

# MISSIONS SUNDAY

## INVESTING INTO CHILDREN

Today is Missions Sunday and part of what we will do today is talk about how we as a church are investing in children.

As a church, we support children's homes in Sri Lanka, feeding programs in the Philippines, preschools in Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka and we also have Mikaela as a missionary in PNG, heading up the Sunday School at Bethel. We also support the two Sunrise Schools in Port Moresby.

### 1. QUALITIES OF A GODLY PARENT

**Proverbs 14:26.** One of the strongest and most important attributes a parent can have is a reverence for God, a fear of the Lord.

**Proverbs 20:7 NLT** *The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.*

Godly parents are people of integrity. A parent that walks in integrity provides a blessing to their children.

### **Psalms 139:23-24.**

Take time to evaluate and to surrender again to God and let him continue to mold us and shape us.

### **2 Corinthians 3:18.**

## **2. QUALITIES OF A CHURCH THAT INVESTS IN CHILDREN**

A church that invests in children is committed to expressing the heart of a loving God towards a lost and hurting world.

As a church we have incredible opportunities to bring God's love to many children in many places.

As a church, we have the opportunity to express God's love through a corporate body.

Going makes a difference. Salvation is for everyone. Children need to hear about how much God loves them and what Jesus has done for them.

**Matthew 19:13-14.**

**Matthew 18:3.**

**Acts 13:47.**

As a church, as we go, as we continue to invest in children here in Australia and in other nations, we will produce qualities that are consistent with what Jesus taught and showed in his life - qualities like compassion, unselfishness, generosity, empathy, kindness, love and sacrifice.

Paul understood what it was to be Christ's ambassador. **2 Corinthians 5:20.**

As a church, let us continually be committed to expressing the heart of a loving God towards a lost and hurting world.

Let us embrace the opportunity we have to express God's love through a corporate body.

May we produce qualities that are consistent with what Jesus taught and showed in his life.

Let us continue to give beyond ourselves, to look out beyond ourselves, let us grow and mature as a church, continually giving and sending and being spent for the cause of Christ.