

Vision Builders²³

A CHURCH PURPOSED FOR OTHERS
Our vision for the year



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MATTHEW 5:9 (NIV)

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What is Vision Builders?

At the heart of Vision Builders is a desire for people to be transformed by the power of Christ. It is a partnership between ordinary people and an extraordinary purpose.

Vision Builders funds the initiatives that serve this vision. It is responsible for raising the finance needed to facilitate projects and ministries that reach, build and care in Sydney and overseas. We hold an annual Vision Builders Dinner to celebrate what's been built through Vision Builders giving, and to look ahead into the future.

In 2023, as C3 SYD, we are focusing on being those who are *peacemakers*, and are funding initiatives towards that vision.

PEACEMAKERS ARE NOT PASSIVE

Peacemakers embrace the inconvenience of serving others. We all know that advancing the kingdom of heaven through the local church isn't always convenient. Jesus, the ultimate peacemaker was hated by the religious.

Jesus - who sat and ate with sinners, he healed the sick, cast out demons, confronted the hypocrisy of the

pharisees, drove trade out of the temple with a whip, and brought the hope of heaven to those who were hopeless.

For a peacemaker, he created a lot of tension, but it was necessary tension. Jesus was never passive about the work of reconciliation. Jesus never avoided inconvenience. Instead, he embraced it for the greater good of bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth, for the greater priority of making peace with God a reality for all who believe in him.

Our collective generosity is one of the most significant ways we can be peacemakers on the earth! It is us, embracing inconvenience in order to advance God's kingdom - to love our neighbour, and to show the world that we are children of God.

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Global Partnerships

WHY IT MATTERS

Global partnerships are important to us because we want to play our part in the body of Christ at large, and to advance the Kingdom beyond the city we are called to reach. We are a part of a global movement, and we are part of the global Church – therefore we are called with all our resources to not hoard for ourselves, but to be generous towards the advancement of God’s Kingdom globally.

We want to continue to have a global impact and we want to increase that impact, through strategic partnerships that advance the Kingdom. Through financially sowing into these partnerships, we want see them advance, expand and multiply.

There are a few key global partnerships that we support through Vision Builders.



EAST AFRICA

We have helped C3 East Africa in training and supporting people start small businesses in in this region, taking families from living day-to-day, never having enough for basic needs, to being financially empowered to not only meet their own needs, but able to give to others and be generous.

C3 East Africa offers training in the basics of handling money and how to do small business.

This is offered to pastors, members of C3 churches and members in the communities our churches are serving.

Those who are diligent with their studies are offered a business mentor to develop their business idea. Those who are diligent in working with the mentor are offered seed capital to start the small business. Many small businesses have been started that have transformed families, by being able to send kids to school, buy books and uniforms, enjoy better diets, better health, and improved accommodation.

Because the training is based on biblical principles, the participants also give to their local churches, thus empowering their community of faith to be a blessing to the greater community.

CHILD ACTION LANKA

Dilshan Edirisinghe, a graduate of C3 Bible College, and his wife Deborah, along with Pastor Richard Forsyth, founded Child Action Lanka in 2006; with the purpose of rescuing disadvantaged and vulnerable children from the streets of Sri Lanka.

Child Action Lanka has received significant recognition for their work by the highest levels of leadership in Sri Lanka, which is predominantly a Buddhist nation. They were also awarded the Commonwealth “Points of Light” award in 2022 by her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

TE-KWORO FOUNDATION

Te-Kworo Foundation, with our beloved Alice Achan is a community-based organization providing quality education, maternal and child healthcare and social protection to girls, women and children in northern Uganda.

We have donated \$20 000 to the running costs of the maternal health clinic in Uganda, which enables the most vulnerable women to have access to a safe birth.



TE-KWORO
FOUNDATION

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM)

Every day, countless people are sold into slavery, as slave owners make a profit off their misery. International Justice Mission is a global organisation with a plan to eliminate the slave trade everywhere.

As C3 SYD, we have given a total of \$84,500 to IJM and our projection is to have given \$110 000 by August 2023. In this last year IJM has achieved the following:

- 9,295 victims rescued from slavery
- 434 survivors restored through aftercare
- 4,097 perpetrators restrained

COMPASSION

Compassion International is a Christian child development organization dedicated to releasing children from poverty. The hallmark of Compassion's work is one-to-one child sponsorship.

There are currently 698 sponsorships across C3 SYD. At \$48 per month, C3 SYD members are donating approximately \$400 000 per annum.

Your support gives a child a life-changing opportunity to develop spiritually, socio-emotionally, physically and economically. It's a relationship more powerful than poverty— changing their life and yours!



IJM





Digital Content

WHY IT MATTERS

It is vital that we are engaging with the world around us, and we recognise the importance of intentionally positioning ourselves in the places and spaces where people who don't know Jesus are. This is the GO into ALL THE WORLD part of the great commission.

