

GRANGE BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS 2022

EXTERNAL MISSION PARTNERS AND PRIORITIES

Effectiveness is often linked with intentionality which means saying NO to good things so you can say YES to your priorities. As a Church we do this with the mission agencies, ministries and people we support so that we can be more effective in our partnership with them and what they are doing.

1. Baptist Mission Australia

- Contribute from our budget to the ministry work of Baptist Mission Australia (formerly Global Interaction), particularly with the IS people of SE Asia (Simon and Widya) and Cambodia (Rob and Deb Griffith, Hutchinson family and Cate Rogers)
- Encourage individual and life group partnerships with intercultural workers with the people of Cambodia and the IS people of SE Asia
- Encourage and pray for people to visit and consider serving with Baptist Mission Australia in SE Asia and Cambodia
- Use May Mission Month to focus on Cambodia in 2022
- Hear in our services about the work in SE Asia and Cambodia at least twice a year

2. Baptist World Aid

- Formal partnership with BWA in Cambodia (includes giving min \$5000 per year):
 - promotion of individual giving, and a special offering during the year
 - promotion of useful gifts for Cambodia in November and December
 - active promotion of child sponsorship in Cambodia
 - receipt of information from work in Cambodia
 - focus on our partners in Cambodia at least twice a year
- Seek to form a group to help us in advocating for justice and shaping our culture
- Promote their Ethical Fashion Guide and its use, including minimising clothing waste
- Promotion of Matching Grant Appeal in May and June each year

3. Journey alongside **Aboriginal Berean Christian Community (ABCC)**

- Contribute towards their ministry costs through our budget
- Have an offering for special projects during 2022 (for discretionary use of ABCC pastor)
- Have folk from ABCC participate in our services at least twice a year
- Journey and build relationships with individuals and leaders of ABCC
- Promote the use of 40 stories from the Bible Society in our services, life groups and homes
- Encourage our Church members to visit and join the ABCC in their services and functions
- Explore possibility of a joint ministry together (GrangeLife)
- Encourage participation in the various events during NAIDOC and Reconciliation weeks

4. Support the work of **Baptist Care** and **Westcare**

- Encourage life groups and individuals to visit and be involved in the work of Westcare, including the giving of goods (food, blankets etc) as a regular discipline of servanthood
- Partner with Baptist Care as we build the GrangeLife ministry
- Promote in our services the work of Baptist Care at least twice a year

5. Informed prayer for God to work among the **Muslims** of the world

- Encourage participation in the 30 days of prayer for the Muslim world, in particular the Night of Power prayer
- Encourage life groups to be praying for one specific item (i.e. ministry, individual, country) related to the work of God amongst Muslims
- Encourage individuals to get to know and pray for a Muslim person

LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS AND PRIORITIES

As a Church we long for God to use us to bless our community and see those he has placed in our path come to know Him and the fullness of life He offers. This requires constant and intentional prayer, along with a variety of ways to build relationships, share our lives and help people experience, understand and consider faith. As part of this we believe that God has specifically called us to the following four mission priorities.

1. Community Engagement Ministries (GrangeLife)

- The Gospel is good news for all and God's heart is inclined towards the marginalised. As a result, we will increasingly be a Church where all are welcome and included
- GrangeLife ministry will grow to be a financially sustainable ministry running programs for those isolated due to mental health, disability, ageing and behavioural challenges
- Through seminars, courses, groups, ministries and other programs provide opportunities for people from the community to be encouraged and encounter life possible in Jesus
- Increase the capacity of the Church to welcome/care for those involved in our programs
- Continue to partner with Baptist Care in the development of GrangeLife Programs

2. Local Schools Ministry

- Strengthen the links with Grange and Fulham Gardens Primary Schools including investing in relationships with key personnel and supporting various school programs
- With other Churches of the region, support the local Pastoral Care Workers and run programs together which share the love of Jesus with the children of the local schools.
- Provide teacher appreciation morning teas each term at Fulham Gardens and Grange Primary Schools
- Encourage and resource individuals to volunteer within schools, in particular by being involved in the COACH program
- Encourage and support Christian Option Programs and Christmas and Easter Seminars
- Pray regularly for the school, the parents and the teachers
- Develop and advertise appropriate programs appreciated by local schools

3. The Community near our Church Property

- Offer specific ministries and programs to build relationships with our local community (eg Café, Play Group, Kids Club, B4 Youth, Youth, etc)
- Run 2 free public community events each year (Pancake Tuesday and 31st Oct)
- Prepare and distribute gifts to our immediate neighbours at Christmas and Easter
- Letterbox drop our community (Trimmer Parade, the beach, Frederick Rd and Marlborough St) 4 times a year (community events, Easter and Christmas)
- Provide programs which are appropriate and helpful for those who live in our community
- 3 times a year (including Easter and Christmas) put on a service to which it is appropriate to invite our community

4. Personal connections and relationships

- Encourage, equip and train people to pray for, build relationships with and seek to share their lives and faith with their neighbours and contacts
- Encourage Life groups to invite and include contacts into appropriate activities.
- Run the Church camp in such a way that it is appropriate for those who are not yet included into the worshipping life of the Church.
- Pray that God will use us to help those we know come to faith
- Provide programs and courses (ie Alpha) that help people understand what it all means and come to a point of trusting Jesus for themselves.