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## Shouldering Responsibility

**Numbers 7:9b NIV**

***They were to carry on their shoulders the holy things, for which they were responsible.***

I wonder how the Kohathites felt? The other priests had oxen and carts to carry their parts of the tabernacle but these guys had to carry 'holy things for which they were responsible' on their shoulders.

The truth is, God asks different things of different people and some things we are asked to carry are too precious to be carried on a cart, they need to be taken on our shoulders.

Many times in leadership we would love to put some of the responsibilities we carry onto others but certain things have to be carried by the leader. Other times we are doing things that could be carried by someone else.

Mission, vision and culture are some of those critical responsibilities given only to the leader. God may have given you something precious that he has added to your load because he trusts you with it. This could be something different for every leader.

Knowing what is our responsibility, that which only you can do, and what is ok to delegate is something we must constantly be evaluating. Too many leaders are doing things that others could do and then not doing what only they can do.

We cannot do everything and we shouldn't try, God will Grace us for what he asks of us, it's important we know what that is. God gives each of us a 'holy and precious' responsibility, that only we can carry on our shoulders, and so it is important that you know what that is and what else you may be doing that could be carried by others.

Leadership is hard work and too many of us are trying to do it in our own strength when Jesus clearly told us without him we can do nothing.

*John 5:15*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

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## From the Field

### India



**A message from Jossy Chacko of Empart:**

Two of our young church planters, and the wife of another, have died from illness complicated by the furiously hot summer India is reeling under.

We can't change what has already happened. But we can help now by praying and giving. Due to the unbearable summer heat, many of our workers are sick and many in their churches are also sick and some dying. An estimated 300 million people have been impacted, particularly in the Northern states where we work. In Orissa it has reached 54C, in Rajasthan 51C.

Our leaders are doing all they can to keep encouraging our young workers but they are finding the misery and difficulty and size to be a great challenge.

Please give generously so we can provide urgent help. Immediate needs are:

- Funerals and help for the grieving families
- Urgent medical help for other Empart workers who are unwell (many are hospitalised) in the extreme heat.
- Immediate and then ongoing care for the children and spouses left behind

Thank you and God bless you for your care for these brothers and sisters.

If you would like to support Empart in assisting these family's in India, please click on this link - <https://au.empart.org/welfare>

## From the Office - Admin

### Cash Management Fund

The Apostolic Church Australia operates a Cash Management Fund (CMF) into which churches and employees can deposit funds not currently needed. Interest is paid at a competitive rate, usually at a rate greater than is generally available in the market place. Deposits are at call and interest is paid monthly.

Funds held on deposit are used to assist churches and employees finance a range of ministry-related matters from property, vehicles and improvements and renovations. Loans attract a rate of interest comparable with rates charged by commercial lenders.

For depositors, only ministry-derived income can be paid into the CMF account and employee funds will only be paid back into a ministry account. For borrowers, repayments are made through the weekly commitment transfer (churches) and through salary deduction (employees).

The CMF is an internal arrangement only and exists to serve churches and employees. It does not offer financial services generally and cannot offer services to other than churches and employees.

For further enquiries, contact Phil ([phillip@apostolic.org.au](mailto:phillip@apostolic.org.au) or Evelyn - [evelyn@apostolic.org.au](mailto:evelyn@apostolic.org.au)).

### **Merchant Facilities / EFTPOS Machines**

Westpac Bank has recently done an audit of all Apostolic Church Australia merchant Facilities and EFTPOS machines, enabling them to bring consistency in pricing throughout our network. In most cases, this has meant a reduction in fees.

If your church operates a merchant facility and/or EFTPOS machine outside of Westpac Bank, and wish to have your needs and pricing reviewed by our Westpac Transactional Banker, please contact Phil at Apostolic National: [phillip@apostolic.org.au](mailto:phillip@apostolic.org.au).

## Update your details!

Moved house? New number? Changed email? Church Name Changed?

It's essential that you update your details with us, so we can keep you in the loop.

It's really simple, all you need to do is log on to the website using your login details and update.

