

NewHope

**VISION**  
2017

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# You can do this - we can help; We can do this - you can help.

It's a simple catch phrase that helps us to see the full potential of mission through NewHope. When we recite it, we say 'no' to a rigid controlling organisation and 'yes please' to a dynamic and organic community of hope. NewHope Baptist Church aspires to foster a movement, not to erect a monument.

In practical terms this means three things. First, many individual dreams and callings should come to fruition in 2017 as we help each other. There are seeds of mission in every heart and we all need to take a next step. Second, exciting new things that none of us could do alone will rise up this year because we have the energy and momentum of many aligned hearts. And finally, scores of continuing programs and activities – the good fruit of former dreamers – will continue to flourish as followers of Jesus lean in and serve.

**You can do this...** The church leaders do not manage most of the real work of God's mission, rather it happens in the lives of Jesus' followers. Each of us make important spiritual decisions, we push forward with our practice of the disciplines, expand our networks, embrace new missional ventures and dare to pursue the dreams God has placed within us. We walk by faith and exercise our witness boldly. When this happens the church is on mission.

**... We can help.** The teaching ministry at NewHope (in three languages) will inspire you and support you; NewHope Groups provide avenues of care, mentoring and mission; ministries of prayer and pastoral care will empower you and a wide array of incredibly impacting service opportunities are open to you. Lean in and let the family help you.

**We can do this ...** NewHope is a large community with many interlocking pieces and this gives us an expanded capacity to serve our region and make Jesus known. We own and operate a Community Centre, we have an Events and Café business, we engage in early learning education, we undertake extensive community care activities, we have a soccer club and we offer an array of impacting generational programs. As followers of Jesus exercise service, speak gospel hope and practice hospitality across these connected platforms, people are changed, Jesus is lifted up and God's mission is advanced.

**... You can help.** The opportunities are enormous and your participation is so valuable. You could teach English, serve coffees, teach the bible, lead a community of hope, mentor young people, coach soccer, play a musical instrument, weed the gardens, become a financial coach, pray for fruitfulness, give a sacrificial gift of money, wash windows, welcome worshippers, sit with guests on Saturday night, become an owner of the vision (a member), vacuum the floors ... and more. There are countless fantastic ways to do a small thing and make a big impact through NewHope.

For more than two generations followers of Jesus have been banding together as a baptist church in Blackburn North and this service in Jesus name has lifted the well-being of the region and brought many into the kingdom of God. In 2017 we will take it even further. NewHope is salt and light and leaven. Together we are making an eternal difference.

Richard Beaumont, Chair; Allan Demond, Pastor

## NewHope AGM

Join the NewHope family as we reflect on the year past, appoint Church Council members, hear a building report, embrace our 2017 plan and contribute together to our vision for the year to come.

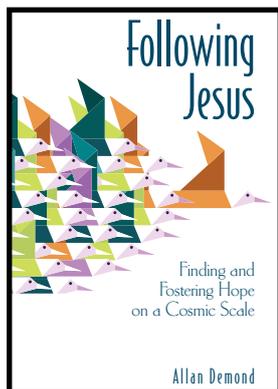
Wednesday, 8th March 7:30pm in the Community Events Room at the Blackburn Campus. Members are encouraged to attend and exercise your 'ownership' and all participants at NewHope are welcome.

# Following Jesus

NewHope discipleship strategy: Following Jesus in the power of the Spirit, on mission, in community and through the disciplines of bible, prayer and giving.

## **What is your next step?**

Author Eugene Peterson describes Christian discipleship as 'a long obedience in the same direction'. We follow Jesus step by step year after year, learning, growing and flourishing in Him. Our passion at NewHope is to help each other take our very best 'next step'. That will look different for each person, but there is work for all of us. To facilitate this we have some carefully planned initiatives in 2017.



## **A BOOK by Allan**

Our Senior Pastor, Allan Demond, has written a book entitled, 'Following Jesus: Finding and Fostering Hope on a Cosmic Scale'. Allan wrote the book to help make discipleship come alive and to explain our NewHope discipleship strategy in straightforward language. The book will equip you to follow Jesus with greater understanding, courage and practical obedience. It is also a resource for small groups and a tool for coaching new followers.

