



PRAXEIS

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

**ENLARGE THE PLACE OF YOUR
TENT, STRETCH YOUR TENT
CURTAINS WIDE, DO NOT HOLD
BACK; LENGTHEN YOUR CORDS,
STRENGTHEN YOUR STAKES.
FOR YOU WILL SPREAD OUT TO
THE RIGHT AND TO THE LEFT;
YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL
DISPOSSESS NATIONS AND SETTLE
IN THEIR DESOLATE CITIES.**

ISAIAH 54:2-3

MAKING DISCIPLES
THAT MULTIPLY

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OUR FOCUS

VISION

Praxeis is an ever-growing movement of followers of Jesus, making disciples that multiply in all the world



MISSION

To make disciples that multiply



FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

With a mix of joy, celebration, and yet a sense of soberness and challenge, I present the Praxeis annual report.

Last year marked our 10th anniversary, but we feel it's only the beginning. In 2019, God spoke to the leadership team through Isaiah 54. It was a word of preparation for what was to come. Since then, we have expanded, engaging nations, touching cities and multiplying churches through unreached people groups. We have witnessed explosive growth in places like India. Our Hong Kong team has seen a rapid increase in groups and are now multiplying into new nations. We have seen God's hand at work in many other hard places some of which are unable to be directly mentioned in this report due to security concerns.

Here in Australia, we have also seen new growth, with stories of groups birthing in regional towns and Indigenous communities.

Our training and coaching have improved, and gatherings have been catalytic.

God's generosity has exceeded our expectations.

Yet, we also face sobering challenges as we address profound needs such as persecution, poverty in its various forms, and supporting communities in war-torn regions. We constantly feel the weight of the Great Commission, which calls us to reach both 'all of the nation' and 'all nations', and we're acutely aware of the substantial work that still lies ahead. Our leaders are actively engaged in some of the world's most challenging locations.

I am deeply aware of the vital role our board plays in keeping us focussed on our mission, ensuring accountability, good governance, and healthy growth. We are blessed.

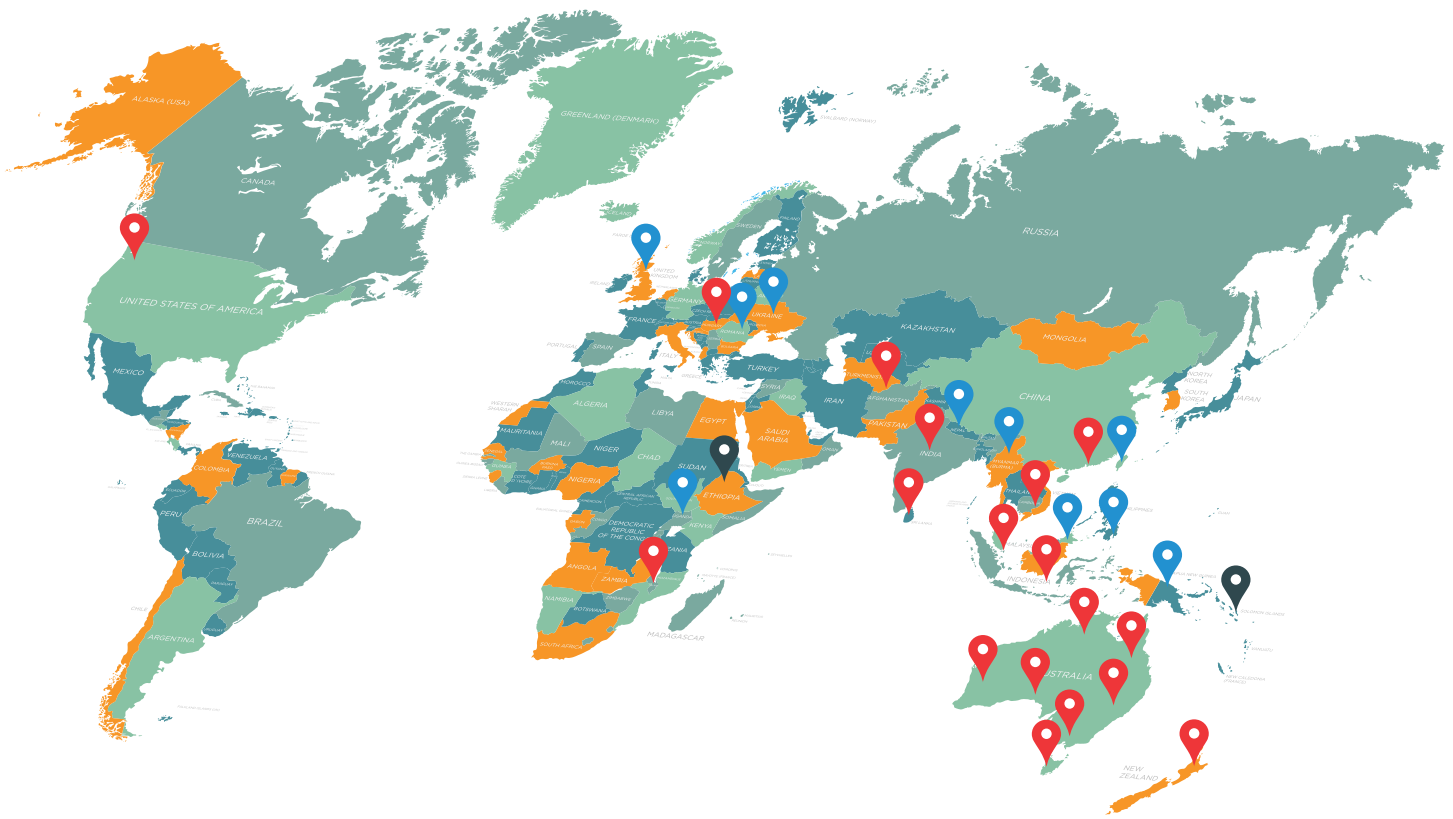
We are profoundly grateful for your support through prayer, giving and partnership with God's mission. Without you, this simply wouldn't be possible. Thank you.

