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BUILD TO REACH



Heritage

1 Chronicles 17:25-27

"You, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house.

So your servant has found courage to pray to you.

O Lord, you are God! You have promised these good things to your servant.

Now you have been pleased to bless the house of your servant,

that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, O Lord, have blessed it,

and it will be blessed forever."

How amazing, how wonderful, how beautiful is our God. He has done it! He has taken His ground. Established His place and set forever a Heritage for His name.

After five years of prayer, negotiations, sacrificial faith-filled giving we are the recipients of a miracle of God. We listened, we heard, we trusted, we gave, we waited and waited some more. Faith rose in our hearts and not because we are the authors or perfectors of our own faith, but because of God and His glorious grace.

It has, and always will be, His plan that our church be established in the heart of the community. You, with myself and Cathie the various boards and staff, and faithful and generous financial givers, have responded in trusting the Lord's initiative. We all together stand in awe of God and know without a shadow of doubt we have seen a miracle occur. In the most difficult time, the most unlikely time to set about to purchase a home for the Lord, we have seen it happen. He said He would, we believed He would - and He did.

With confidence in my heart and seeing how you have given "*I have always prayed with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus*" Phil 1:4-6.

All who have given, from the youngest to the oldest, celebrate together - for it has never been, and never will be about equal giving, but has, and always will be about equal sacrifice. Yet we must continue to rise and rise again. For we have the responsibility to ensure His house is a place that reflects His name. A Name that will continue to rise and spread in this nation.



1 Chronicles 22:19

"Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God.
Begin to build the sanctuary of the Lord God...
that will be built for the Name of the Lord."

A house is not a home unless there is a kitchen, a lounge and rooms for the kids. A home has places to chat, to read and reflect. Places to eat, laugh, share and even cry. A safe and fun place for friends. It is a place that is warm and inviting with the special touches of creative hands and hearts, the smell of freshly baked bread and brewing coffee, the laughter of children and the ambience of music that calms the soul.

This is the journey in front of us. Now is the time, He has done it and now we are to devote to it - to turn bricks and mortar, a plain and functional building into a home for the dwelling of the presence of God and the cure of souls. The Lord's Home - where people are reached and built - connected to God and others, living their best life.

Let us not hold back when He has done so much for us. I want to encourage you in all your efforts to fulfil your previous commitments before the Lord. Like Cathie, myself, our children, the staff, the various board members, and so many in the church, seek the Lord afresh. Ask Him what you should sacrificially commit in faith to give for the year ahead.

I believe we can raise beyond what we have in the past - so that we can own the building outright in a few years and have it looking very attractive and inviting. A place where people will want to be - where we will hear them say over and over "Surely the Lord is in this place...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate to heaven" Gen 28:16 - 1.

Have a thorough read of the rest of this material - it will help you to pray and plan what and how you will give.

Thank you for your courage and generosity to our Lord and God and thank you so much for your trust and love towards us as we lead this most beautiful community of God - C3 Church Ryde.

Richard & Cathie Green



How Do I Get Involved?

1. Prayerfully consider the amount of giving that is appropriate for you.

This should be your first step in becoming involved in establishing the Build to Reach Foundation. Pray for both faith and wisdom in making your decision.

2. Make your commitment to the Build to Reach Foundation.

In June, you will have an opportunity to make your commitment during our services by completing a commitment card. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend church, you can obtain a commitment card anytime from the Church Office or submit a commitment card online at www.c3churchryde.com.au

3. Consider how you will fulfil your commitment.

You will have several options available to you:

Make a regular weekly or monthly contribution. Regular giving can be easier to manage, is rewarding and quickly builds up over time, as you can see below:

\$20 week	= \$86 month	= \$1,040 year
\$80 week	= \$346 month	= \$4,160 year
\$300 week	= \$1,300 month	= \$15,000 year
\$1,000 week	= \$4,332 month	= \$52,000 year

4. Regularly pray into your commitment

Place your statement of commitment in a place where you and your family can see it and pray regularly for it eg. the fridge. The actual amount will not be on the front of your Commitment Focus Card.



Creative Ways to Give

1. As a family, give up one of your takeaway meals a week for a meal at home. Missing one meal a week at an average of \$20 per family is \$1,040 per year.
2. Give up a habit. Easier said than done, but not impossible. A cappuccino per day for a year costs \$1,095.
3. Commit your income tax refund to the Lord.
4. Give a gift of assets. You can give real estate, stocks, bonds, gold, cars, boats, etc.
5. Adjust your holiday. Try having a holiday at home and taking day trips and picnics. Or take a three day holiday instead of a week. This can save \$1,000 - \$2,000.
6. Wait for a movie to come out on video instead of seeing it at the theatre. A trip to the movies for two people costs approximately \$40 with tickets, popcorn and a drink. If you cut out one movie a month that is \$480 over the year.
7. Put off a major purchase and redirect the money into Build to Reach.
8. If you have a business, consider making a gift which is tax deductible to the business.
9. A dollar increase per week. This is a great idea for those who have never given or do not see a way to increase current giving. Start by giving one dollar the first week, then two, then three, etc., praying all along that the Lord would show you a way to add that next dollar and increase each week. If you keep this up for a year you would give \$1,345.
10. Trust Distributions. Input tax credits that apply to distributions from trust funds - these are able to be refunded to the church from the tax office.



"A heritage is built
& a life changing culture
is handed on to the
following generations."

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Account Information

There are two different accounts you can give to.

1. If you **require a tax receipt** for tax deductibility purposes (all donations over \$2 are tax deductible), you should give to the Build to Reach Foundation.

For direct deposits our account details are :

Name of account: Build to Reach Foundation

BSB : 062 281

Account Number: 1026 6521

Cheques should be made payable to the Build to Reach Foundation.

Cash donations should be placed in our "offering" envelopes and the "Build to Reach Foundation" box ticked.

2. If you **do not require a tax receipt** (ie you do not wish to claim your donation as a tax deduction), you can give to the Christian City Church Ryde Special Account.

Money given to this account will be used for expenditure beyond the purposes approved by the Australian Tax Office for the tax deductible Build to Reach Foundation Fund. Some aspects of the building fitout, activities such as church planting, local and overseas missions that are evangelistic, are not approved by the Australian Tax Office for tax deductibility.

For direct deposits our account details are:

Name of account: Christian City Church Ryde Special Account

BSB: 062 320

Account Number: 1019 8068

Cheques should be made payable to Christian City Church Ryde.

Cash donations should be placed in our "offering" envelopes and the "Building Fund" box ticked.





We hope that this information has been helpful to you as you prepare yourself to bring a great offering to the Lord for His Glory and for the extension of His kingdom.

As you give we pray "the Lord will give seed to you as you sow and increase your store of seed and enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. That as you give you will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through you your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" 2 Corinthians 9:10 - 11.



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