

A group of people are gathered in a bright, modern indoor space, possibly a community center or a large office. The room is decorated with long, colorful streamers (orange, red, yellow) hanging from the ceiling. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair, wearing an orange short-sleeved button-down shirt, is laughing heartily. To her right, a woman with blonde hair tied back and a man in a dark blue shirt are also smiling. In the background, other people are visible, including a man in a plaid shirt and a woman in a black top and a patterned skirt. The overall atmosphere is festive and joyful.

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2022
our story

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2022 in review

2022 - what a year for MBM! It marked the end of an era with Ray and Sandy Galea finishing up after 31 years of faithful ministry with us. It was also the year where we saw, more than ever, that our God cares, protects and provides. He has come through for us in so many ways. The Lord has not only sustained us in the interim period between Lead Pastors, but He has grown us in new disciples, newcomers, maturity and prayerfulness. Praise God!

20
Baptisms

Campuses

We are thankful to the Lord for steady progress at Rooty Hill campus this year. MBM Parramatta have inspired us with their faithfulness and growth. It was a huge encouragement to see God answer an impossible prayer, providing them with a very suitable venue for 2023! Village Church continues to encourage us too. Osea Taito finished up his fruitful ministry, and is ably replaced by a new chaplain Edwin Thambyaiyah.

55
Decisions
to say 'yes' to Jesus
17 kids, 23 youth, 15 adults

Youth and Kids

In Youth ministry, Pre Shunmugam and Josie Seto have stepped up to lead the team, seeing many youth lives transformed through Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

460
Visitors
(2nd time visitors)

MBM Kids has gone from strength to strength across our campuses. July Holiday Club restarted this year. What a joy to have 300 kids enjoying Medieval Mania and growing in faith in Jesus. Jean Cousins has moved to serve at Kidswise, with her Kids' Ministry administration role replaced by Mel Potter.

Staff

Lynette Cain has finished up her role as a pastoral consultant – we deeply appreciate her help over the years. Maria Custodio and Jerome Jeyasekera have been able to take up part-time roles in essential behind

the scenes ministries, while our Deacons continue their exceptional 'administry' work. All this is a story of God providing for our changing needs.

So many staff and congregation members have excelled in 'one-another' care this year. Though many have found it hard adapting to life after the Covid-19 pandemic, we've grown as a supportive community. My own Growth Group has been such a support and encouragement to me this year, and we've seen that story repeated for hundreds of individuals across the church!

Overseas Ministry Partners (OMP)

The Walkers and Jayasekeras have concluded their exceptional ministries as OMPs and are resettling here. We are thankful to have sent out the Galeas in March, along with approving Iszy Pamatmat to go out in 2023 (God-willing).

Lead Pastor

We look forward with faith and prayer to 2023, as Malcolm Gill starts as our new Lead Pastor. We are excited to welcome Malcolm and Tamara in March, along with their children Annabel, Adam and Zara. Please thank God for the past year and continue to commit MBM regularly to God in prayer as we sail into new beginnings.

Mark Boyley

The average MBMer in 2022...

Was **34** years old and born in **Australia**. They most likely have a parent born **in a non-english speaking country**.

They have been at **MBM** less than **5 years** and attended **church** every **second week**. They also attended their **growth group** every **second week**.



Dear Father,
We thank you for each and every person who makes up our church (Your church). We praise You for all the good we've seen - In particular spiritual growth, new disciples, provision of financial needs and the selection of a new Lead Pastor. May we grow in faith, hope and love in the year ahead for Your glory.
In Jesus' Name,
Amen.



Esther Lo



Parramatta

Joining Parramatta MBM was a big decision for me. I was hoping to find somewhere where I could grow in maturity and be in community with brothers and sisters. I had been looking for a multi-ethnic, multi-generational church and it seemed like this was the place.

Each week I visited, I continued meeting great people. But what stood out for me was one person on the Welcoming Team who remembered my name when I returned and engaged me in conversation. I am so grateful for them because it was daunting for me as a visitor to step in to a new environment.