Now onward to the next 10 years!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Lawton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

DAVE LAWTON
National Director

OUR LOCATIONS



Praxeis works



Coached works



Projected works

GOD IS MOVING METRICS UPDATE



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My Father is always at this work to this very day, and I too am working. -Jesus

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“COME AND SEE” DISCIPLING COMMUNITIES IN THE WEST

God is speaking fresh vision across Australia: “make disciples”. Discipling communities are key to the vision, as we aim to model what we want to multiply. They assist many in transitioning from passive Christianity to active disciple-making.

Praxeis teams are initiating “discipling communities” where individuals gather in homes and other settings. They share food, enjoy the company of family and friends, and engage in scripture reading and prayer. These communities often provide a safe space for those embarking on their discipleship journey or for individuals who are familiar with Jesus but seek to rediscover how to be disciples on a mission.

Could discipling communities be a missing piece in God's picture of movement in Australia and the Western World?

Rob and Catherine travelled across Australia from Perth to Canberra for their first Praxeis Tribe Time. They were inspired as they heard stories of other discipling communities. On their return home they decided to have a go reaching out to others in their neighbourhood.

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Taking the first step to start the group felt like the biggest risk.

- Rob

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Having taken that first step, Rob and Catherine now host a fortnightly gathering of believers and non-believers. When people ask them what they are doing, they simply say “Come and see”. With a core group of 12, numbers have swelled up to 25. They have created a space not only for those new to the journey of discipleship, but also for those who have fallen away to discover God's word and truth for themselves.

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...we shouldn't be surprised by what God will do, if we continue to just make space. - Catherine

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For years we have been asking God raise up workers in every state of Australia - many hours have been spent prayer walking as we visit locations where workers are needed. We are excited to report that for the first time since Praxeis was birthed, there are workers forming teams in every state of Australia. This is a significant step forward towards the vision of disciple-making saturation that God has given us for Australia.



REACHING THE REGIONAL AREAS OF AUSTRALIA

Praxeis remains committed to its work in regional areas of Australia and is encouraged by the growth we are witnessing.

