

# The Gaius Trust

## Update – October 2021



Dear Friends,

We continue to be very grateful for all your support for the work of the Gaius Trust. We are very encouraged that, despite all the difficulties of lockdown and the Covid pandemic, the level of giving to the Trust has been maintained and we have continued to be able to meet our commitments to our friends in Australia who are engaged in gospel work among indigenous peoples there.

I am writing on behalf of the Gaius trustees to update you on the work of the Trust and its direction, in the light of some recent developments.

First of all, we are delighted to welcome Pastor David Cox as a new trustee, to join Chris Davies, Martin Leech, Stephen Bignall and me as trustees. David pastors Dubbo Christian Family Church, a reformed Baptist congregation in Dubbo, New South Wales. You can learn more about the church at their website: <https://www.dubbochristianfamilychurch.org.au/>. Dubbo is a town of about 40,000, about 200 miles from Sydney and three hours' drive from where Stephen and Fiona are in Wee Waa. David's church, with its substantial indigenous membership, is active in encouraging gospel work among indigenous people and is well placed to assist men keen to train for and be active in such work. David will be a valuable addition to the trustee body.

Building on that, we are earnestly prayerful that the Lord will raise up more men in Australia for gospel work. We currently continue to help support Henry in the months leading up to his retirement next year, but we do not currently have anyone else to whom we are giving financial assistance. We prayerfully trust that the Lord will bring to our attention other men, committed to the doctrines of grace and to ministry among the indigenous communities, whom we may be able to support. Please pray for this, as it is at the heart of what the Trust was set up to do.

Then you will be aware from our last prayer letter that the young man, Brendon Garlett, who was due to come to Dubbo for ministry training, will not now be doing so. We ask you to join us in praying that the Lord will send others to Dubbo to train under David's leadership. We believe that the Trust could be very useful in making such training possible and that this would be a good use of Gaius funds, as and when such opportunities arise.

Finally, there is very much to be done. Stephen reminded us in his last prayer letter that the aboriginal community in Australia numbers in total around 700,000. Reformed gospel ministry among them is fairly rare and faces a considerable set of challenges. Our great desire is to see men raised up and sent out by God from among that community, to minister the gospel of grace to their own people over the long term. Please make this a priority in your prayers, as the Lord Jesus himself urged us to do (Matthew 9:37-38).

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All the trustees join me in thanking you sincerely for all your ongoing support – in prayer, finances and otherwise – for the work of the Trust.

Robert Strivens  
Chairman

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The Gaius Trust continues to support Henry Louie financially on a monthly basis and to make grants towards the high fuel costs which aboriginal pastors incur due to the long distances that they need to travel. If you would like to contribute to any of these needs, you can do so through **give.net** via our website ([gaiustrust.org](http://gaiustrust.org)), or by **cheque** to Gaius Trust, sent to 15 St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DA.