“We see a great return of sons and daughters and a great harvest of new believers.”

Statistics from McCrindle research - “The Changing faith landscape in Australia”:

- 46% of Gen Z (18-27 year olds) use Tik Tok to help them with their spiritual life and 44% of Gen Z use Instagram
- 38% of Gen Y (28-42) use facebook and 37% of Gen Y use Instagram and YouTube to help them with their spiritual life
- 27% of Gen X (43-57) use YouTube and facebook to help them with their spiritual life
- 16% of Boomers (58-76) and 16% of Builders (77+) use facebook to help them with their spiritual life // 11% of boomers use Youtube and 12% of Builders use Youtube.
- Gen Z (26%) are 6.5x as likely as Baby Boomers (4%) to be prompted by social media to consider spirituality and religion
- 77% of Gen Z believe social media is an appropriate space to talk about religion and spirituality.



When people are looking for spiritual insight, they aren't showing up to a place; instead we see a massive proportion are looking online. This is why it is so important that we are investing in and occupying the digital landscape.

What Is Happening And What We Want To Do

We have reached over 33,500 people across YouTube, Apple Podcast & TikTok.

When we say reached - that means people seeing, hearing or interacting with our content for SYD Life.

This year since our launch in February, we have been releasing a fortnightly podcast also available on YouTube, covering topics from well-being, family, finance, Sydney real-estate and careers.

We would like to see an increase in subscribers and more people interacting (liking, commenting, pausing to read or stopping to take in high value content, sharing it with a friend) with our content on all our platforms.

We would like to increase the number of platforms we are on. We would like to see more people sharing the content with friends when they have specific needs, and we have the specific content that speaks to the need.

All of this so ultimately, we can see people who feel far from God, take steps towards knowing Jesus.

Upgrading Our Kids Facilities

WHY IT MATTERS

There is an ideological war on the souls of children. We believe there is such a calling and mandate on their lives, that the enemy is coming to do everything he can to disrupt and disturb their identity. The world we live in is becoming increasingly confusing and deceptive when it comes to the identity of children, and we are witnessing this being presented through society earlier and earlier into their lives.

We must step into the ring, so to speak, fighting for each other and stepping into the battle. This is what we must do as a Church, with parents and with our families.

We must create room for children to receive the Holy Spirit into their heart and mind - for them to receive the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of God who brings order and not disorder, clarity and not confusion. We must ensure they are growing up with the fruit of the Spirit pouring out of their lives, and with the truth in their heart and mouth. It is our mandate to help parents and children to stand on firm ground in the face of confusion, being infused with the boldness of the Holy Spirit; to stand strong and to lean into the love and the covering of King Jesus.

WHAT WE WANT TO DO

This is why we must build facilities for families and for children that value them, by bringing them out of the periphery and to the front and centre. We want people to think of C3 SYD as a place for families, a safe haven, where parents can see their children planted and flourishing. We want our kids' experience to be very visible when someone comes to one of our locations. We don't want something that is out the back or bonus child minding, but that whenever you walk into a C3 SYD location it would be visible that we value children and are very intentional about God's heart and plan for them.

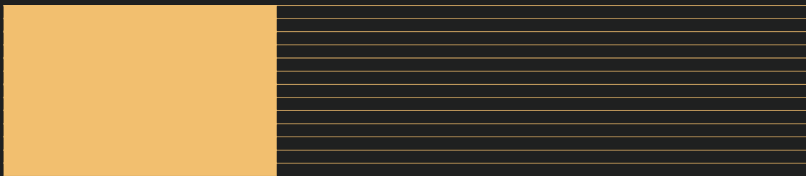


We are currently in the design phase of upgrading our kids facilities, as we are continuing to build funds for the project. In this stage we are working with design consultants and shaping how our kids' experience can look in our rented facilities.

Phase 2 - Construction and manufacturing – building and purchasing what we need for our rental locations in the way of signage, play equipment and layout.

Phase 3 – Implementation – the final implementation of these upgrades.