In Victoria, the regional team invested significant time in prayer, forming and expanding around this foundation. They've explored movement principles in the gospels and Acts, with a vision to reach the entire region by multiplying workers and teams. This has led to the creation of new works, igniting local prayer and engagement for the harvest.

Simone saw an opportunity to assist a local Sri Lankan family's daughter in Echuca. As a result, the Buddhist mother has started engaging, sharing, and applying God's word with her family through Discovery Bible Studies.

In East Gippsland, Dave, a local pastor joined the prayer meetings, and God has been working powerfully since. A discipling community has now started. He is raising up workers, forming team and leading others to engage in the harvest. Joining the Regional Vic team has helped him to focus on catalysing disciple-making.

8 Towns engaged in Regional Victoria

8 Towns engaged in the Wheatbelt, WA

15 Towns engaged in Regional Queensland

Rowan and Annika have a vision to see the Central Wheatbelt of Western Australia transformed by the gospel. They have now established 4 teams that actively participate in prayer walks, host harvest-focussed prayer nights and initiate access ministries to engage with people of peace. These workers focus on multiplication as they spread the gospel in neighbouring towns.

After years of abundant prayer and gospel sowing throughout Queensland, there's a growing sense that persistence is yielding fruit. Ron and Paula, QLD leaders, are deeply encouraged as workers re-engage with the vision of making multiplying disciples.

We have seen new signs of growth with new Discovery groups and workers in places that were previously barren. Steve and Mel, Nth QLD leaders, are actively expanding into regional areas of Northern Queensland, establishing teams of workers in numerous towns, both large and small. God is opening doors for a diverse range of relational networks to discover Jesus, including army personnel, South Koreans, farmers, and Indigenous communities.





ENGAGING WITH OUR INDIGENOUS

We are excited by what God is doing amongst Australian Indigenous people.

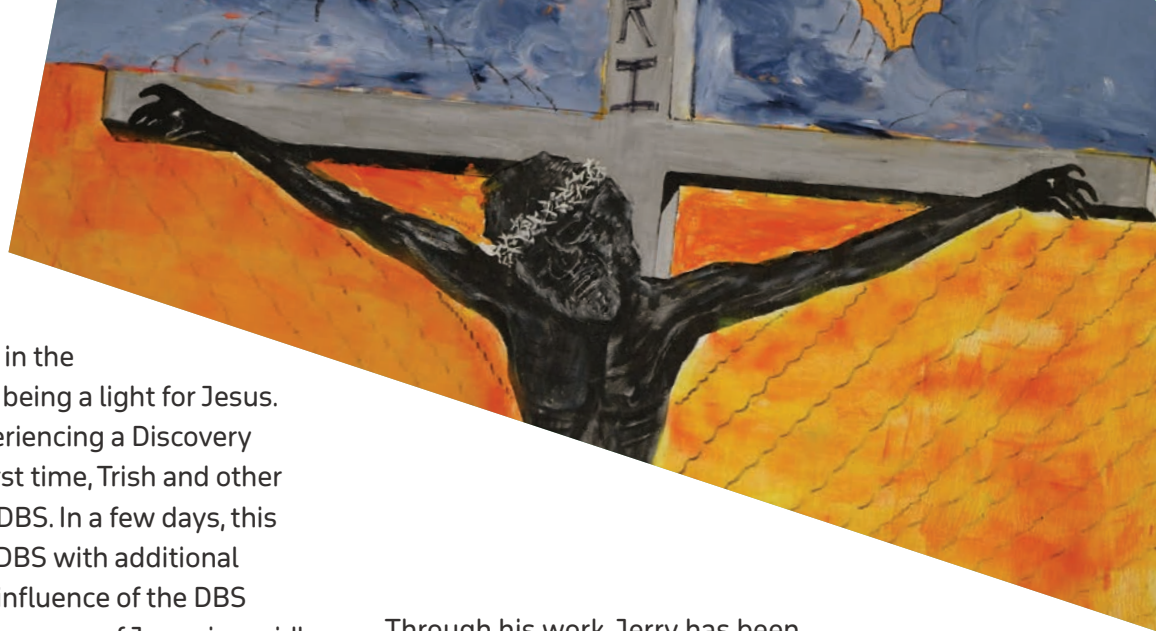
Steve and Mel, our Northern Queensland leaders continue to fly in and out of Indigenous communities in the Cape, praying and connecting with spiritually hungry inside leaders. Our hearts sing as we hear of Indigenous people gathering at fire pits to hear about Jesus.

