



Gospel Foundation Fund



**BRINGING
THE GOSPEL
TO THE NATIONS**



GOD'S BIG PICTURE IN NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA



GARY AND CHRISTINE NELSON

The Anglican Diocese of North West Australia exists to glorify the triune God. We do this by promoting sound doctrine and true faith through the spread of the gospel and biblical teaching. And we seek to encourage the growth and maturing of Christ's one true Church.

However, to continue proclaiming the gospel we need to develop long-term sustainability so that:

- + **limited resources of our parish churches can be used to expand ministry in remote and transient communities;**
- + **we rely less on an annual (historic) grant that has no long-term certainty;**
- + **we provide opportunities for Ministers-in-Training to be raised up to fill parish positions as they become vacant.**

The Diocesan Council supports a **Gospel Foundation Fund** campaign as the best way to achieve these goals.

Gary Nelson
Bishop of North West Australia



For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Col 1:19-20) ■■

GOD'S GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

The North West of Australia is a magnet. Thousands of miners, agricultural workers, seafarers and tourists arrive from around the globe each year.

Amid this transient population, we proclaim Christ to the nations through Bible-based ministries.

Our gospel workers — equipped by theological training—preach and teach the Bible, raise disciples and minister to people in need.



Broome Anglican Church

Remote church-based ministry

High church turnover gives us a precious window to faithfully sow seeds for the gospel which often produces fruit elsewhere

Mission to Seafarers

6500 seafarers per month visit Mission to Seafarers centres in three ports — Port Hedland, Dampier and Geraldton

Ministry to Aboriginal communities

Working in partnership with local communities, we teach the Bible, raise disciples and help equip leaders and communities to keep on meeting together

Ministry to children and youth

We teach children and young people about Jesus and help them establish their lives on a firm gospel foundation

Chaplaincy

Our Rural Chaplain ministers to farmers and rural residents, many of whom battle uncertain seasons and isolation

Our Hospital Chaplain brings the good news of eternal life to the sick and dying

Our Prison Chaplain proclaims Christ through Bible studies, weekly services and online Bible correspondence courses to prisoners in chains.





STANDING IN THE OUTBACK TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

Broome Peoples Church

In some North West towns the Anglican church provides the only solid gospel-focused preaching, teaching and discipleship. All other denominations have pulled up stumps and left.

In towns with various denominations, our workers are often the only full-time, theologically trained minister.

We stand with rural communities through crises. We stand to ensure a gospel witness endures in remote Western Australia.

- Every ministry is
- + **evangelical**
- + **Christ-centred**
- + **Bible-based**

An uncertain future

The Diocese was formed in 1910 as a 'missionary Diocese'. The first bishop was expected to fund his own position and the costs of his own administration.

Consequently, the funds needed to fully 'endow' the new Diocese never eventuated.

Currently the Bishop spends much time travelling outside the Diocese to parts of Australia, US and Western Australia, visiting churches to raise funds.



FRANK & JO NICOL TELL STUDENTS
AT EXMOUTH ABOUT JESUS

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Ministry trainee Brendan Hurley with Laura, Jake, Ethan & Oliver



A plan to secure financial resources

We are seeking **\$1.5 million** in capital gifts over three years that will be invested. We aim to generate sufficient income from investments in a special 'Bishop's See Fund' to support a comprehensive program of ministry oversight and free the bishop from fundraising.

We are asking God to provide:



A plan to raise up workers for the harvest

It's difficult to find people willing and equipped to serve God in the North West amid extreme weather conditions, isolation and transient populations.

Our aim is to raise **\$500,000** a year to equip four trainee ministers for the specific challenges of frontline ministry in remote Western Australia.



We are asking the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. (Matt 9:38) 🗨️🗨️

TRAINING GOSPEL WORKERS

We praise God that young Bible college graduates are willing to serve in the North West. However, they need training — typically, spending at least two years with one of our experienced ministers before they are equipped to lead a church or ministry centre.

Our churches with senior ministers in larger regional centres such as Geraldton, Port Hedland, Broome and Karratha, can provide graduates the opportunity to be further discipled and prepared to lead a church themselves.

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ROGER AND AMANDA KYNGDON
ADA, ELIZA, BENJAMIN

Preaching the word a priority in Newman

Rev Roger Kyngdon, with his wife Amanda, spent two years training at Bluff Point Anglican under the supervision of the Bishop. This helped prepare him for leading the church at Newman, a remote mining town of 3000.

