



SEEDS OF HOPE

*A Three Year Stewardship Focus
for a Mega Harvest at NewHope*

Seeds are small pockets of potential. Put them in the ground and they will soon germinate and flourish becoming beautiful, fruitful and often huge plants. Our money can be planted in an even more spectacular way. When we invest it in God's work – thinking of each dollar as a 'seed of hope' – we create the conditions for an amazing harvest.

'God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.'
(2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NLT)

In 2018 NewHope will begin a new season of ministry with expanded purpose-built facilities and a fantastic platform for effective programs and outreach. We celebrate the favour of God in so many ways at NewHope and we seek to steward these opportunities well.

Many generous people contributed to the three year 'Building for God's Glory' project. It was a fantastic effort with a great result and we say thank you to each one! We raised over 3 million dollars and funded the expansion of our Community Centre to better serve our neighbours and strengthen our outreach.

Now we face a new and bold challenge. With the build work nearly complete it is time to give our attention to some exciting new goals at NewHope.



SEEDS OF HOPE 2020 GOALS



MEGA HARVEST

Significantly advance five key outreach areas by 2020



ACCELERATED LOAN REPAYMENTS

Address the principal and reduce interest payments on our loan



FINANCIAL HEALTH

Achieve surplus budgets for the next 3 years and improve our cash flow

A MEGA-HARVEST

God promises a 'great harvest' when we give cheerfully to his work. He wants to bless his people and advance his mission and he has positioned NewHope for a season of incredible ministry harvest. As we obey the stewardship call at NewHope together over the next three years we will strategically invest in 5 key outreach areas.





NewHope's Chinese Congregation

I. MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH

Position our Persian and Chinese ministries to impact Australia and beyond with the Gospel. Grow our kingdom impact through non-English worship and witness.

- Additional support for Sam and James to make their work sustainable and fruitful.
- Fund study and speaking opportunities for our multicultural pastors to grow and share their leadership capacity.
- Strengthen our inclusion of non-English speakers in worship gatherings, Communities of Hope and governance meetings at NewHope.
- Support and empower our growing Brazilian Ministry to enable sustainability and growth.
- Grow our NewHope Global 'footprint' by strengthening our engagement with and support of our global partners.
- Further support the exciting overseas outreach of our non-English congregations.
- (You can attend the confidential briefing in early 2018)

2. CAMPUSES OUTREACH

Multiply the vital witness and social impact of the gospel in Melbourne by extending our reach beyond the Blackburn campus.

- Croydon: Provide community outreach venue solutions. Explore a car repairs ministry.
- Surrey Hills: Establish a worship gathering. Initiate the Coach program.
- Develop an online campus with NewHope sermons streaming to the web and chatroom support.
- Discern and plant a fourth Campus of NewHope, as and when God leads us.
- Contribute substantially to the BUV 'Grow, Give, Go' initiative in Melbourne's growth corridors
- (You can attend a briefing in early 2018)



3. COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

30 dynamic new Communities of Hope by 2020 that disciple and evangelise effectively. Grow and support the existing Communities of Hope.

- Invest in training our people and developing even better systems to encourage participation in groups and foster effective outreach together.
- Provide user-friendly database support for all our Communities of Hope.
- Appoint a Communities of Hope 'chaplain' to help foster links and support leaders.
- (You can attend a briefing in early 2018)



4. FAMILY OUTREACH

Expand and deepen our age-based programs adding more children, youth, families and seniors. Create more and better opportunities for people to meet Jesus.

- Strengthen our growing children's and families work with additional staff support.
- Build a wide support base for our excellent generational ministries and invest in scaling them up to embrace more people and offer even better experiences of community and witness.
- Engage in dynamic schools ministry. Develop the successful 'Kids Hope' program.
- (You can attend a briefing in early 2018)



Playspace 'Messy Play Days'



Youth 'Shift Night'

5. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NewHope is a leadership development hothouse where emerging leaders grow quickly and established leaders flourish. We develop leaders for kingdom work throughout Australia.

- Invest in leadership recruitment, training, mentoring, interning, retooling and deploying.
- Establish NewHope Training with online resources and intensive on-site training courses.
- Publish excellent leadership and ministry resources developed by our senior staff and experienced leaders through NewHope Publishing.
- (You can attend a briefing in early 2018)

ACCELERATED LOAN REPAYMENTS & FINANCIAL HEALTH

NewHope has purchased strategically located properties and engaged in significant build works over recent years to cater for ministry growth and exciting future opportunities. To achieve these excellent initiatives NewHope has supplemented our people's generous giving by leveraging our considerable assets and borrowing funds. Going forward we can save significantly on interest payments – money that can be used in the long term for outreach – by accelerating payments against the principal. We plan to do this with a combination of budget surpluses, 'Storehouse Gifts', and interest free Loans from our supporters. Accelerated loan payments (which can be withdrawn again if required) will strengthen our overall financial health and improve our risk profile.

PARTICIPATING IN SEEDS OF HOPE 2020

'Seeds of Hope 2020' calls for a commitment from each person at NewHope so we can achieve something truly fantastic together – a 'Mega Harvest'! Seeds of Hope is about investing in things that are spiritually important and eternally significant. Your sacrificial giving will unlock incredible community opportunities and transform individual lives forever!

As you make a Ministry Pledge and a Storehouse Gift you are part of something big. We are planting Seeds of Hope in our city and harvesting kingdom outcomes. If you can make a loan or give an in-kind donation you will further expand NewHope's ministry capacity and impact.