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You just can't beat face to face communication with our Indigenous people. Hearing their stories and yarning about the past, present and future is priceless. There is so much to learn from our Indigenous brothers and sisters – going on land with them creates an even deeper connection. The way that God speaks to them is profoundly rich; stories of dreams and visions are abundant amongst the community. - Mel

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Trish* and Kevin*, an Indigenous couple residing in the Cape, are passionate about being a light for Jesus. After meeting Mel and experiencing a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) for the first time, Trish and other women initiated their own DBS. In a few days, this group gave rise to another DBS with additional members. The multiplying influence of the DBS method was evident. The message of Jesus is rapidly spreading through relationships, with great potential to extend into other regions of the Cape.

In early 2023, Rosie and her family left their life in East Melbourne and moved to East Arnhem Land. Rosie, working as a doctor, is actively learning an Indigenous language and connecting with local families. She engages in reading scripture with a local Indigenous woman and her children and collaborates with the local church to identify opportunities to interact with other inside leaders.

Through his work, Jerry has been engaging with a local Indigenous community in South Australia. He has used the travel time to have spiritual conversations and share Bible stories with Indigenous colleagues. He and his family have also been invited into Indigenous community gatherings. They are praying to see their first DBS in this community.



REACHING THE NATIONS

“YOU WILL SPREAD OUT TO THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT”

Jesus is moving in unprecedented ways amongst the nations.

CENTRAL ASIA

In December 2022, we commissioned a team for Central Asia. They commenced their mission with prayer, specifically praying along the border of an unreached and challenging-to-access nation. During their travels to very remote areas for prayer, they encountered spiritually hungry individuals. Notably, in one mountainous region, people have been receptive to prayer, and the sharing of Bible stories has begun.

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On one occasion, our team sat with a matriarch of a village who is wanting to love her enemies. She prays daily for God to show her 'the right way'. We shared some stories of Jesus and we talked freely about the One sent from the Father. In that same village, connections were made with some women in a field, carrying water buckets back to their home. We discovered they had never heard of Jesus” - from one of our Central Asian team members

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The team continues to pray and take steps to engage in long term work in this border region.



HONG KONG

The work in Hong Kong is experiencing continuous growth, with seven catalytic teams extending their reach within Hong Kong and beyond. Mike, our Hong Kong leader, has realized the value of equipping and empowering ordinary believers.

Aida, their domestic helper, had been participating in a Discovery Bible Study with Mike and his family for over a year. Every week, she would take the scripture and lead another DBS with her friends. In December 2022, Aida was baptized. Not long after, seven of her friends were also baptized. Aida now leads this newly established church as the women in the group continue to grow in their faith.

229 groups started by the Hong Kong team

51 baptisms

292 new disciples





SOUTH EAST ASIA

The team continues to emphasize abundant disciple-making training within this Muslim nation. They've successfully catalyzed 35 new leaders to form teams and initiate groups, resulting in increased engagement among the unreached.

In this Muslim nation, stories of individuals appearing in dreams to Muslim believers are commonplace. Adrian*, who was previously well-connected in his Muslim community, often offered advice as a psychic. However, after having a dream in which an old man declared, "I Am who I Am," our team began discipling Adrian. Nowadays, he is leading those who once sought his psychic advice to discover Jesus. Adrian's entire household has undergone baptism, and he has initiated four additional Discovery Groups. Recently, members of these gatherings expressed a desire to be baptized as well. Furthermore, one of these groups has multiplied, giving rise to a second-generation Discovery Group.

