

*Together, we desire to be a church of resilient disciples of Jesus,
committed to bringing God's Kingdom*

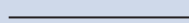
whoever we are,

wherever we go.



Our Annual Report for 2025

Financial Year



*January 2025
to December 2025*

Dear Gateway family

As we look back on the past year, it is clear that God has been guiding every step of our journey. From significant decisions about our future home to the everyday ministry that takes place across our church, 2025 has been a year defined by careful stewardship, unified purpose, and forward momentum.

This Annual Report provides a transparent overview of our progress - spiritually, financially, and operationally - as we continue to build a sustainable and vibrant future. We are grateful for every person who has contributed time, expertise, prayer, and generosity. Together, we are laying foundations that will serve generations to come.

Mike Frew
General Manager

FROM OUR

Senior Leaders

As we look back over 2025, Hope and I want to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has carried responsibility, prayed, served, and supported the life of our church throughout this year.

The Elders have provided steady wisdom and oversight, the Lead Team has carried the weight of day-to-day leadership decisions, and our staff have continued to serve with faithfulness, flexibility, and a great attitude.

The Trust has also played a critical role, especially in this year of major transition, ensuring that practical and financial matters have been handled with diligence and care. We wish to honour our volunteers without whom nothing of what we do would be possible. It has truly been a team effort, and we are deeply grateful.

This has been a year of unique challenges as we work toward our move from 950 to 490 Grey Street. Many decisions have needed to be made, often under tight timelines, and the amount of behind-the-scenes work has been immense. Yet, amid all the logistical

pressures, we have stayed united in purpose and committed to the mission God has given us.

We can genuinely say that 2025 has stretched us—but it has also strengthened us. We have learned to collaborate more deeply, communicate more clearly, and hold fast to what matters most.

As we head into 2026, we do so with anticipation. Our new facility represents far more than a change of address—it is a new chapter for us as a faith community. We look forward to the opportunities ahead and to all that will unfold as we step into the next season together.

Thank you,

Chris and Hope Jones



FROM OUR

Elders

Our elders have worked well together as a cohesive and steady group, focusing on the key areas of direction, doctrine, and discipleship. Our discussions have been constructive and collaborative, achieving clarity in decision-making and consistency in how we lead Gateway.

Above all, 2025 has been marked by the incredible faith journey toward 490 Grey Street, a provision that we believe God has wonderfully provided for us, a place we are committed to creating environments where people grow deeper in Christ

We were pleased to welcome Jo Lane as an elder during the year. Jo brings valuable experience and insight, and he has already contributed very positively to the team's work.

Looking ahead, we are currently walking alongside 2 more potential elders as we explore the possibility of them joining the eldership in early 2026.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to follow where God would have us go.

Chris Jones

FROM OUR

Trust

2025 has been another full year for the Gateway Church Hamilton Trust. Our governance responsibilities cover the employment of staff, the protection of Gateway's assets and liabilities and holding the wider organisation to account in its legal obligations as a charitable entity.

We are blessed with a great staff team of 23, each with their unique skills and abilities and above all, hearts to serve God and Gateway. This year we welcomed Hamish Berkers to a full-time role as Technical and Musical Director; we farewelled Petra Reid who is taking maternity leave and we welcomed Jess Koretz and Kate Russell who are covering Petra's role as Creative & Communications Lead and Support, respectively. We were also thrilled to have Don employed on a fixed-term contract as a Teaching Pastor – and delighted that his contract has been renewed for next year.

The Gateway Moves project has also been front and centre throughout the year. Key milestones have been the unconditional sale of 950 Victoria St in July and the beginning of the refit at 490 Grey St in August. A special acknowledgment to Mike Frew for his continuing outstanding building project leadership and work, along with his significant oversight of several other areas in our Church community.

In conjunction with Mike, we have developed some new policies and reviewed some existing ones, covering a wide range of our operation. An updated

version of the Gateway Policies & Procedures Manual will be available in January.