Roger says the training was vital in equipping him for the challenges of serving God in the Pilbara region. It enabled him to seize the opportunity to minister in a way he'd never done before.

"I've never lived anywhere like Newman before. Figures show that the Pilbara has among the lowest percentage of Christians in Australia. A lot of people just don't understand what a Christian is.

"I make preaching the Word a priority and we are working hard to make church services accessible so we can connect with as many people as possible."

Roger says new families have started coming to the regular family services and it's been a joy to see the Holy Spirit working in their lives.

"It's a challenge to get people along to Bible studies. Their jobs often involve physical work and so by evening they are tired. Alcohol is a big part of life up here also, and some people will miss church because of a 'big night out'.

"Please join us in praying that people would continue to delight in the opportunity to serve each other and actively live their faith."

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

WITH ABORIGINAL CHRISTIANS

By Archdeacon Michael Baines,
Minister-in-Charge Broome Anglican Church

About 10 years ago when Tim Mildenhall was Minister-in-Charge of Broome Anglican Church, people began praying for Gospel ministry to grow among Aboriginal people.

God answered those prayers in an unexpected way. The largely-Aboriginal Broome Peoples Church needed a new pastor, so Tim accepted that role and the congregation joined in ministry with us.

The Diocese of North West Australia then partnered with CMS to bring missionaries Chris and Karen Webb to the Kimberley to focus on Aboriginal discipleship and leadership training.

I believe Chris and Karen's work is making a real, Kimberley-wide difference.

They are involved with the Sunday service, small groups and relationships with individual contacts in Broome. They also have opportunities to support Aboriginal Christian workers in remote Kimberley communities who invite them in as partners.

Recently, Chris was invited to speak at a training weekend for Peoples Church pastors in the central Kimberley. Most of these pastors haven't had much theological training, so this is a significant contribution we can make. Chris is planned to make a similar contribution to three more training weekends this year in different communities. Chris also provides mentoring to Kimberley pastors through regular phone conversations.



Chris assists in discipling Tony Uhl who helps lead Wangkatjungka Peoples Church. He received training in service leading from Chris and is using recorded sermons from Broome People's Church. In this way the congregation can be fed from the Scriptures each week while local leaders learn to prepare their own sermons.

Please pray that God will raise up even more Aboriginal church leaders and non-Aboriginal workers who are willing and able to work in this area. We'd love to have a ministry like Chris and Karen's based in the east Kimberley. Please also pray that we (especially Chris) will be able to offer faithful and helpful training that equips local leaders for their kingdom work.

REACHING 78,000 SEAFARERS EACH YEAR

Our Mission to Seafarer Centres offer hospitality, care, advocacy and Christian outreach to 6500 seafarers each month.



This extraordinary ministry is a lifeline for seafarers during their few hours of shore leave in Geraldton, Port Hedland or Dampier.

It's a welcome respite in a tough life — which can mean up to nine months away from family.

In this environment, our chaplains play a precious role, giving crew an opportunity to talk about family and difficulties. We talk to them about Jesus and offer to pray.

Each month we give away hundreds of Bibles and items of Christian literature — scriptures written in Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Burmese, Hindi and Tamil to name just a few.

We pray that during the long, lonely nights at sea our new friends will read and meet Jesus in the scriptures.

Indian seafarer Mahesh lost his leg in a shipping accident. With no insurance or employer support, he feared his wife and children would abandon him. Our chaplains cared for him in hospital in Port Hedland. They raised \$43,000 from the shipping community and accompanied him home to Mumbai, where they testified to Jesus Christ. Mahesh and his family became Christians and joined a local church. Mahesh was able to set up a home-based business to support his family.

Philippino cadet Ric was so desperately lonely he had considered jumping overboard and 'getting lost at sea' when Chaplain Wayne Sutton met him at the Geraldton centre.

Ric emailed a few days later: "The Luke's gospel you gave me was very special. It saved my life. I thought nobody cared for seafarers. Your gift showed me that someone cares about me. I have been reading the Gospel about Jesus and find it a good companion when alone in my cabin."

At our Centres, seafarers have a place to chat with chaplains, relax and even buy souvenirs for loved ones. Our chaplains also visit on board ships and receive a warm welcome.



Please pray that many seafarers who come through our ports would turn to Christ for salvation, forgiveness and comfort



CHAPLAIN WAYNE SUTTON ENCOURAGED
CADET SEAFARER RIC (CENTRE) AT
GERALDTON MISSION TO SEAFARERS

LIVES TRANSFORMED IN KUNUNURRA



Rev Daniel Faricy (with his wife Rebecca and children) leads the Anglican Church in Kununurra and loves preaching Christ crucified.