You can purchase a paperback copy of the book through the NewHope office or at Koroong, and a digital version is available through major eBook providers.

## **WORKOUT 2017**

In term one there is a four week opportunity to receive teaching, connect with others and prayerfully explore your next steps as a follower of Jesus. If you are new at NewHope or if the group experience has eluded you for any number of reasons, this will be an excellent opportunity for you. Leaders of NewHope Groups are encouraged to attend as part of your preparation to lead.

Four Tuesdays: 21st Feb, 28th Feb, 7th Mar, 14th Mar at 7pm  
Meeting at NewHope Blackburn

**30 minutes of teaching, 30 minutes of fellowship, 60 minutes in small groups**

## **NewHope Groups**

Through March and April, most NewHope Groups will take up the question of discipleship in their study time and use Allan's book as a resource. You are encouraged to join (or form) a group for at least part of the year. Groups are growing at NewHope, as are the people in them and the groups that function as communities of hope are experiencing the thrill of following Jesus 'on mission'.



## **Teaching Series**

In term one we unpack the mission statement with a preaching series entitled 'Love2Serve'. The teaching series for term two, entitled 'Inspired', will explore the place of the Spirit of God in our discipleship and in term three we will study the 'Life of Peter'. NewHope's inspiring teaching is available online in video and podcast formats.

# Communities of Hope

Communities of hope have three distinctive features:

First, they are communities that are continually shaped by the values and **mission of Jesus**. Second, each of these communities is **led by a committed follower**, someone who believes passionately that Jesus is Saviour and Lord. The leader takes responsibility for the health of the group and its focus on the mission.

And third, communities of hope are committed to **making more followers of Jesus**. They practice hospitality among those who are still exploring the claims of Jesus and they are intentional about this, striving to enfold new friends and make new followers. Every follower of Jesus needs to find their place in such a life-giving community.

Core to our vision at NewHope is the multiplication of thriving communities of hope. We are committed to:

- **Grow** existing communities of hope
- **Plant** new communities of hope
- **Develop** leaders of communities of hope

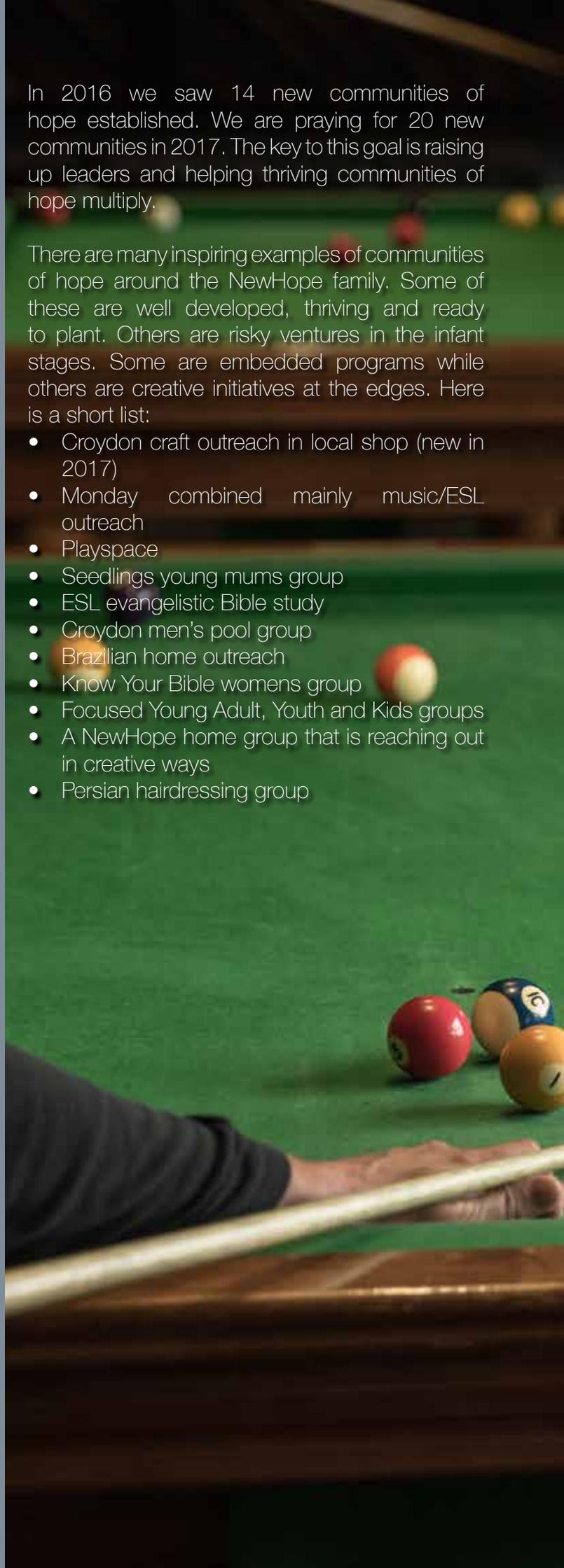
To achieve these goals we are investing in the following key initiatives in 2017:

- **Internship:** We have added a new stream to our internship program which gives priority to students who are not studying for professional ministry.
- **Database:** It is now possible for each group leader to manage their group online and to promote their activities through the website. We also have new reporting tools and better accountability systems. We will build this up in 2017.
- **Teaching:** Allan's book is a great tool for NewHope Groups to explore their priorities, grow and plant new communities. It is also a resource for coaching other followers. Our preaching series will continue to highlight this priority.

In 2016 we saw 14 new communities of hope established. We are praying for 20 new communities in 2017. The key to this goal is raising up leaders and helping thriving communities of hope multiply.

There are many inspiring examples of communities of hope around the NewHope family. Some of these are well developed, thriving and ready to plant. Others are risky ventures in the infant stages. Some are embedded programs while others are creative initiatives at the edges. Here is a short list:

- Croydon craft outreach in local shop (new in 2017)
- Monday combined mainly music/ESL outreach
- Playspace
- Seedlings young mums group
- ESL evangelistic Bible study
- Croydon men's pool group
- Brazilian home outreach
- Know Your Bible womens group
- Focused Young Adult, Youth and Kids groups
- A NewHope home group that is reaching out in creative ways
- Persian hairdressing group





### **A peek inside**

A group of blokes gather at the pool hall in Croydon. They catch up to support each other informally and enjoy a game or two. There are no sermons here but there is certainly witness and ministry because the values of Jesus are front and centre and the leadership is intentional. One morning Geoff leaned on a pool table and began to talk openly about his life and his faith in Jesus. Ray, who leads the group, simply corralled the other guys saying, 'Come hear this fellas, Geoff has a great story.' A few minutes later everyone was back to playing pool, but something good had happened. It wasn't weird or churchy, it just felt natural. And everyone in the room had just been exposed to the greatest story on earth.

# NewHope Surrey Hills

Since 2009, NewHope has been supporting the mission of the Surrey Hills Baptist Children's Centre (SHBCC), in their mission to be 'a place of faith and early learning', through supporting chaplaincy and other missional work at the centre. In 2017 SHBCC will formally become an extended ministry of NewHope. This exciting step will mean that NewHope will run a multi-site Early Childhood Education Service in both Blackburn and Surrey Hills and, as a campus of NewHope is established in Surrey Hills, will expand our reach into a new community. This multi-site approach to Early Childhood Education will allow for further development of educational standards, networking

of resources, greater opportunities for connection and serving of families and long term stability for our Early Childhood Centres.

SHBCC already has a strong platform on which NewHope will build in 2017 and beyond, with 33 staff currently employed and over 200 families connected to the centre. Our Assistant Pastor Lance Blythe has been President of SHBCC's Committee of Management for the past 12 months and will continue in this role throughout 2017.

