

## TWO KEY PRINCIPLES WE AIM TO FOLLOW

- **The principle of generosity**

Generosity is a wonderful grace of the Christian life and something we are encouraged to excel in ([2 Corinthians 8:7](#)), responding to the generosity that God has shown us in the gospel ([2 Corinthians 8:9](#)). Generosity is a test of the sincerity of our love ([2 Corinthians 8:8](#)), an expression of thanks to God ([2 Corinthians 9:11-12](#)) and serves as an example to others ([2 Corinthians 9:13-14](#)). It should be done willingly ([2 Corinthians 8:12](#)), for God loves a cheerful giver ([2 Corinthians 9:7](#)).

- **The principle of partnership**

Gospel generosity should be relational as well as practical ([2 Corinthians 8:16-24](#)) and seen as a partnership of mutual support ([2 Corinthians 8:13-15](#)). In [Romans 16](#), we see a wonderful example of this as the Apostle Paul expresses thankfulness for the different mission partnerships he has been involved in. As a church we are committed to engaging in mission partnerships overseas in a variety of different ways. These include supporting individuals as well as organisations and engaging in both planned ongoing giving and responses to one-off crises.