



**MBM**  
***Parramatta***



***The vigorous,  
continual planting of  
new congregations  
is the single most  
crucial strategy for...  
growth of the body of  
Christ in any city.***

TIM KELLER

**“God’s  
salvation has  
been sent to the  
nations, and they  
will listen”**

ACTS 28:28

# ***Why another church?***

What Paul wrote at the end of Acts, is still true 2,000 years later. This is what inspires us to take the wonderful news - that Jesus is Lord - to the ends of the earth.

We thank God for the long history of gospel work in Parramatta. When we shared our plans to begin another gospel community in Parramatta, Bruce Morrison, Senior Minister at St. Johns Parramatta said “It’s all about the kingdom.”

Parramatta is the home of Australia’s largest urban transformation project. New cultural and public spaces, commercial redevelopment, new

transportation and multiple residential towers make Parramatta an exciting place to be. On top of that, the population is expected to more than double in the next 20 years.

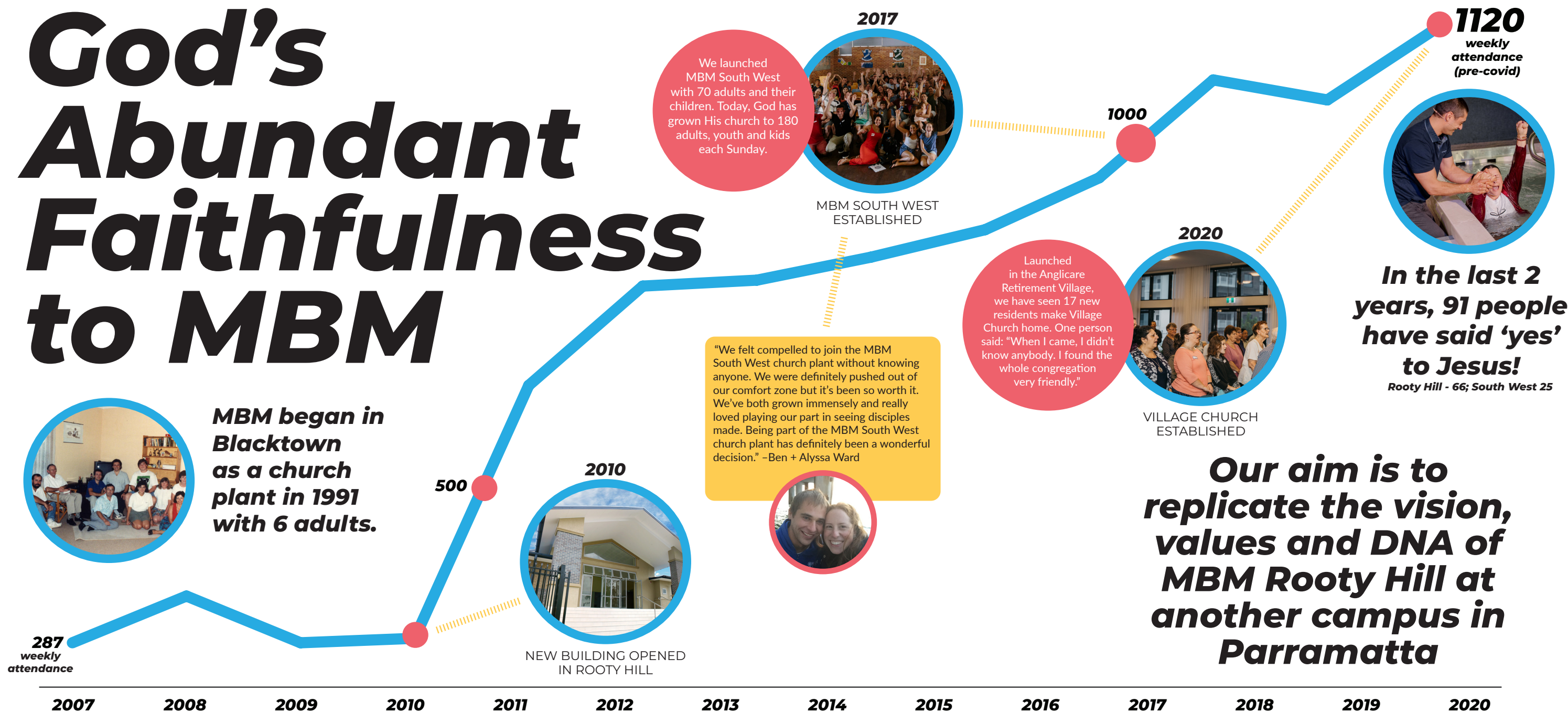
And yet, our heart breaks that the most generous estimates are that only 7% of the Australian population have an active faith in Jesus. This same research revealed that more than half our population are open to changing their view.