When I heard about the different opportunities to serve, to be honest, I wasn't really keen on any of them—especially Welcoming! (I'm more of a behind the scenes person). However, because I was so warmly welcomed, I wanted to help others experience the same.

Now that I'm on the team, I try to remember little bits of information about a visitor so that I can follow up in the same way that was done to me.

Getting out of my comfort zone has been a blessing. I've enjoyed getting to know our congregation each Sunday in a meaningful way.



Stories from 2022

Marcus De La Fuente

Towards the end of 2021, I felt like I needed a change. I felt the way I was living was kind of empty. God answered through a series of situations and people during 2022 that has really grown my faith.

Through a number of relationship struggles, I came to understand just how self-centered I had become. It wasn't that I wasn't a Christian, but I found that God's priorities in life were not my priorities in life. I was also hit hard when I saw a close family friend (a teenager) turn away from God. This was my wake up call. I began asking myself: "What am I doing with my life?" and "Am I just going with the flow of this world?"

I really started to focus on my relationship with God, commit myself to Him and get serious. This led me to get baptised on Easter Sunday in front of hundreds of people declaring that I'm a follower of Jesus. That day was honestly the best feeling!

I began making MBM Youth and G-teams a priority. As we looked through 1 Peter each Friday, all of a sudden God's word was challenging me in ways that I had never been challenged before. It also gave me an eagerness to want to know God on a deeper level.

MBM has been great with providing godly men to help me in my walk with Jesus. One of those men has been Dom Francisco who has been helping me to understand the Scriptures.

Another encouragement has been watching my older brother, Lucas, serve at church. I felt so encouraged to join the production team which has been a blessing as I've started to connect more with our church. Lucas continues to challenge me by reminding me of what glorifies God and what doesn't. God is working through Lucas to help me where I fall short. I know that this will be a constant battle for the rest of my life but now I truly know that God is with me, He is for me, and He has a purpose for it all (Romans 8:31).

I am thankful to God for MBM and people outside of MBM who have impacted my faith this year. I will be forever grateful for the community God has blessed me with because right now the relationship I have with Jesus is the most important thing in my life.



MBM Youth

The Brouwers



Rooty Hill

Hello! We are Andrew, Rebecca, Arthur and Sullivan. A close friend from a previous church recommended MBM, and with young kids and being closer to home we decided to visit. We were positively welcomed by people on our first visit and on our second visit people even remembered our names. MBM has been our home for around a year.

We have appreciated how well we all have been connected with at MBM, despite the size. Arthur has enjoyed being a part of MBM Kids and has been learning each week. He sings the songs he learns at home and often says the memory verse "The Lord has kept every promise he has made!!" Every night before bed, he asks us to pray with him. During news time at preschool, he often tells his whole class what he is learning at kids church.

Andrew has connected in with a men's Growth Group, and amongst the busyness of work, has found it to be a great place to get to know people, and explore God's Word in a challenging, yet safe and respectful environment.

Rebecca has connected with mums at a similar stage of life. She has found her Growth Group to be honest and open and a place where mums are really well cared for as they raise children.

We have been so well connected at MBM and we have experienced the love of God through the people at MBM. We haven't made acquaintances here, we've made friends!





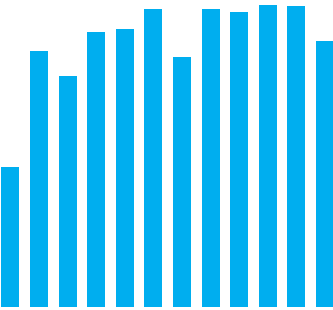
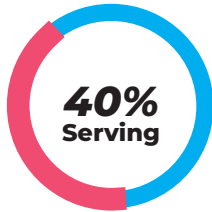
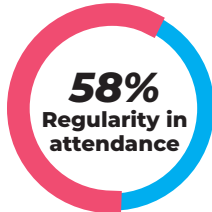
Rooty Hill

We are thankful to the Lord for steady progress at Rooty Hill this year. From subdued beginnings with restrictions and irregular attendance, we've seen each of our congregations grow. Many ministry teams have come out of 'Covid hibernation', re-formed and served with renewed vigour. Big services have made a comeback—especially for Ray and Sandy's farewell, Easter, baptisms and Christmas.

