

INITIATIVES 2022-23

UNI STUDENTS FIND FAMILY

There are close to 750 students living at Murdoch University Residential Village, approximately 8 minutes drive from our Bibra Lakes campus. Many of these are international students whose families live overseas. Last year Centrepoint was approached by Red Frogs WA to pioneer a weekly program to reach these isolated students and help curb the rising mental health epidemic in the university.

Since then we have gathered a dedicated team of 20 volunteers who now go onsite every Thursday night to offer food, wholesome entertainment and an opportunity to connect.

Our team has had many opportunities to share the Gospel, pray for students and even invite those

interested to join us at church. Approximately 45 students attend each Thursday night with the largest gathering drawing close to 150 students.

In January 2023, we will be taking this ministry to another level when we launch our brand new, custom built food truck. Known as "The Well," this food truck will be ready for Orientation Day at Murdoch University and will then be used regularly in the student village to feed students.

If you would like to join the team that go in to serve or get more information about our Uni program please contact ben.m@centrepoint.church



EASTER AT YOUR HOUSE

With Covid restrictions in place last year, we could not gather large numbers of people in our facilities for Easter. Instead, we took the fun to our communities with an Easter Trail around each of our five locations. The Easter Bunny led a crowd of volunteers through the streets with music, games, prizes and lots of Easter chocolate for the kids. It was a great opportunity to engage with the community, have meaningful conversations, and give out invites to our Easter services. The whole event was such a success that we have seen a number of families join our church, get water baptised and now serve because of the event.

We look forward to bringing our Easter Bunny Trail back in 2023. Stay tuned!



EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR KIDS

The 2021 census revealed that 45% of people in Maddington have not graduated high school (or equivalent). This figure is one of the highest in the Perth metropolitan area and is one of the leading contributors to the high poverty level in the suburb. Centrepoint's community tutoring program aims to reduce this statistic over the next decade.

In 2022, we expanded the program to years 1 and 2, so the initiative now extends to all primary school-aged children. Our dedicated tutoring

room has individual workspaces for each student, a growing library space and lockable storage, thanks to the donations and support of many.

In 2023, we want to upgrade our learning resources by developing a community library to foster a love for reading. We'll also create a pathway for future volunteer tutors to be trained and upskilled.

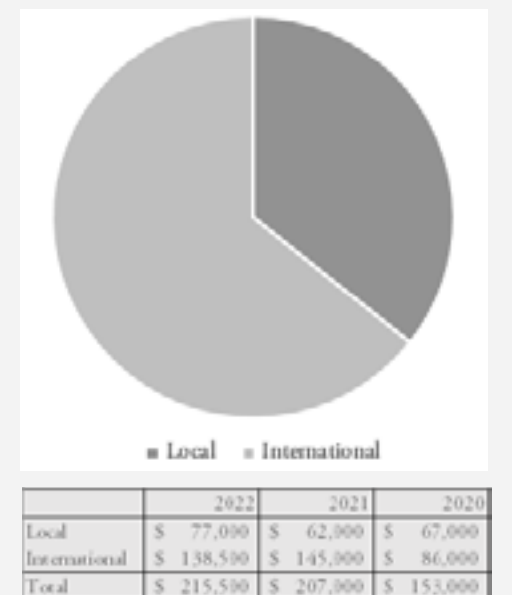
To join the team, visit www.centrepoint.church/centrepoint-tutoring

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Centrepoint Church is much more than a weekend service. We believe that our church has the mandate to bring the good news of Jesus to a world desperately in need of hope. We fulfil this call by hosting programs and events in our local community that make a positive change "beyond the walls" of our church. We also financially partner with trusted not-for-profit organisations that effectively care for the poor, orphaned and widowed around the world.

In 2022, we collectively gave \$215,500 toward our Beyond the Walls initiatives. This represents a 4% increase compared to 2021. On behalf of our entire leadership team, we want to thank you, church! Your generosity has made a massive difference in so many lives. We have put this booklet together to show you some of the exciting initiatives we are currently working on.

We are certain that 2023 will be a year of great fruitfulness.