The work in Surrey Hills will also be focused upon the establishment of communities of hope in the Surrey Hills region. Surrey Hills Campus Pastor,

## NewHope Medical

In 2017 we will establish an exciting new initiative, NewHope Medical. This will enable us to extend our service to the community and our witness to Jesus in bold and effective ways.

Doctors (especially GPs) are the first port of call for many people facing life challenges today. They address physical health but also emotional challenges, family issues, work stress and social pressures. They are 'pastors'. Imagine being able to introduce people to the great healer and author of hope in the midst of ill health and crisis. Studies show that faith and prayer make a real difference in healing outcomes and there is a readiness to seek meaning and purpose in such seasons.

The vision for NewHope Medical emerged among doctors and health professional within NewHope. Over the past eighteen months it has been sifted and researched to discern God's direction for us. Throughout 2016 a working group of gifted professionals has explored feasibility and developed a solid business model, and in December 2016 Church Council approved the project.

In many ways God has gone before us! The Community Care House, 522 Middleborough Road, was previously a medical practice and we continue to hold a permit that enables this vision. NewHope Medical has the support of Baptcare from whom

we received a \$40,000 grant in February 2017. A generous supporter has pledged \$50,000 and we are pursuing additional grant funding and donor involvement to meet the outstanding startup costs. You could make an enormous impact in many lives by giving generously to NewHope Community Care at this time.

NewHope Medical will meet a need. It will be a resource to our Global Partners, those new to the area seeking a family doctor, the marginalised and the church family. It will augment and strengthen our current ministries and services (e.g. ESL, CAP, food, etc), and it will open a doorway to hope for many neighbours and friends potentially tripling the number of client interactions with Community Care each week. People experience increased wellbeing, personal growth and greater resilience when they have vital connections and community belonging. This is exactly what we can offer through our many communities of hope. Being nestled in the family of NewHope provides pathways to holistic healing and abundant life in Jesus.

Pray for this initiative. If health is your area of expertise and you would like to explore involvement or learn more, please join us at the upcoming AGM or contact Monique ten Hoopen, Director NHCC [monique.tenhoopen@newhope.net.au](mailto:monique.tenhoopen@newhope.net.au)

Jess Groszek, will be leading this pioneering work in 2017 as opportunities for community engagement are identified and implemented. This will involve activities within the Children's Centre such as mainly music, Alpha and family parenting sessions throughout 2017. However, the work will be focused on a broader community than just young families, as communities of hope are established to reach beyond the Centre. Research is currently underway to identify the most effective approaches with a community-neighbourhood report to be produced in the first half of 2017. We will establish a congregation to serve the needs of the Surrey Hills region during the second half of 2017.

Do you live in the Surrey Hills region? You are invited to be a part of this exciting work in your local community!

## NewHope Global

We follow Jesus to the ends of the earth because that is where God's mission takes us and where His love compels us to go. We currently have 11 Global Partners and a dozen other Global focal points.

In 2017 NewHope Global will expand in the following ways:

- New global partners Nick and Vinitha Rodwell are being commissioned in February to lead the Africa Trek discipleship outreach in southern Africa
- A new ministry region through our partnership with Baptist World Aid Australia in Nepal.
- Mentors for young adults considering global involvement/potential partners.

The continuing work of NewHope Global includes:  
**Awareness** - You can join the annual Ethnic Thai adults awareness trip in late 2017.

**News** - We publish a monthly news bulletin, send out prayer emails and host partner visits throughout the year. You can sign up for news at [newhope.net.au/global](http://newhope.net.au/global).

**Resources** - Individual prayer cards for each partner are available to prompt your support.

**Champions** - Each NewHope Global partner has a Melbourne based champion who helps coordinate communication and care for our partners.

**Agents of Hope** - We all have opportunity to foster hope when we travel overseas. You can learn more on the NewHope Global Webpage.

You can engage in NewHope's global witness by giving sacrificially, signing up for the Global news, adopting a global partner as a family or as a NewHope group and praying for these passionate people and their amazing work.