224 gathering in groups around word and prayer

EASTERN EUROPE

The Russia-Ukraine War has caused immense devastation on both sides, resulting in the loss of many lives and the destruction of communities. In response to the war, Gabi, our Hungarian leader, actively sought opportunities to offer assistance. A connection opened up, allowing her to provide food supplies to the gypsies in Ukraine. This act of kindness gave birth to a movement, with hungry Ukrainian gypsies eagerly learning from Gabi how to make multiplying disciples. They are applying what they've learned, and multiple groups have been established. In a single day, 55 Ukrainian people were baptized. It's a privilege to serve a God who can transform our pain into something extraordinary.

55 Ukrainians baptised in one day!

19 Discovery groups

173 People discovering Jesus

NEW ZEALAND

Obeying a divine vision to multiply prayer and workers, Roger and his team are becoming "scaffolders." They support and equip new workers to become disciple-makers. Those they've trained have, in turn, coached others, leading to the formation of Discovery Groups not only in New Zealand but also reaching as far as Zambia, where marginalized groups of orphans and prostitutes are now discovering Jesus.

During Praxeis' 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting in April, the NZ team ventured beyond the three established regions for the first time. They conducted prayer walks

and collaborated with others, covering the entire North Island. This effort resulted in a significant increase in the number of participants.

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I am delighted to be part of God's army through this group. Our prayers, obedience, and longing to reach people in New Zealand and beyond have truly encouraged me and allowed me to grasp the Lord's heart.

- Newcomer to prayer

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REACHING THE NATIONS MOVEMENT IN THE FACE OF SUFFERING

Working with Jesus in the nations is exciting, with new regions opening up and multiplying teams of workers being catalyzed.

However, as we witness the remarkable work God is accomplishing, our hearts are filled with compassion. Some of the very places where God is moving in unprecedented ways are currently enduring profound suffering due to persecution, war, or natural disasters. Many of our workers are directly engaged with these afflicted areas. India is experiencing a profound move of God, where thousands of people are forsaking their Hindu idols to turn to the One who answers their prayers. Workers enter villages, heal the sick, perform miraculous signs and wonders, resulting in entire villages coming to faith. The number of new disciples and baptisms has grown to an extent that it's nearly impossible to count.

Yet, as this move of God expands, so does persecution. Home-based Discovery Bible Study (DBS) groups can no longer gather, and people are paying the price for becoming disciples of Jesus, including the loss of access to food and water and facing regular beatings. Some are even losing their lives.

In the face of this very real persecution, our Indian brothers and sisters continue to praise Jesus and obey His command to make disciples of the nations. New unreached people groups are becoming accessible for the first time, and we are exploring ways to bring the gospel to these places that have never heard of Jesus before. We continue to stand with our Indian brothers and sisters in prayer, asking that they experience God's strength, provision, and sustenance as they endure various hardships for the sake of Jesus.



A Disciple-making leader and his wife shared that they were being persecuted by a High Caste couple in their community. The persecution affected them personally as well as the groups that were multiplying in their district. They didn't know what to do. So they started to pray and fast. Not long after this the wife of the couple initiating the persecution came to visit them wanting to follow Jesus. They were shocked by this outcome to their prayer. Suddenly the persecution in their area stopped. The couple who were being persecuted have recently baptised the couple who were once leading the persecution.

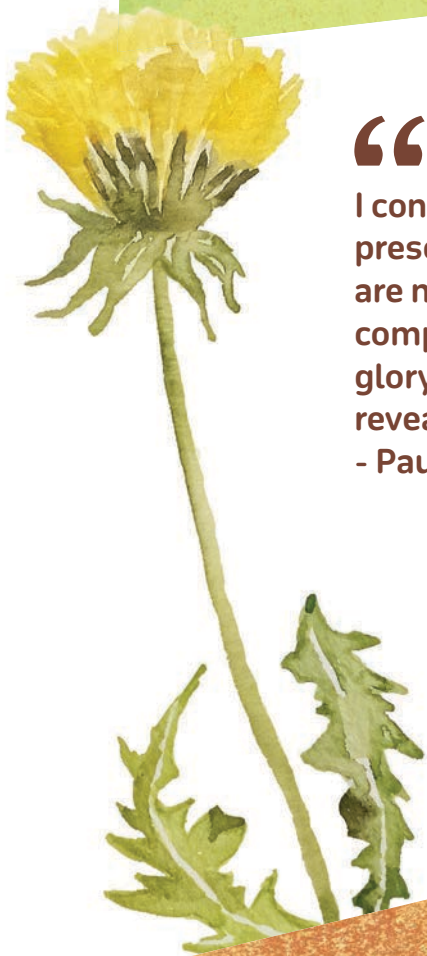
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I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