First, make a ministry PLEDGE

Each person is invited to pray, plan and pledge your future recurring donations to NewHope. Paul the Apostle teaches: 'You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure . . . God will generously provide all you need . . . so that you can always be generous.' (2 Cor 9:7-11 NLT) This bold 'decision in your heart' is what we are asking of each other, a courageous pledge that cheerfully declares our trust in God.

The place to start is PRAYING for NewHope and asking God for a Mega Harvest right here in Melbourne. Expect something great! Take stock of your blessings and acknowledge how God has supplied for your needs. As your trust in God grows so will your generosity. Then, make a bold PLAN. Decide on the amount, frequency and term of your pledge. Be a percentage giver and prayerfully stretch yourself in 2018. Know what percentage of your income you are giving to God's work and ask him to help you grow the harvest.

Now you are ready to make your PLEDGE. You can do this online at **seeds.newhope.net.au** and you can update your pledge later on if you need to. As each person at NewHope makes a bold pledge resources will be released for A Mega Harvest to God's glory.

PARTICIPATING IN SEEDS OF HOPE 2020

Second, make a storehouse GIFT

Each person is invited to make a significant monetary gift to NewHope in October 2017 for the 'Storehouse'. These gifts will be used to add capacity to our work as we address debt, the coming year's budget and the cash flow needs of NewHope. The total 2017 'Storehouse Gifts' will be distributed as follows:

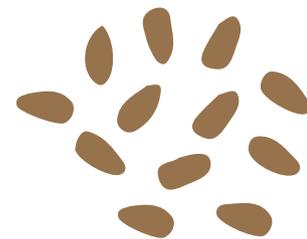
- 1/3 for the 2018 NewHope ministry budget
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- 1/3 for principal repayments on the NewHope loan

We will repeat this again in 2018 and 2019 inviting major 'Storehouse Gifts' late in the year and distributing the funds similarly towards immediate and future ministry budgets and loan reduction. This will allow us to reduce interest payments, address the principal of our debt and sure up annual ministry budgets so NewHope can flourish.

If you are able, make a LOAN

You can reduce the cost of NewHope's debt by loaning money to NewHope at no interest. You can do this by investing in 'Ministry Bonds'. One Ministry Bond is \$5000. Your money will be used to reduce the church's debt for the period during which you make it available. It will be held according to clear terms and will be available to you on call. You can get more information, read the terms & conditions, and express your interest online.

visit: seeds.newhope.net.au



In-Kind Donations

An in-kind donation is a gift of something other than money. In the New Testament Barnabas gave a gift of property to the church. You might have property, a special collection, or a personal treasure to give. Or, maybe you can provide a needed service that will save the church money.

The terms and particulars of each in-kind offer will be negotiated case by case and donations must be free and clear of all encumbrances and restrictions. We cannot accept donations that will make significant demands upon our limited resources.

PRAYER

Farmers plant the seed but God makes it grow. During the Seeds initiative we will be calling out to the Lord of the harvest for a truly amazing Mega Harvest. We will encourage two special Seeds of Hope prayer initiatives to complement the many prayer activities of NewHope during this season.

Wednesday Prayer and Fasting. During the 6 weeks of 4 Oct - 8 Nov we will hold a Wednesday evening, 7pm prayer meeting at the Blackburn North Campus and encourage everyone to fast one or more meals during the day. If you can't attend the evening gatherings in Blackburn North, you can join in by planning a personal or group prayer appointment of your own.

Seeds of Hope Prayer Wall. From the beginning of October we will turn the back wall of the auditorium into a prayer canvas where we can write our prayers for a Mega Harvest to God's glory. Ministries, groups, families and individuals will be able to write on the wall as we bring our prayers to God.

TARGET

Our simple target is to grow a robust funding stream for the effective outreach of NewHope. We are praying for an abundance of SEEDS of HOPE. If we plant generously, God promises we will reap a Mega Harvest.

'Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.'

2 Corinthians 8:6-8 NLT

A **Growth Budget** would allow us to achieve many of the things listed above and position NewHope for a 'Great Harvest'.

Storehouse Gifts totalling \$300,000 and Ministry Pledges totalling \$46,000 per week would allow us to address the following highlights:

- Appoint an additional Associate/Assistant Pastor
- Strengthen our Persian & Chinese outreach ministry
- Grow our Campus outreach
- Develop scores of leaders
- Reduce our debt moderately over three years



A **Miracle Budget** would allow us to achieve all of the things listed above and position NewHope for a 'Mega Harvest'.

Storehouse Gifts totalling \$600,000 and Ministry Pledges totalling \$52,000 per week would allow us to address the following highlights:

- Appoint new staff to advance our family outreach and schools ministry
- Strengthen our non-English overseas outreach and our Global impact through mission partners
- Contribute substantially to the BUV "Grow, Give, Go" initiative.
- Establish NewHope Training and grow hundreds of leaders
- Reduce our debt substantially over three years

THE INVITATION

We invite you to respond online at seeds.newhope.net.au where you can make your Ministry Pledge and your Storehouse Gift; and you can tell us about your interest in making a loan or an in-kind donation if appropriate.

Let's all get involved. No two of us have the same circumstances but we can all participate. As Paul says, 'give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly.' (2 Cor 8:11-12 NLT). The challenge is not equal gifts, but rather equal sacrifice. And the outcome will be A Mega Harvest for God's glory!



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