**John and Ron on an awareness team trip, visiting the Ethnic Thai (NewHope's adopted unreached people group) team led by NewHope Global partners Muana and Villy in northern Thailand.**



NewHope has experienced growth over its 65 year history and there have been significant build projects about every ten years. Providing good facilities for outreach, age specific programs, community activities, care ministries and Christian worship gatherings has been an important catalyst to this continuing growth. As our people give sacrificially God continues to bless his work in this neighbourhood. We are privileged to be a part of it.

Expanding the NewHope Community Centre will make it possible for more people to experience the gospel. The project will deliver expanded meeting spaces, much improved children's facilities, an expanded preschool, a new parents room, an enlarged auditorium and cafe, a community kitchen and improved reception. Our outreach ministries, hospitality initiatives, multi-cultural activities and age based programs will all receive a much needed capacity boost. The project will allow us to grow and multiply communities of hope and touch more lives for Jesus.

The build project will add approximately 350 sq/ mtrs of new space and repurpose 450 sq/mtrs of inefficient and underutilised existing space. We will replace the remaining portion of the original (1961) building on our present site which has become costly to maintain and limited in its functionality.

In December 2016 we received confirmation of a grant of \$350,000 from the Department of Education. This will enable a substantial redevelopment of the preschool area, the first stage of which was completed in January 2017.

While the work will bring some disruption in 2017, significant gains are around the corner with a projected completion date of December 2017. We need to immerse the build project in prayer throughout the year.

We are undertaking this work as an 'owner-build'. Warren Hill, who joined the NewHope staff team in late 2016, is our Site Manager and Jordan Hill, with us since 2014, has been redeployed as the Project Manager. Both report to Associate Pastor Danny Hunt and they work closely with a skilled advisory group that reports directly to Church Council. Approaching the work in this way yields several substantial benefits: we enjoy greater flexibility in maintaining our operations as the build work proceeds, we are able to involve our network of NewHope trades and skills, we achieve greater ownership of the project and we will enjoy some significant financial efficiencies.



**NewHope Preschool started the 2017 school term with their fantastic new playground.**

# NewHope Programs and Enterprises

Eccl 3:3 “.. a time to tear down and a time to build”

2017 is a year to strengthen the foundations of our ministry programs and enterprises as we undertake physical build work that will limit the available space for activity. We are praying for a great spiritual advance this year and remarkable growth in discipleship, as we expand our capacity for the seasons to come.

## **Our Programs**

NewHope's ministry programs provide intentional doorways into vital communities of hope. We foster opportunities across the generational spectrum for genuine friendship, support and exploration of the good news of God's love in Jesus. These life changing activities need your support.

Visit [newhope.net.au](http://newhope.net.au) to explore the many ministries at NewHope. Each of these areas has reviewed its program and implemented improvements, established a 2017 action plan and embraced aspirational goals for the coming season. Here are a few highlights:

- Develop and inspire NewHope Kids leaders with new training initiatives
- Develop dynamic faith and friendships through an every Friday night Youth program
- Support parents with targeted topical training initiatives
- Multiply NewHope Groups
- Grow the Welcome Team
- Improve approaches to worship planning and team training
- Croydon: Partnership with Maternal & Child Health nurse
- Surrey Hills: Launch faith community, start new groups
- Develop 'First Peoples' awareness - Surrender 17.
- Establish CAP support group
- Sustain ESL and Prayer Ministry using 2 Dale Court
- Participate in the Melbourne Marathon again
- NewHope prayer walks

## **Our Enterprises**

NewHope has several initiatives that operate as legally defined or externally accountable enterprises. These include for example our **Cafe, Preschool, Community Care** Inc., **Events** business, and **NewHope Medical** to be established in 2017. In an effort to strengthen this work and keep it 'locked' to the mission of Jesus, Church Council is reviewing the legal and organisational structure of these NewHope activities this year. The build works will impact most of these initiatives in 2017, limiting potential customer numbers and making the work of staff members harder, but this leads directly to significant growth potential for 2018. We will spend much energy this year planning and strategising for that growth.