- Paul

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R & D have recently joined Praxeis. They are catalysing a movement in North East India which has grown to 25,000 churches. Their work has now spread from India into neighbouring Nepal and Bhutan as they focus on training catalytic local leaders. They have already seen over 1100 groups [Discovery and Church] planted in Nepal and 334 groups in Bhutan.



ENLARGING THE TENT EQUIPPING WORKERS ONLINE

We have developed a clear, simple, and reproducible strategy: pray, go, disciple, multiply. However, we recognize that we can't achieve a vision of saturation on our own. This straightforward strategy needs to be replicated and made accessible to many others.

In 2021, a donor expressed their desire to "make your training scalable and multipliable". They provided a grant for us to create our first comprehensive online Disciple Making Movement [DMM] training course and develop a podcast. Fast forward two years, and our DMM Core Course is now available online, training workers from around the world. Designed to equip and empower everyday people to initiate Discovery groups in their own contexts through scripture, prayer, and coaching, this course is focused on making disciples who multiply.

over **90** people enrolled
from 13 nations

13 DBS groups started

In Queensland, Ron and Paula recently provided coaching to a group of five individuals through online training. After the training concluded, they extended their coaching to help this group make multiplying disciples. Since then, two Discovery Bible Study [DBS] groups have been established in a local area that had appeared unresponsive previously. Prayer has multiplied throughout a region where they have been labouring for years. Additionally, two more Discovery Groups were formed in other nations as the initial group shared their learning with family members.

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It's clear that DMM training and intentional coaching is vital to bear fruit in the harvest.
- Ron, QLD leader

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Disciple 13/13

Multiply 14/14

- Multiplication comes from the beginning. VIDEO · 4 MIN · PREREQUISITE
- A story of multiplication VIDEO · 7 MIN · PREREQUISITE
- The rice story MULTIMEDIA · PREREQUISITE
- 4 column bible study - Luke 8:4-15 TEXT · PREREQUISITE
- Power of ordinary people** VIDEO · 15 MIN · PREREQUISITE
- City team: Disciple-making movements VIDEO · 4 MIN · PREREQUISITE
- Disciple-making is a way of life MULTIMEDIA · PREREQUISITE
- Forming a team and gathering others VIDEO · 3 MIN · PREREQUISITE
- Learn more about building a team MULTIMEDIA · PREREQUISITE
- Check your understanding QUIZ · 4 QUESTIONS · PREREQUISITE
- Forming your team

Power of ordinary people



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As we heard in the stories Stephen shared with us a couple of activities ago, ordinary people can grasp the message of Jesus and run with it. Let's explore this concept further with Dave, Pete and Xanthe in our next video.

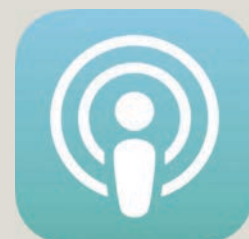
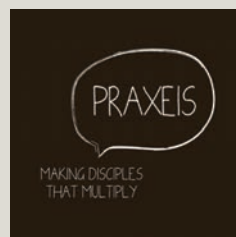
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Very practical for ordinary people to actively participate in making disciples. The best training I've done in 40 years of being a Christian. - Carol, Queensland
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I always felt that the most important thing is to follow Jesus and teach others to do the same. But I didn't know how to do that. I'm so happy to learn about DMM and apply it. - Anna, Hungary
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The training has taught me how to do a Discovery Bible Study. I can now add this to our discipleship tool-belt. I love the content and the pace of it. I'm excited to share it in the UK. - Paul, UK
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The podcast, **'Conversations as you go'** is reaching a broad audience with stories of everyday individuals participating in the harvest. Each week, as we celebrate achievements, discuss challenges, and glean lessons from others, our listeners find encouragement to persist in their own disciple-making journey.



over **11,000** listens of the podcast

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STRENGTHEN THE STAKES GATHERING TO SEND OUT

10 years celebrated

We've recognized the importance of gathering as a tribe. Our faith is invigorated, and our determination is fortified when we come together. We were excited to all gather again in Canberra for the first time since COVID, and we also witnessed several nations hosting their own catalytic gatherings.

