



Treasurer's Report the year of 2020

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	12 months to 31/12/20 Actual	12 months to 31/12/20 Plan	12 months to 31/12/19 Actual
Income - Regular	67,147	87,054	88,855
Income - Covid assit.	39,500	-	-
Total Income	108,647	87,054	88,855
Expenses	81,764	87,054	89,885
Net Income	26,883	-	-1,030
Net Assets	63,977	37,094	37,094

As usual, I thank everyone who supports the work of CCSM. What a strange year it was! Donations were down significantly compared to our plan and 2019.

Thankfully, we qualified for *Jobkeeper* and *Cashflow Assistance* schemes, receiving \$39,500 from them. This compensated for the shortfall from donations and enabled us to continue employing Darren Gray throughout the year for which we are truly grateful.

Expenses were lower due to limited access to schools for the majority of the year.

The net result to our surprise is a very good increase in our net assets, which sets us up well as we head into 2021, when hopefully we will be back to full time service!

Looking forward to 2021, please pray for and consider how you can support our finances. As you have probably read elsewhere in this newsletter (I can't believe anyone goes straight to the treasurers' report), we are making changes in how CCSM is supervised, but at the grassroots we will still be operating as a local ministry supported by local believers supporting locals as they bring the message of Jesus' love into our schools. We do not expect to receive any more government assistance. We need to see our donations grow back to their pre-Covid levels.

Have a great 2021

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CCSM NEWSLETTER

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Big Change - little practical difference for you

by Keith McPherson

Over recent years meeting government compliance obligations for CCSM has become increasingly difficult. Department of Education Conditions, as well as the fact CCSM is an incorporated body reporting to ASIC require a lot of legal and technical nous. When Lois Drummond was on deck, she ran things smoothly and was across all our obligations. However like so many companies and organisations we struggled in 2020, especially with the loss of such a key person as Lois.

Generate Ministries was formed specifically to assist local Scripture boards handle compliance obligations. It was formed by people from boards like CCSM seeking to pool knowledge and make delivery of SRE easier and more widespread.

In 2020 CCSM approached Generate Ministries to ask for help. On reviewing the options and the costs, the CCSM board unanimously agreed that we could best serve the schools of Coffs Harbour by becoming a sub-committee of Generate.

What does this mean?

Most people will be completely unaffected by this change. CCSM will continue to operate, recruiting and training teachers, liaising with schools and providing news and prayer letters.

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Darren Gray, our High School teacher, will continue to teach and he will be paid by Generate from money raised locally here in Coffs.

We will also be responsible for raising funds to pay for the Primary work books and teacher's manuals.

So donors will be requested to continue to give so that CCSM will be able to continue to deliver ministry into schools.

The method of giving will be different. Details provided below.

The real benefit of joining Generate:

will be that the board will spend much less time considering compliance and a lot more time focused on what really assists the ministry ie. Providing high quality Scripture to as many children as possible.

In addition, the experience, training and knowledge of Generate will help us greatly as we negotiate with schools about enrolments, timetables and provision of appropriate locations for the teaching of children whose parents have expressed desire for SRE input.

As the chair person I am not just greatly relieved that we are moving in this direction, but am excited for the very real benefits I foresee in this alliance.

Please consider if you can give generously to the ministry of CCSM.
To donate please go to www.sre.org.au/coffscoast

If you would prefer a Direct Deposit Account number could you please contact:
keith@harboursidepc.com.au and we will be able to work something out.



What does it Take?

People regularly say to me, "I support the ministry, but I don't know if I'm cut out to be a Scripture teacher."

This may be true. It can be exhausting work and it isn't for everyone. But it doesn't have to be as hard as you might think.

My experience of being thrown in the deep end was scary and difficult. However, what I quickly learnt is that many of the children are simply delighted to have someone speaking positively and encouragingly into their lives. We gain energy by focussing on the little sponges who are soaking in the Bible and full of attention. One little boy wrote a song a week summing up the Scripture lesson. I can't state strongly enough how blessed I feel to have taught for the last 15 years and how thankful I am that I was required to become involved by my boss all those years ago.

In order to become a Scripture teacher there are four (4) things you will need:

- 1) A Working With Children Check - from Services NSW;
- 2) Safe Ministry training - from your denomination;
- 3) SRE training - from www.ChristianSRE.com.au;
- 4) Authorisation from your pastor & denomination.

Three of those things you would already require if you were doing any ministry with children within your church. Only the SRE training is extra, and the training is extremely helpful.

Because we are so keen to grow this ministry there are existing experienced teachers who would be willing to come to class with you for a few weeks to: demonstrate a typical lesson; provide coaching and feedback on your first lessons and to be a sounding board for questions and advice.

We would love to talk about serving Jesus and children in this fantastic ministry.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'
(Matt. 9:37-38)

