



Dear %firstname%,

Last year this time I wrote to update you on our financial position as a church and to invite your prayerful and generous response to the shortfall we were facing. We were over \$40,000 (8.6%) behind at the end of July.

Our position in 2026 is, in many regards, quite positive. Giving to our Ministry Budget is nearly \$40,000 above the same time last year and we once again exceeded our target for May Mission Month, raising \$204,000 for projects in Australia and around the world. The Big-Hearted generosity of our community of faith is displayed whenever a need presents itself.

However, our Ministry Budget for 2026 is substantially higher than last year. The primary reason for this is that we are, in an answer to prayer, fully staffed. While giving to the Ministry Budget is up on last year, we are, unfortunately, behind this year. The gap is nearly \$35,000 as of the end of July; 6.7% behind budget.

As I did last year, I am writing to appeal once again to your generosity and am asking you to consider two actions:

- To make a one-off gift to help us catch up.
- To increase your regular giving by a small percentage for the remainder of 2026.

At our Member's Meeting last November, when this year's budget was passed, Glenn Smith, our Treasurer, asked us all to consider a 5% increase - \$5 on a regular gift of \$100.

Last year, in response to the need, we not only caught up, but also maintained a level of giving that kept us close to budget through the rest of the year.

I am confident that we will respond similarly to this need with the same faith and generosity even in the face of ongoing cost-of-living pressures. When all of us do a little it makes a big difference!

If you'd like to give or find out more, please visit our website by clicking [HERE](#).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Jesus and to our community of faith.

Kind regards,

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