

What about paying off the loan?

The job won't be finished once we have raised this start up fund. We will need to pay off a loan of up to \$1.4million within the next 15 years. The current repayments on a loan of this size for that length of time are about \$140,000 per annum. Currently, our building giving has been more than \$200,000 per annum and , in the recent past, has actually exceeded \$300,000 per annum. We will need to ask for commitments in a similar way to our Ministry Commitment process in order to ensure that we can repay the loan. We plan to do this later this year. At the end of this task we will hand over a building to the next generation to preach the gospel of God's grace in Orange for many decades to come.

What else can I do?

Please pray.

We have had many ups and downs in this process. Now, God has cleared the way for us to complete the Ministry Centre. But we still need to raise a large amount of money to start building and commit to giving over the long term in order to pay off the loan. Please pray that God will move us to be generous givers so that this project will be achieved.

Most importantly, pray that we would continue to be focused on serving our great God, making Him known and using this building for His glory.

Building Account

Name: Orange Evangelical Church
BSB: 062-587
Account No: 1034 0454

SBF (Tax-Deductible) Account

Name: Orange Evangelical Church
BSB: 062-587
Account No: 1046 4211

N.B. Only one-third of funds will be able to be raised through tax-deductible giving. Please consider prioritizing giving to the non tax-deductible giving account.

Or you may choose to contribute at the giving box available every Sunday in an envelope marked 'Building'. Please make cheques payable to Orange Evangelical Church. If giving to the tax-deductible account please supply your name for a receipt to be issued.



Where are we now and how did we get here?

In 1995 Orange Evangelical Church (OEC) started with a core group of people committed to the word of God, the gospel of His grace and gathering together to encourage one another. Over more than 20 years, God has grown OEC to over 750 people who call OEC their church. We currently gather together at 4 separate Sunday services along with various meetings regularly taking place during the week at six different locations across Orange.

It's our aim as part of God's worldwide church, to be involved in the great commission. We want to reach Orange and beyond with the gospel of God's grace. In recent years we've seen adults, teens and kids at OEC all come to a personal faith in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. We long to see many more people come to know and follow Jesus in the years ahead. We've also welcomed many Christians who have moved to Orange from cities and regions both far and near. As we work towards making disciples who make disciples, we've had the great privilege of seeing God at work among us and through us as He makes Himself known. And as we continue this ministry of the gospel, we can see great benefits in owning our own building.

In 2007, the partners of OEC decided to develop our own Ministry Centre. They saw clear advantages in having one location to centralize all that we do together. Since then we have bought two properties, sold one and raised over \$2 million. In late 2018 we finally received council approval to build our Ministry Centre on the Ploughmans Lane property. The sale of the Lords Place Cinema building is scheduled to be completed in mid-2019. At this time, we expect to fully own the Ploughmans Lane property and hold more than \$1m in cash.

But why our own building?

Our own Ministry Centre will secure our ability to preach the gospel in our changing culture for decades to come. We will have the opportunity to think of new and different ways to gather people and reach out to our community with the good news of the gospel. Our youth will have a place to call their own, with a confidence of being able to gather and grow together in the knowledge and love of God. Our seniors will be able to gather together in warmth, comfort and ever increasing numbers. Toddlers and babies will enjoy playgroups while parents share time together and invite non-christian neighbours to gather at this site. We expect this new building will enable us to minister the gospel in ways that we can't even imagine until we move in and get started.



How much do we need to raise?

The task before us is significant. But being able to secure a building that we can use to preach the gospel for generations to come is worth our time, effort and resources. We will need to raise a significant start up fund of around \$1.3 million to be able to build the Ministry Centre. We aim to raise this amount during the 2019 calendar year, allowing us to start building in early 2020 with an estimated 12 month build time.

Can we achieve this?

There are many of us that are able to work towards this goal. Currently 178 families or individual givers contribute to the ministry of OEC.

If 178 people gave \$7,300 towards property we'd raise \$1.3 million.

We know that not every one will be in a position to do that. Some people will not be able to give one large lump sum but will be able to give smaller amounts regularly. But some will be able to give larger lump sums. Each one of us should decide in our own hearts what to give and see that we 'excel in this grace of giving' (2 Corinthians 8:7). For those of us who are not in a position to contribute financially, we value your prayers that God would enable and equip us to complete the task ahead of us.

How could you give to this?

Some people have suggested different ways we could contribute to this start up amount, such as;

- Giving a lump sum from savings
- Drawing down a lump sum from their mortgage and committing to increased mortgage repayments over a number of years
- Reducing spending in one area of life and giving that amount each month, e.g. 2 coffees a week = approx. \$35 per month
- Committing a regular amount per month to building giving for this year
- Leaving a bequest in a will

It may be that one of these suggestions works for you. Or perhaps none of these will fit your circumstances. But please pray and carefully consider how you can contribute to this task.