We've seen an extraordinary number of newcomers, many joining us for Belonging. Extra Explaining Christianity courses have been run, including at Connect on Tuesdays. We praise God for many new disciples through Explaining Christianity, Kids, Youth and so many other means. The Spirit of God has been busy amongst us!

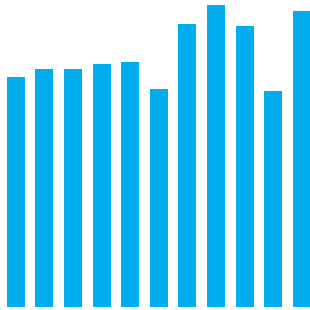
We have had the aid of Steve Gibb and Pre Shunmugam moving to full time. Nate Singh and Ethan Viglione (both part time) have developed a notably healthy culture in our Magnification teams. Pat Jackson has led our Connect women's Growth Groups and also joined our Deacons board. Kim Morris has pastorally served so many with excellence. Countless faithful members have prayed, served and helped out.

Mark Boyley



725

Average attendance of adults + kids each Sunday



135

Average attendance at MBM Youth each Friday

Parramatta

Looking back on 2022, my heart is full of thankfulness at all that He has done amongst us and through us (even despite us).

We welcomed more people through the doors, we continued meeting around God's Word in small groups, we introduced people to Jesus through Explaining Christianity, we saw many people step up and join ministry teams, we saw 4 people baptised and we prayed for the city of Parramatta. Of course, along the way we've had plenty of fun too with various socials.

In May, we celebrated our 1st birthday. It was amazing to look back at God's kindness through a COVID-interrupted first year; the good news of Jesus is not locked down.

In September, we had our very first weekend away at Port Hacking. We treasured the opportunity to look inward at our own church community, whilst also being stirred to look outward to the great gospel needs that lie before us. It was also a special time to deepen relationships. No one will forget our dress up trivia night anytime soon!

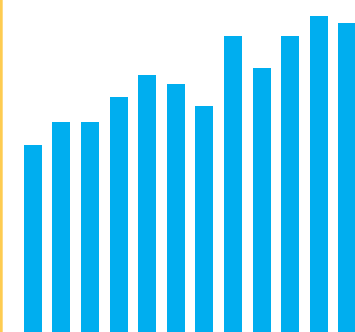
I give thanks for the welcoming heart of God that is on display week after week from our people. Time and time again, the feedback from visitors has been: "I felt so welcomed".

Maggie Ha has done an outstanding job in overseeing our MBM Kids (with the added challenges that it took place across multiple levels within our building). She has led a wonderful team of people who are keen to see kids lives transformed by Jesus.

A big thanks to God for Nathan Tuckwell who has been instrumental in establishing our Youth ministry from Day 1. Very few church plants begin with a youth ministry and I am deeply thankful to God that the youth of our church have been introduced to Jesus and discipled in Him.

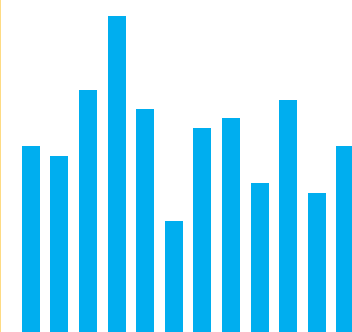
Finding an affordable, central and suitable venue has long been an impossible prayer point. What a joy it has been to end 2022 with the wonderful news that God has answered that prayer in the form of Bayanami Public School. God has provided for us abundantly and we look forward to what he has in store.

Dan Lee



113

Average attendance of adults + kids each Sunday



22

Visitors on average each month



Village



In our third year, Village Church has sought to be a present and visible witness to our community of the transforming work of Christ. We express this in the way we serve and love one another in Christ, and extend this in the warm welcome one experiences when visiting our church on a Sunday morning.

I'm thankful to God for those who joined us this year with the intention of sharing Jesus with those in our Village that don't yet know Him. There have also been a number of those from our Rooty Hill Campus that have joined in with Village activities for the purpose of reaching people with the gospel. We even have residents (who attend other churches) bringing their neighbours to Village Church to hear the gospel.