Current Upgrade Status



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PHASE ONE
Design

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PHASE TWO
Construction

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PHASE THREE
Implementation



Local Partnerships

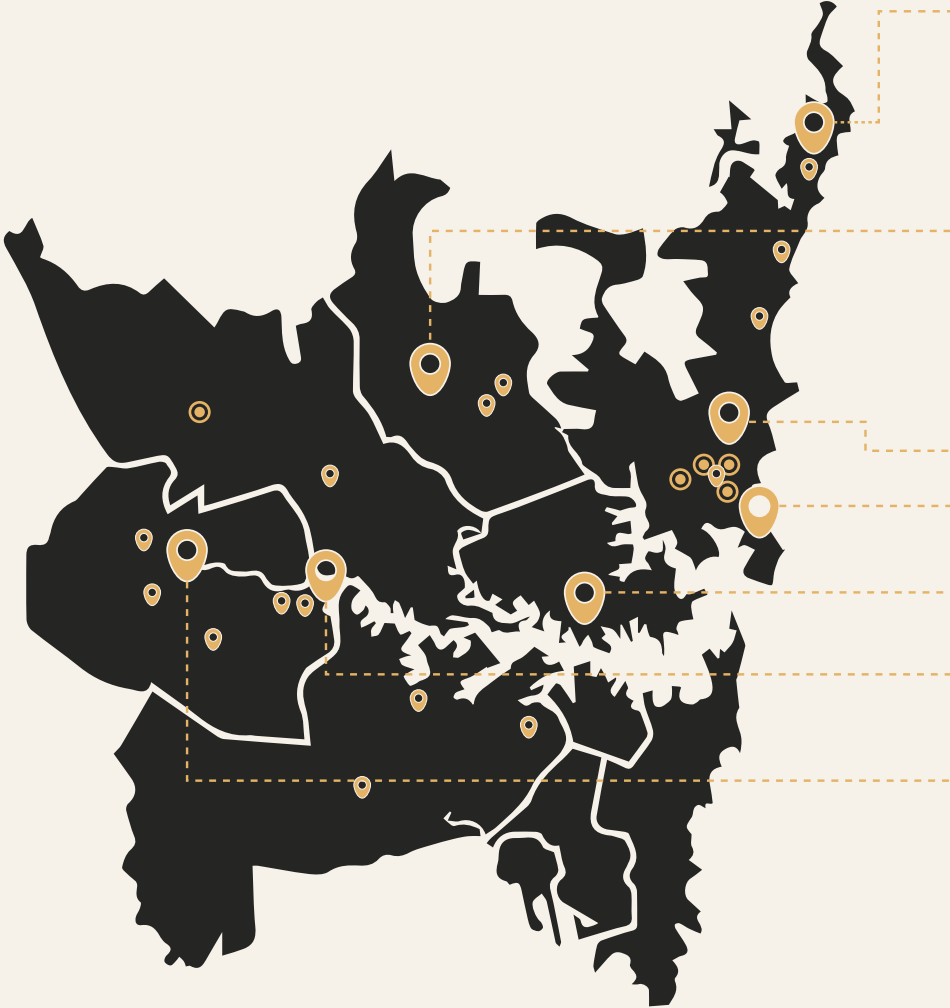
WHY IT MATTERS

Sydney is made up of many suburbs, and we want to be involved with the local community that exists in the suburbs surrounding our locations. For us, this means we are less focused on what we're doing, and more focused on partnering with and supporting the good work being done in our local communities.

We would really like to see this increase, so we could have greater coverage across Sydney with local organizations that are making a practical difference. Rather than reinventing the wheel, we want to partner with specialists that are serving Sydney and make it clear that C3 SYD is FOR SYDNEY.

We want them to know that as the Church, we are committed to investing in seeing the best for Sydney. That they would know that the Church cares about Sydney and ultimately that GOD CARES ABOUT SYDNEY AND ITS PEOPLE.

V>>B²³ Local Partnerships Map





C3 SYD AVALON >

Spark Tank & The Support Society

C3 SYD MANLY >

One Meal

C3 SYD HORNSBY >

St Lucy's & St Edmunds

C3 SYD NORTH SYDNEY >

Women's Shelter - Locations unknown for safety reasons

C3 SYD OXFORD FALLS >

One Meal

C3 SYD SILVERWATER >

Hope Catholic Care, St Mary's Church,
New Life Fellowship, Neami Western Sydney,
Mental Health Services & Accessible Diversity
Services Initiative

C3 SYD PARRAMATTA >

Women's Shelter & Clean Up Australia

SRE SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM >

Curl Curl North Public School,
Narraweena Public School, Dee Why Public School,
Cromer Public School, Beacon Hill Public School
& Kellyville High School

How Can You Partner With Vision Builders

To achieve all that we hope to do this financial year, we will need to raise 2.25 million dollars.

This is our opportunity to partake in cheerful generosity, not out of obligation, but out of a heart that has freely received and now deciding to freely give.

The philosophy of Vision builders is that together, we all give through equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

When making a sacrifice and contributing to financially give, we should always stop and ask God, and then be vigilant to work through the realities of what that will look like.

- It could be small sacrifices like your daily coffee, or putting on hold a vacation.
- Some way of making margin in your income or getting another income stream so that you can practically fulfil that commitment.

Regular giving makes fulfilling your commitment really easy.

You could direct debit a regular amount, a percentage of your income – the goal is to make it achievable and regular.

Please do not give from borrowed money or credit – only give from what you've got.

We would ask for you to prayerfully consider the level of giving that is right for you.

You can make a pledge for this financial year through our website
– **c3syd.church/visionbuilders**

If you have made a pledge for this financial year, we want to say thank you for joining us in this vision and mission to advance the Kingdom of God.

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