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Dear Ganggalah Church family,

As we come to the closing of another year, we have a moment to reflect upon that which is important and upon that which will actually make a difference in our future.

COVID Impacts on Today's Church Gatherings

Ganggalah, as most of you already know like all churches, was forced to creatively consider how the ministry would continue during, and beyond, the Covid Pandemic. We embraced the opportunity of reaching into the homes, hearts and heartland of this nation. Through the many volunteers and team, we came together and delivered the Word of God through Live Online Church services.

Once we were finally permitted to meet physically again as a church after almost 3 years of government restrictions, many church folks had either moved on or felt that church in the new online format was worth sticking to.

Our future | from Church to Ministry

Through much prayer and advice sought we realised that Ganggalah would transition from a "church" to a Ministry. We rested and settled our hearts and began enjoying the next season of this ministry. We remained open to exploring a fresh way of nurturing our expanding fellowship and meeting regularly.

The Ganggalah Board Reaches Agreement

And as part of this new season, the Ganggalah Board unanimously agreed we would sell the current building as the needs of the Ministry had shifted. This would position Ganggalah Ministry to respond more flexibly with a new studio setup to be established in 2023 in the Tweed region. We remain steadfastly committed to this community.

Passing the Building and its Prayerful Legacy to a Church Impacted by the 2022 Floods

We are very pleased to announce that the building was purchased by another Church - the Tweed Church of Christ, which lost its church building during the floods this year. We congratulate their congregation and pray for God's blessing on them as they enter this new chapter.

The Enduring Truth of God's Word

There have been many challenges, hardships, differing opinions, and protests over the last 12 months in our nation and communities. Most will be forgotten and fade with time. This truth however remains central to everything we are and do:

"Preach God's word that reveals Hope through the message of Forgiveness in Jesus Christ and unfold the truth by speaking healing and a reconciling message for our First Nation people in this land."

Ganggalah Ministry | Simplicity & Accessibility

The central theme of the new look "Ganggalah Ministry" will be the simplicity and accessibility of the Online Social Media Platform. Online viewers will hear and see the Gospel message coming to them live On Country in various communities, with local leaders sharing stories and of course from our new studio base in Tweed Heads.

The **enduring promise** and **present hope** of Jesus inspires every aspect of our lives - "**Emmanuel, God with us**", what more could we ever need?

We want to thank you for your support and care for this Ministry. Whether you are a community member, online viewer, or member of the Ganggalah Ministry team or even if you are just a friend to us, we thank you. Thank you for standing up and for making a difference where it counts. And, of course, where it counts is precisely **where the people are in our communities**.

The Christmas Promise

We cannot think of a better promise to remind you of this Christmas than the reality of the Manger. **God with us!** (Matt 1:22). Everywhere we go, every person we support, every prayer we pray, every interaction we have - God is with us! This is an energizer of our hope for the future and the substance of our confidence for what is ahead for Ganggalah Ministry as we move forward.

Much Love

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