“Our Church congregation recently shared the joy of the transforming power of the cross when five teenagers were baptised.

“In preparation for the day, the young people attended baptism classes where they looked at what the Bible said about baptism, discipleship, serving and church.

“Close to 100 people attended from all the churches in town to encourage the young folk. They shared their testimonies and publicly declared their faith in Christ. The afternoon was a great celebration of God’s grace in Christ.

“From Kununurra it’s a long trek to anywhere. My nearest WA ministry partner is 1000km away in Broome. For further encouragement and fellowship, it’s easier to cross the state border into the Northern Territory and meet with a gospel partner 400km away in Katherine.

“Isolation is part of life in the North West but I count it a privilege to share Christ in this part of the world.”

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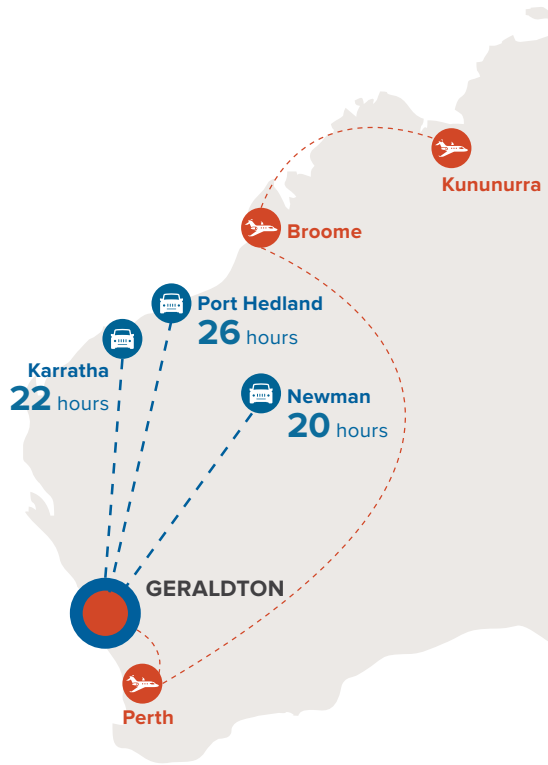
The Bishop of the North West has a unique role. His flock is spread over two million square kilometres in 22 ministry centres.




Distance is a huge challenge. Unfortunately, he's had to curtail pastoral support visits because of limited funds.

Our plan is to build up sufficient income from investments to support a program of comprehensive ministry oversight. For our gospel workers who often labour in isolated circumstances, this will provide vital encouragement including:

- + training for ministers and lay leaders
- + pastoral care and prayer
- + preaching workshops
- + updates on broader social developments such as euthanasia, freedom of religion.

GETTING AROUND THE DIOCESE



-  Geraldton administrative centre return
-  Geraldton to Kununurra return \$1,750 economy Ger-Kun outbound travel time 24hrs (inc o/n Perth, 5hr layover Broome)
-  7-8 week tour of whole diocese making pastoral visits to each minister



ROSS MET JESUS IN THE NORTH WEST

Ross needed a break from caring for elderly parents in Perth and was looking for direction in his wayward life. He first stop was Geraldton where he visited Bluff Point Anglican Church.

That Sunday he heard God speak to him from 1 Peter 2:13-16... “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy.”

Ross realised he wasn't holy. He was cut off from God because of his sin.

A church family invited him to lunch and over the course of three days Ross became a Christian.

He went from spiritual death to life knowing that God's love and forgiveness came to him through Jesus Christ. This was life changing for Ross.

Ross travelled further into the North West. He went to Carnarvon, Karratha and Paraburdoo, visiting Anglican Churches along the way. In each church the ministers encouraged Ross from the scriptures, showed him hospitality, gave him books to read and urged him to keep trusting Jesus Christ.

Ross discovered that each church used the Bible as its central focus for worship and teaching.

Church services helped Ross to see God's Word as the key to Christian living. Ross was challenged to think deeply about the gospel in his own life. All this equipped Ross to serve God as he returned to Perth.

Three months later Ross stood in front of the Bluff Point church to confess his faith in God's goodness and Jesus Christ. God had saved a 67 year old ex-farmer who had been lost, but now found.

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BE PART OF GOD'S BIG PLAN




Please pray for this opportunity to support gospel ministry

Become a Gospel Foundation Fund giver with a generous gift to be invested for the future

Become a regular giver to the North West Training Program and raise workers for the harvest



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