These NewHope Enterprises are evangelistically effective. By facilitating hospitality, early learning, ESL, food security, financial education, advocacy and health care we enable profound witness in Jesus name. We empower the formation of communities of hope where non-followers begin a journey towards abundant life in Jesus.

Pray for these enterprises and become involved. There are great opportunities to volunteer, serve, provide funds, pray and to lead in these exciting initiatives.

# ENGAGING THE VISION

## **Get Informed**

In 2017 we are introducing a new way to connect with NewHope and to receive up to date information and inspiration that will benefit you. You can sign up for one of three email newsletters that will bring you inside the conversation.

- **NewHope Global News** will give you current news about our global partners, the areas in which they serve, their victories and challenges, and inspiration about the achievements of their ministry.
- **Parent News** will provide ministry program information and updates, snippets of wisdom on parenting, occasional kids, youth and young adult testimonies, and more.
- **Followers News** is a communication designed for emerging professionals, Uni students and early career path adults who are serious about following Jesus in the market place with passion and fruitfulness. It will offer inspiring stories and practical wisdom.

You can sign up for any of these now and we'll include you in the pilot group to get your feedback and help as we launch each news stream through 2017.

## **Lend Your Support**

The NewHope 2017 vision needs your support. The ongoing ministry programs and enterprises that you read about in this document are exciting and effective. The new initiatives coming on stream this year are bold and rewarding opportunities. Your donations to NewHope touch lives in remarkable ways and bear fruit that will last for eternity.

- **A Starter.** If you are a follower of Jesus but you do not have a giving plan, why not make a start in 2017? Set aside 2-5% of your regular income and make a generosity plan to give it away including NewHope in your plans.
- **A Tither.** Living on 90% of your income and exercising generosity with the remaining 10% is not that hard when you develop the habit. People who practice this habit flourish and bless many people on their journey through life.
- **A Foundation Builder.** A gift of \$50,000 (before 30th June) establishes you as a foundation builder and enables ministry growth at NewHope by expanding our capacity.



**Morgan McMurtrie**

Year 11, SHIFT Youth

There are many ways for each of us to engage with the exciting things God is doing at NewHope. Get a copy of '**Following Jesus**' by our Senior Pastor and invest in growing your discipleship in 2017. Join us at **WORKOUT 2017** as we each workout our next steps on the path with Jesus.

### **Each Gift Makes an Enormous Impact**

- A gift of **\$25 per week** puts a teenager in NewHope Youth or a child in NewHope Kids and surrounds them with prayer, worship, care and faith models. This is where foundations of discipleship are built.
- A gift of **\$75 per week** will cover the basic costs of an average family using the diverse programs of NewHope and offering our care and service to neighbours and friends.
- A gift of **\$1000 per month** opens the doors to one of our targeted outreach activities for two to four weeks of the year. These ministries offer support to young families, language study to immigrants, fellowship for seniors and a clear witness to Jesus in many different forms.
- A **one off gift of \$50,000** in 2017 would partially fund the start up of NewHope Medical or underwrite approximately 10 sq/mtrs of flexible ministry space in this year's build initiative.

The 2017 **weekly income** goal of **\$44,000** will be well surpassed if half of our members give \$25 a week, a quarter give \$75 a week and the balance tithed. We are reaching out in 2017 to grow our base of regular givers. People who give even a small amount and do it consistently make an enormous difference in God's kingdom.

### **Plant a Community of Hope**

The vital edge of growth at NewHope is in our relationships. As you study the book 'Following Jesus' and explore the opportunity to make new followers of Jesus through communities of hope, consider stepping up and planting such a group in 2017. Could you gather some believers who share a particular interest or passion and lead them in forming community and extending hospitality to non-followers? It will cost you something but it will reward you far more!

### **Become a Member**

The owners of NewHope, who carry the privilege and responsibility of shaping the vision and making the critical decisions that determine our longterm health, are the members. Pray about becoming one of these key stakeholders in 2017. You can speak to a member of the staff team, complete a membership form and invest more fully in the shared mission of NewHope this year.

*"All of my best friends, I've made through youth... one of the biggest things in my life was to be invited to youth."*

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