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## Local Passion - Regional Presence

I saw this sign near an airport recently and it struck a chord regarding striking the right tension between the local church and missions. The above heading could read local passion - global presence, or many variations.

At the recent Apostolic Centenary Conference in the UK, the theme was "A Missional People". This is indeed at the very core of who we are. Simply put, if the local church is not engaged in missions, what kind of New Testament church is it?

On the other hand, is the local church with an eye only to the needs of the people within that local body? If the leadership of the church is not careful, they could become so inward focused that they lose sight and the sound of those on the broad road! Also churches that are too externally mission focused (if that is possible) could lead to ill health within the local church - the very body that is giving resource to missions.

The everyday mums, dads, teenagers and seniors need to know you're investing in them and their future, as well as those who are lost. The by product of a strong healthy local church is that you have a greater support base for the mission field. Conversely, a cold heart for the mission field is a sure slow death to a local church. A white hot heart for missions reflects back to the local church, a life that can only come from God.

Leaders, it is a challenge to know what it is like to hear the heartbeat of God for lost souls and at the same time to hear the bleating of the local sheep needing a shepherd.

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# From the Field

## Indonesia



In July this year we had the privilege of taking a diverse team to House of Hope. There was a two day seminar held at the request of the Indonesian government to help with professional development of teachers in the region.

As a result of our great partnership with Bethany Christian School in Adelaide, we were able to provide the trainers for this event. The School Principal, Wendy Matear, and Curriculum coordinator, Melissa Taylor, did such a great job that the government have requested regular training from us. What an amazing door of opportunity given to us to share education from a Christian perspective.

Other members of the team helped in classrooms and used

their gifts to bless our staff with beautiful hand made quilts.

Whatever your skills - music, carpentry, teaching, loving kids - you should consider being part of a team and travel to House of Hope in 2017.

Contact us at [info@aidindonesia.org.au](mailto:info@aidindonesia.org.au) for more information.



# From the Office - Admin

## Banking

Since Westpac migrated Apostolic Church Australia banking to their new Business Online Banking portal in 2015, some users have experienced occasional issues.

Whilst most issues can or have been easily resolved as we become aware, others are known by the bank but have no fix as yet. Some issues include:

### **Unable to create new payees.**

- A Security Device may be required. (Token \$5.50/month or SMS \$Free)
- Please contact Phil ([phillip@apostolic.org.au](mailto:phillip@apostolic.org.au)) at National office to link a security device.

### **Unknown Payees & BPAY® billers are visible to you.**

- These are Payees and Billers that have been created by other users and/or account holders that reside in the same banking profile as you.
- The bank is aware of this issue, but there is no fix currently.
- Payees can be searched by selecting the magnifying glass (Open/Close Search) at right and above the payee list. Please ensure that you check the bsb and account number carefully as other Payees and Billers may have a similar name.
- **Please DO NOT amend or delete any Payee or Biller other than your own, as this will affect other users and account holders within your Profile.**

Could you make all Online Banking users at your Assembly aware of these issues. We are working towards changing and improving these things with Westpac but don't have a clear resolution as yet.

For more details contact Phil at Apostolic National office - [phillip@apostolic.org.au](mailto:phillip@apostolic.org.au)

## Update your details!

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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.



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