EDUCATION SUMMIT UNITES A COMMUNITY

On September 7, 2022, more than 50 principals, chaplains, council representatives, police and community leaders gathered for the first Maddington Education Summit. Hosted by Centrepoint Church (in partnership with Mission Australia), the Summit aimed to identify barriers to education and encourage community leaders to work together for solutions.

Local MP Mr Chris Tallentire MLA, Grant Dusting from McCrindle Research and Ps Peter Hammer presented insights into the local area. Our amazing Centrepoint volunteers catered a delicious breakfast and rolled out the red carpet for our guests. The entire event was a huge success, with many new relationships formed and community leaders working together to start addressing critical issues. An appetite for future collaboration was evident with an expanded Summit planned for 2023.



CRISIS CARE

Last year, our Byford campus launched a new initiative called Helping Hands. This ministry aims to give practical support to people in our community who are going through a tough time. In 2023, we will rename this initiative as "Crisis Care" and extend its reach to include the provision of meals, household cleaning and yard clean-ups for those in need in our community.

To join the Crisis Care team, email joe.r@centrepoint.church.

SERVING OUR SCHOOLS

Over the last 17 years, Centrepoint has played an influential part in serving our local primary and high schools. Every week, an incredible team of volunteers work alongside principals and chaplains to implement programs that support the needs of individual schools.

Whether it's hosting a morning tea for teachers at Bertram Primary School, cooking a Leavers' Day Sausage Sizzle at Harrisdale Senior High School, or helping kids discover their self-worth at Bibra Lake Primary, our amazing teams work hard to serve thousands of students each year

We are actively serving 13 schools in our local communities and provide a range of programs including:

- Chaplaincy Support Program
- Speaking at school assemblies
- Imagine Me Girls Program
- Breakfast Clubs
- Lunchtime Programs
- Teachers Appreciation Days

If you would like to be a part of the team that makes a difference in our schools, please contact joshua.l@centrepoint.church or ben.m@centrepoint.church



CHAMPIONING CHAPLAINS

School Chaplains are on the front line of our community, helping the next generation navigate childhood and adolescence.

In 2021, we hosted our first Chaplain Honour Day at our Byford campus. The event was so successful

HOPE FOR DISENGAGED STUDENTS

Alta-1 offers alternate learning pathways for disengaged students to complete their high school education. It is a unique concept of partnering with local churches to help create a place of belonging for students who struggle with the traditional education system. Over the last 19 years, Alta-1 has helped many young people find hope, receive an education and get planted in a local church.

Centrepoint is working with Alta-1 and the Department of Education to establish a campus in our Maddington facility. We believe that this venture will transform families. Please pray for our application to proceed so that we can hopefully launch the campus in 2024.



Recently a family from the local high school was left traumatised by the sudden passing of their father, who was tragically killed in a mine site accident.

Our Crisis Care volunteers were able to respond to the need quickly by providing meals and food hampers for the grieving family. The entire household was so grateful for the support they received during this dark season.

Thank you, Centrepoint, for your generosity and finance. It is making a real difference to those in need.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Over the last 16 years, Centrepoint Church has been running free Christmas Community Events that have been welcomed and well-supported within our local communities. Last year, we saw over 1,350 attendees plus more than 300 volunteers at our Christmas Breakfasts and Carnivals across four locations.

In 2023, we are launching the Centrepoint Festival of Christmas, with five Christmas Carnivals that will have greater reach than ever. After speaking with our local councils,

we have found that all our locations have one thing in common - loneliness. This could be through solo parenting, a FIFO lifestyle, social isolation in lower socio-economic areas, or immigrants without extended family here in WA. Our main goal is to see people connected, and we know that this year's free Festival of Christmas events will bring people together during what can be a lonely and isolating time.

To sign up to volunteer at any of the Festivals, visit www.centrepoint.church/christmas.



PLANT A CHURCH, CHANGE A COMMUNITY

Centrepoint Church has a long-standing partnership with the church planting group, Harvestnet. The mission of Harvestnet is to come alongside pastors in a united effort to expand the Church and spread Christ's love throughout Australian communities.