That’s why we’re excited to come alongside other churches to see another gospel community in Sydney’s Central City.





# God's Abundant Faithfulness to MBM



## Our Values

### We will celebrate God's work in people's lives

"We had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is now alive again." (Luke 15:32). We want to rejoice at the way God's Spirit convicts people of their sin, inspires them for mission, empowers sacrificial service and unleashes generosity.

### We're inclusive on God's terms

It is the wonderful news of Jesus that unites people over things that would normally divide people. Regardless of age, stage, ethnicity or socio-economic status we want Jesus to be the one thing that brings us together and the focus of our attention and energy. We will also welcome and include those who might be different from us - in our church, in our conversations, in our homes.

### We don't do pretend

We realise we may not be what we want to be, but we definitely are not what we used to be thanks to God's grace. That's why as a community, we aspire to be real and open in our joys and our struggles. We seek to be honest and speak the truth in love.

### Creative with everything but the truth

MBM is a reformed evangelical Anglican church. We're committed to doing whatever it takes to introduce people to Jesus, from the Scriptures, in the context of loving relationships. Like the apostle Paul, we want to become all things to all people so that by all possible means some might be saved (1 Cor. 9:22).

### We have a God-given optimism for growth

Acts 28:28 gives us every reason to be optimistic that God's gospel is powerful to save. The main driver for MBM Parramatta is the expectation that God will add to our number those who are being saved.

### We strive to improve in all things

The fact that God gave us his very best inspires us to want to give him our best in everything we do. In the words of 2 Peter 1:5-7, we want to 'make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love'.

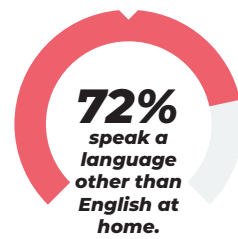
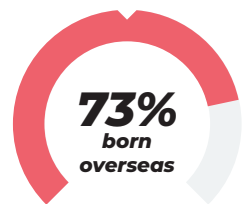
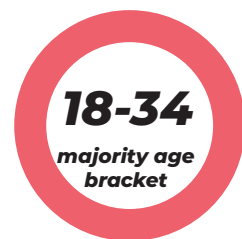


# Why Parramatta?

Currently 36,000 people live in Parramatta (up 11,000 from the 2016 Census). In the next 20 years, it is predicted to grow up to 78,000. That's an increase of 115%!