Dot, one of our members, organised a Women's Lunch and Leisure event. This event enabled Christian women in the Village to gather and meet one another, some for the first time. Dot's talk, about being a citizen of Heaven, was engaging, entertaining, and challenging.

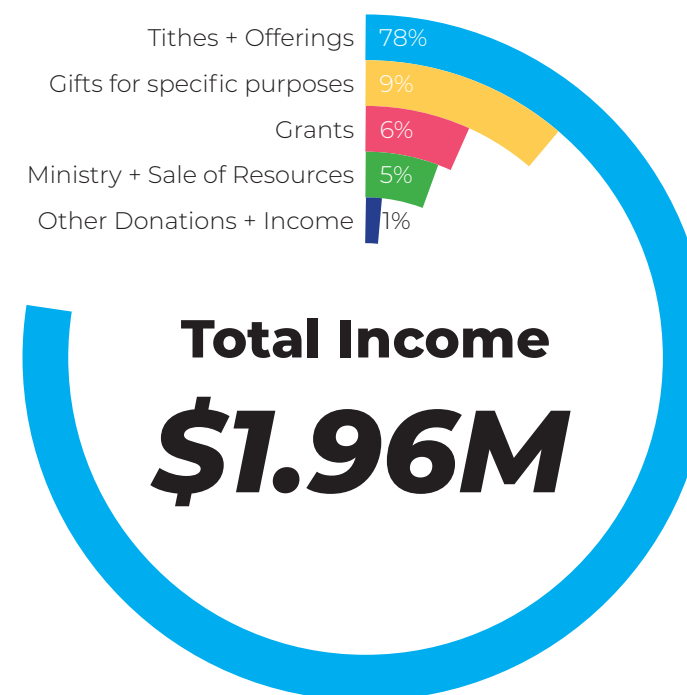
Steve Gibb and Sarah Anderson ran Explaining Christianity in October and we saw 9 people in attendance.

It is an encouragement and a privilege to see God at work in our village, transforming lives through Jesus Christ for His glory. I'm so thankful for my time in this role, and look forward to seeing how God uses our new chaplain Edwin Thambyaiyah in to the future!

Iseia Taito



Finances



Planned Deficit

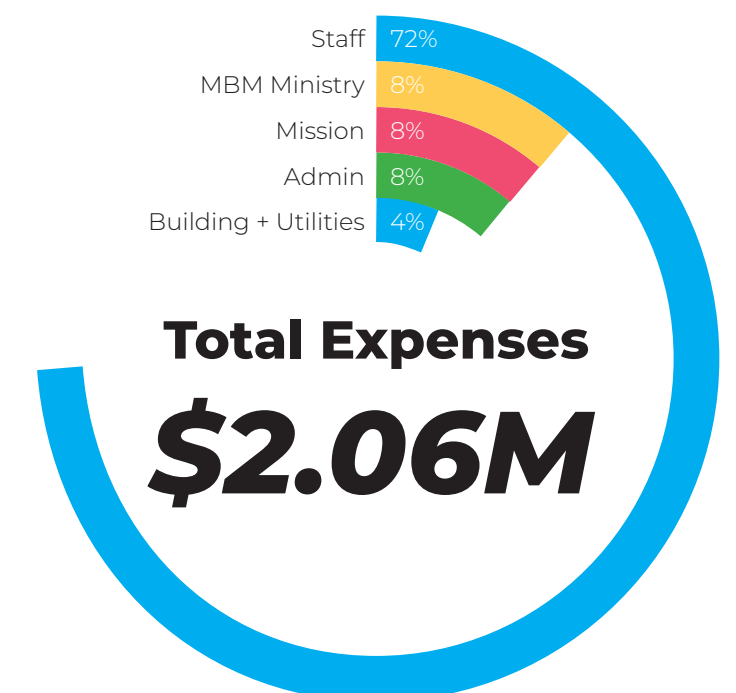
\$151k

Actual deficit

\$108k

Ahead of Budget

\$43k





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