AUSTRALIA

This was a significant time as we celebrated a decade as 'Praxeis.' We found encouragement in hearing about God's current work and revisiting His prophetic words over the years. We seized the opportunity to pray for the nations as we intentionally prayer-walked each embassy. Finally, we gathered on the steps of Parliament to fervently pray for Australia. An unforgettable experience!



UNITED KINGDOM

Paul and Stella King are pioneering a new work in northern England. They organized a Tribe Time where 50 people gathered for food, to share testimonies, and hear the message of Jesus. This diverse group included both believers and non-believers from various backgrounds, with some encountering the truth of Jesus for the first time. Many who attended left with a strong desire to remain part of discipling communities like this.

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ASIA

In August 2022, 30 individuals from Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, and Taiwan convened to receive training and inspiration in the vision of multiplication and disciple-making. Scott, the leader from Singapore, reports that many of the participants have returned to their respective nations and observed significant growth and progress in their DMM initiatives.

GOA, INDIA

Workers in central India are in the midst of explosive growth, with thousands of new disciples and groups. However, this growth is accompanied by ever-increasing persecution. To avoid drawing unwanted attention to these leaders, we organized a retreat for 20 of their core leaders, far away from their field of ministry. We brought in proven local Indian leaders and spent time pouring into them, offering moments of refreshment, strategy refinement and fresh field stories.

MYANMAR

Despite ongoing civil unrest, the teams in Myanmar continue to grow and multiply, positively impacting people across the nation. On one occasion, our leader in Myanmar gathered 60 people from different churches. Aung, the Myanmar leader, reflected, "Not only my own workers know about DMM, but now other churches are also practicing it." Since hosting gatherings and broader training initiatives like this, the movement has expanded several generations deep, with Discovery Groups and leaders multiplying across many regions.



\$29,600 given to India for training and worker support

\$6,500 given to Myanmar for food supply and training costs

HONG KONG

Hong Kong organized two significant training events this year. In December 2022, Dr. Aila Tasse from Lifeway Missions in Nairobi, Africa, joined 100 workers from the Hong Kong DMM community to share insights from his experiences with the movement in Africa. This event proved to be incredibly catalytic, leading to rapid growth. Additionally, in June 2023, they hosted a DMM talks conference where nine local DMM practitioners shared their best practices in disciple-making within the harvest. It was a valuable time of mutual encouragement and learning.



LEARNING FROM THOSE AHEAD OF US AFRICA

A few years ago, Praxeis leader Colleen heard God's call to "Join me as I work in Africa" during a prayer meeting. We were uncertain about what this meant, but we started praying for Africa in faith.

Now, in the present year, we have begun our work in Africa. A family has relocated to Malawi and initiated Discovery Groups. In Uganda, we are coaching a worker who has overseen the formation of over 40 Discovery Groups with more than 400 people discovering Jesus. Another family took their first steps in obedience to God's call by going to

Ethiopia on a scouting trip with the intention of making disciples.

One of the year's highlights was international Praxeis workers attending the DMM Catalyst camp in Kenya in June 2022. During this camp, Praxeis workers had the privilege of learning from African leaders representing 42 emerging movements in East Africa, with oversight of up to 30,000 churches spanning over 20 generations. These movements are taking place in some of the most challenging and unreached regions of Africa.



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Movements are God's work from beginning to end. There is no silver bullet. We pray, form teams, engage in the harvest, start groups and coach and train ordinary workers. And we persist against all odds.