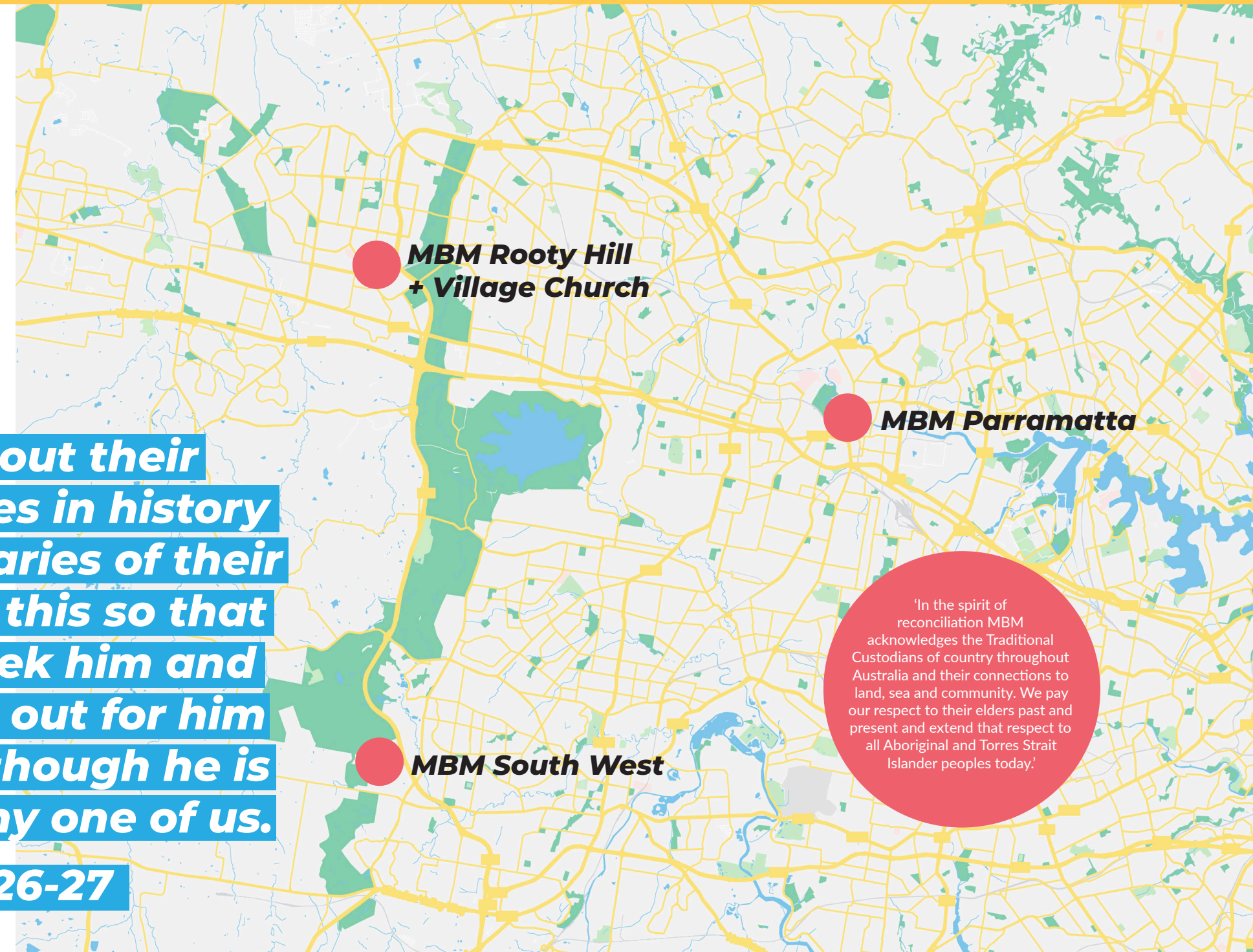
With that population growth comes an urgency for gospel growth. More churches are needed to reach this city.

We believe God has brought the nations to Parramatta for one reason and one reason only - to discover Jesus.



**He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.**

**Acts 17:26-27**



## Top 3...

### **Countries of Birth**

19% Mainland China  
18% India  
7% Korea

### **Religions**

28% Hindu  
22% No religion  
11% Roman Catholic

### **A snapshot of people moving into Parramatta**

A young family has recently migrated to Parramatta from India. He works as a labourer whilst She works shifts as an Administrative Assistant at Westmead Hospital. On Saturday mornings, you can expect to see Him at Parramatta Park playing cricket with friends whilst She shops at the Indian grocer down the road preparing for an extended family gathering happening the next day. The family would not consider themselves particularly religious although, they will partake in puja and visit the temple for special occasions.

