rural communities in Australia, providing bible teachers, pastors and other support networks to those outside of our main cities. They also have significant reach into indigenous communities in Australia. For the past 10 years, we have supported their work among the youth in Darwin. We have supported BCA through the special money box giving ministry since 2005. Money boxes are available for anyone to take home and participate - just add your loose change each week and return them every 6 months for collection.

Financial support in 2019: \$7,698

Contact Person: Trevor Tattersall

Website: www.bushchurchaid.com.au

Overseas Missions

Serving in Mission (SIM) - Malawi, Africa



Type of mission work: Social work, AIDS education

We currently support the work of Mike and Jackie Hammond in Malawi, Africa. One of their key areas of involvement is educating children and families about HIV/AIDS, as Malawi has one of the highest rates of AIDS in the world. Previous projects we have supported have included the production of educational materials for children

Financial support in 2019: \$2,500

Contact Person: Trevor Strickland

Website: www.sim.org.au

Church Mission Society (CMS) - South Asia



Type of mission work: Palliative care, hospital building

We currently support the work of a couple working in South Asia. One is a palliative care doctor, the other is an engineer. They are working with an International Fellowship to provide hospital facilities, trained carers and local church support for the community.

Financial support in 2019: \$14,040

Contact Person: Ailsa Wareham

Website: www.cms.org.au/nswact

Overseas Missions

Compassion Australia

Type of mission work: Social work, Bible teaching



Compassion's aim is to release children from poverty in the name of Jesus. To do this, they provide funding to local churches in developing countries, and encourage many different programs, including the provision of schooling, food and medical provisions for sponsored children. Sponsoring a Compassion child means that they not only receive the care they need each day, but also receive teaching about Jesus.

St Phil's currently sponsors 78 children all over the world. Around 50 are from Thailand, our main sponsorship area.

Financial support in 2019: Over \$45,000 per year in sponsorship

Contact Person: Bruce Stanley

Website: www.compassion.com.au

Theological Training

Moore Theological College (MTC)



Type of mission work: Teaching the Bible

Moore College is the primary Theological teaching college of the Sydney Anglican Diocese, although people from all over the world study there. The college is located in Newtown.

Most of the clergy in Sydney obtained their theological qualifications through Moore.

Financial support in 2018: \$1,250

Contact Person: Yvonne Hall

Website: www.moore.edu.au

Other Missions Support

From time to time, opportunities arise for us to support other missions. These are not as high in profile as our main missions support areas, but they are important and valuable opportunities. As a church, however, we only have the capacity to fully support a limited number of missions. However, when these opportunities come along, we do what we can to assist.

Young Life (YL) – Ryde

Type of mission work: Youth ministry



Young life is a local mission reaching out to youth in our immediate area. Young Life seek to connect with youth in the community, especially those at risk, then connect them where possible with local churches in the area. We support Young Life by encouraging members to give directly to their work, or by sponsoring children for their annual camps.

Contact Person: Bec Faggion

Website: www.younglife.org.au

Oversees Mission Foundation (OMF)

Peter and Mandy Denham – Taiwan



Type of mission work: Local Church Ministry

Peter and Mandy are serving with OMF in Taiwan. They are involved in local church ministries and community building.

Contact Person: Church office

Website: www.omf.org/australia

Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship

Candy Grice – New Zealand



Type of mission work: Student University Ministry

Candy is involved in ministry in the university among students, many of whom are Chinese speakers.

Contact Person: Raymond Leung

Website: www.tscf.org.nz