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5 emerging catalytic leaders sponsored to attend gathering

Returning home from Africa, Ahbay was keen to run a Discovery Group as his next step. He gathered a group of both believers and Hindus from his Nepali community. A few days later, one of the Hindu ladies invited the group to a celebration with her wider network since she had miraculously been healed by Jesus after they prayed for her. She wanted to celebrate what God had done and share this with her Hindu relatives and friends. Now she is telling everyone she knows about this Jesus who healed her.



FINANCES

We are continually grateful to God for His provision. As God calls, He provides.

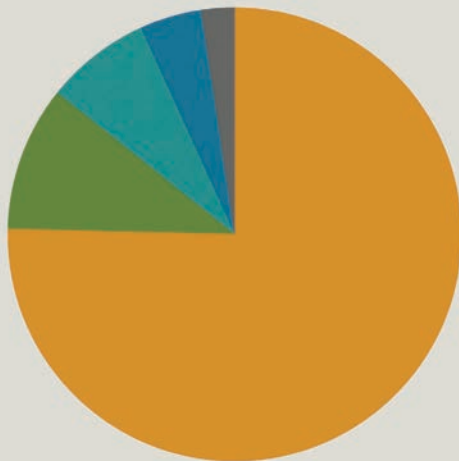
We have noticed in particular this year, that as our international growth grows, so does the giving towards international workers and projects.

We have been amazed by the financial support of new projects. The 'PNG: Snake Bandage' project and the 'Kiriwina, PNG Village birthing attending training' project have both been fully funded by gifts this year. We look forward to these projects being completed in FY24.

As inflation has risen in Australia, the operational costs of Praxeis have also increased, encompassing areas such as insurance, events and wages. Nevertheless, we've been abundantly provided for by the generosity of our supporters, meeting all our needs.

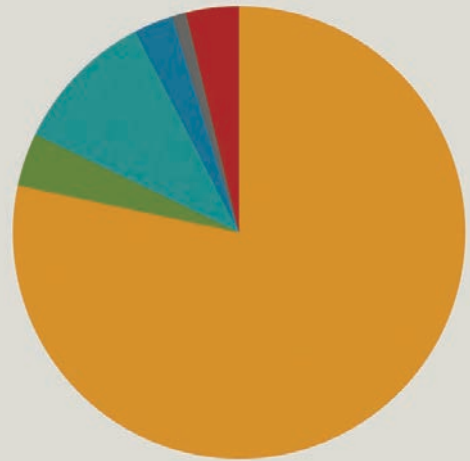


INCOME



- Gifts to supported workers: \$1,241,294
 - Gifts to ministry funds and projects: \$170,253
 - Grants: \$123,178
 - General Donations: \$72,982
 - Other: \$38,803
- TOTAL INCOME = \$1,646,510**

EXPENDITURE



- Payments to workers: \$1,191,885
 - Support Staff Salary: \$57,839
 - Projects & Ministry Expense: \$156,202
 - Conference & Events: \$42,923
 - Travel: \$14,970
 - Other: \$57,633
- TOTAL EXPENDITURE = \$1,521,452**

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Chairing Praxeis for its 10th anniversary is a privilege. We're a young organisation, but we see great potential and hope for the future as we remain focussed on Jesus and the mission He outlined for us in the Great Commission.

Isaiah 54 remains an important guiding scripture for us as God stretches our influence and capacity. Our founding leaders couldn't have imagined our global reach today. To support this growth, we continue to prioritise strong leadership and internal structures, exceeding governance and compliance requirements.

Navigating our highly-relational, spirit-led organisation in a constantly changing landscape that is increasingly challenging for Christian organisations remains a top priority for me and the Board.

The challenge lies in loving God and others, giving to God what is His and to Caesar what is Caesar's, all while allowing the Spirit to guide us and meet the laws of the land.

We might be small but we dream big, building for the future.

Thank you for your support in finances, prayer and encouragement. This work unites all sorts of people from various backgrounds, locations and experiences, working towards a shared vision of multiplying disciples in Australia and the nations.

Thank you for your contribution towards this incredible vision.

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Praxeis Chair





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