A young professional couple recently moved into a new high-rise apartment tower that has views of Parramatta River. Her employer, the National Australia Bank, has moved into Parramatta Square so it's just a short walk to work. Parramatta is more affordable for them and there's the attractiveness of an urban lifestyle with plenty of public spaces, culture and nightlife. Deep down, they are longing for a community to be a part of. They wouldn't call themselves religious at all but they have an awareness of something bigger than themselves.



# Campus Pastor

## Dan Lee

Dan was born in Sydney to parents who migrated from Hong Kong whereas Teresa migrated in 1988 from Singapore. Teresa accepted Jesus from a young age, while Dan came to know Jesus through an end of high school trip to the Whitsundays. Both met towards the end of university after significantly growing thanks to the Christian group.

After working in Human Resources and Science Administration respectively, Dan and Teresa both completed a Ministry Apprenticeship. Both went on to study at Moore Theological College (Teresa 1 year and Dan 4 years) before landing at MBM Rooty Hill where they have served for the last 9 years. During that time, Dan has been responsible for overseeing small groups, ministry teams (including the Ministry Apprenticeship program) and led the establishment of a new 4pm congregation.

Since 2017, Dan and Teresa have both felt convicted and burdened to begin a Parramatta campus of MBM. They have been internally assessed by the MBM leadership team as well as rigorous external assessment by the Geneva Push network. They have a deep passion to see disciple-making disciples made, equipped and sent out for the sake of Jesus.

For fun, Dan loves anything sport-related, the odd geo-caching adventure and some day will finish reading one of his unfinished books. Teresa meanwhile is quite happy to stay indoors, watch Asian dramas and one day will finish her latest crocheting project. They both bond over ethnic food.



Dan and Teresa have been married for over 16 years. God has blessed them with four children: Madeleine (12), Elijah (10), Alethea (7) and Evie (who sadly died after 77 days).

"We used to live in Parramatta. That's why when MBM announced this new campus, we were excited to head back there. We're hoping to play our part in sharing Jesus with not just people from India (like we are), but with people of all nations. Sweta served on the food team and now has an opportunity to bless a new group of people. Through the outreach of new church plant we cannot wait to see and serve new communities that will come to faith in Christ." –Ken + Sweta Rai



## Launch Checklist

- ☐ Begin meeting for prayer and planning
- ☐ Gather 70 committed adults (along with their kids and teens) to form launch team
- ☐ Find a suitable venue
- ☐ Build community amongst launch team
- ☐ Begin Sunday services and public launch with tailored kids and youth ministries





# Your part in His Story

***"Ever since MBM began in my lounge room, we've been on about the same thing: introducing people to Jesus, from the Scriptures, in the context of loving relationships. I'm excited about MBM Parramatta beginning alongside other great churches in the area. I can't wait to see what God will do in and through Dan and the team." –Ray Galea***



## **Join the Launch Team if...**

- ☐ You've got a heart to see Parramatta transformed by Jesus
- ☐ You're willing to play your part, as a team - even if that might mean trying something new, or different.
- ☐ You're committed to sacrificing your time (on Sunday and for small group), talents (joining a ministry team), and treasures (financial generosity) for the sake of making Jesus known.

## **How to Support MBM Parramatta**

### **1. Prayer**

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain" Psalm 127:1. We want to prayerfully depend on the Holy Spirit. We believe in a God who is able to do more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

### **2. Provision**

MBM Parramatta will have some significant start-up costs in order to launch. We would love for you to consider becoming a financial partner to enable a venue to be hired and equipment to be purchased.

A specific list of items to be purchased is available at [MBMParramatta.com](http://MBMParramatta.com)

### **3. Partnership**

We need people who are willing to take up the privilege of being on mission for Jesus in Parramatta. Our hope is to gather a team of 70 people who love Jesus, love His people and love the lost.

**Over to you...**  
**Sign up to show your  
interest or to receive updates**  
**[mbmparramatta.com](http://mbmparramatta.com)**





***After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... And they cried out in a loud voice:***

***“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”***

***Revelation 7:9-10***

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