In the last year, we have helped to support two new church plants, Disciple House in Warwick and Passion Church in Mandurah. We have done this through financial support and sending teams to help where needed.

Since launching, these church plants have seen 11 first-time decisions for Christ, and nine water baptisms.



Ps Sam & Esther Dix officially launching Disciple House in Warwick. Oct 30, 2022.



Ps Rich Charlton sharing the gospel at Passion Church Mandurah. Oct 23, 2022.

PLAYGROUP OUTREACH

Parenting a young child can be difficult when you don't have extended family or community support. Centrepoint runs Playgroup programs at our Maddington and Bibra Lake campuses to help parents with children under five feel connected and supported.

Registered with Playgroup WA, the program is open to the community. It has provided many parents with an opportunity to find support and friendship over a coffee while their kids have fun in a safe environment. We have already seen families added to our church and encounter Christ through this excellent initiative.

Playgroup runs fortnightly on a Thursday at our Maddington and Bibra Lake hubs. To get more information, contact: Bibra Lake: bec.v@centrepoint.church Maddington: narelle.m@centrepoint.church



SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB



In February 2023, Centrepoint Church will launch a monthly Seniors Social Club. We will open up our Bibra Lake building to the community for all seniors to come along, have morning tea, spend time together and attend various activities and outings. With 19% of the population in Bibra Lake aged over 65, there is an opportunity to engage seniors with a local church in a meaningful way through friendships.

If you would like to help us start this new initiative, please get in contact with jess.e@centrepoint.church.

REGIONAL CHURCH SUPPORT

Centrepoint Church is passionate about serving other churches. This year we sent 10 teams to work alongside regional churches that needed encouragement and support.

These teams participated in various ministries, including leading kids' clubs, hosting community dinners, running Sunday services, pastoral care and preaching.

In 2023, Centrepoint has planned four regional mission trips to continue our support of country churches. We want to walk alongside these congregations and help them reach their community with the love of Jesus.

To find out more, please email patti.h@centrepoint.church.

THE GOSPEL IN SOUTH ASIA

We are thrilled to partner with missionaries to finance the preaching of the Gospel to multitudes in South Asia. We have helped broadcast the life-giving message of Jesus via radio to more than 250,000 people in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Due to the region's volatile nature, we cannot disclose the full details of this ministry, but we are delighted to report that many Muslim people are coming to Christ daily through your giving. Please pray for our friends as they risk their lives to serve people and point them to Christ.



HOPE FOR LESOTHO

Our continued partnership with Sepheo ministries has achieved some wonderful milestones over the last few years. Josh and Belinda Groves and their team have successfully curbed the street kid epidemic in Maseru and are now working on educating these children to give them a brighter future.

In July 2022, Centrepoint was able to fund the purchase of a large piece of land so that Sepheo can build an early childhood education centre. They aim to expand their reach to more at-risk children with the Gospel and transform whole communities.



SAVING BABIES IN CAMBODIA

In July 2022, our church started a new partnership with Mother's Heart. This organisation is the only Christian crisis pregnancy service in Cambodia. They exist to rescue pregnant women who have no support. These vulnerable women are often forced to abort their babies, thinking there is no other viable option for them. Mother's Heart provides care, training and support to enable these young mothers to have their babies and care for them well. Over the years, this ministry has saved many lives and has seen whole families come to Christ.

Our partnership with Mother's Heart has helped finance the staff so that they can expand the program to help more young women access the help they desperately need.

BREAKING BARRIERS WITH MUSIC

Centrepont Music Academy offers music tuition to students of all ages and experience levels with trained and professionally qualified music tutors. It was created to be an outreach to the community as much as a training school for musicians within our church. Several students who use the Academy do not attend Centrepoint Church but love having access to our facility and meeting our team.

The Academy has five tutors covering drums, keyboard, guitar, and vocals. Planning has already begun for 2023 with the introduction of a new instrument - the bass guitar. Our goal is to continue expanding to reach the broader community. For more information, please email music@centrepoint.church.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SIGN UP TO GIVE OR VOLUNTEER.