In March, Philippa Clear stood down as Chair and I/Charles was appointed as Chair. She then resigned from the Trust in August. I want to acknowledge the huge contribution Philippa made to this new Trust, since it was established in April 2023. In May, we welcomed Abby O'Toole as a non-trustee Treasurer and we are grateful for her willingness to serve in this role. Many thanks also to trustees - Jan Carr, Michael John, and Richard Rayner for all the knowledge, experience, skills, and good heart they each have continued to bring to the work of the Trust.

I also want to acknowledge the previous Gateway Christian Centre Trust, which was finally wound up in October, with various trustees serving in that role since 2008.

Along with all our community, we look forward to next year and beyond, as we move to our new location and all that God has in store for us.

Charles Flanagan
Chair

Operations

We have been so grateful for our 30 wonderful volunteers this year within the operations areas. This includes Sunday Admin, communion & catering teams and our Library team. Thank you to each of you for all you do and have done, it's really appreciated.

As an operations team we love being able to support all areas of Gateway. This is often behind the scenes, making sure things are ordered, paid for, & organised for Gateway as a whole.

One of the major focuses this year was the clearing out our old building, as you can imagine, we had accumulated many years of 'stuff', some useful for the future and some not so much. Our volunteers and our staff team made this all so much easier and we are very grateful.

I am hopeful in 2026 we will continue to see Jesus move in the Gateway community, while we are at Girls' high, and as we move to our new site in Hamilton East.

Kezz Gurusinghe
Head of Operations



Care

We have had another wonderful year of deepening connections amongst our Gateway family. Across the board we have 29 connect groups including (but not limited to) young adults, families with small children, those in the middle years of life and those enjoying their more senior years.

A few of these groups have commenced in 2025 as we have had more people seeking significant connections to support their discipleship with Jesus. It is wonderful that we have people offering to host these groups helping to facilitate community.

The Alpha space has seen two more courses completed, along with a post Alpha discipleship course called 'A Life worth Living'. This was significant for those who attended this after Alpha, to deepen in their relationship with Jesus and other new Christians, before joining a Gateway connect group. We are so grateful for those who lead in the Alpha space and their heart for sharing the gospel. We are looking forward to Alpha 2026 in our new home in Hamilton East!

This year, we have established a pastoral care volunteer team, who will support staff with pastoral care in our community. We recognise that people are caring for each other in many ways throughout the week and on Sundays here at Gateway, and that caring

for each other is a joint activity as we all have different giftings and abilities.

Christine Forster continues to offer significant education to people in our wider community through 'Changemaker', who engage with Family Start and the Department of Corrections. She is passionate about this area of support, and it is wonderful to be able to bless our community through this ministry.

So whether you engage with people on Sundays, volunteering on host teams to help people feel welcomed, serving in the hospitality space with coffee to help people connect well, or if you give of your time hosting a connect group, or being someone that others can find support from - thank you for the part you play in our community as we endeavour to reflect Jesus in our love for each other.

Ana Reddish
Care Team Lead

Missions

2025 has been a significant year for missions at Gateway and for the people we send and support. We define missions as ‘the intentional effort to go beyond our current church community to love, serve, and disciple all peoples.’

We formalised the Gateway Global working group—Chris Jones, Deon Swartz, Sarah Singleton, and Matt Perry—which has met regularly to oversee missions in and from New Zealand. We also completed the Gateway Missions document, clarifying the necessity and the nature of ministries we support, and the relationships we want with our people on mission.

A major project this year was a comprehensive survey of all our mission workers. This gave us a clear picture of the breadth and quality of Gateway’s mission engagement, across more than 10 nations, and highlighted the faithful outreach and discipleship taking place.

We introduced a revised financial support model based on family size and circumstances. As a result, all mission workers received increased funding in 2025. Support is now clearly allocated across overseas missions, New Zealand urban missions, missions training and preparation, and like-minded mission organisations and emergency needs.

Finally, I am delighted that we regularly present our Gateway missions people on our big screens and pray for them in our Sunday gatherings. Our Connect groups also adopted a worker each and pray for them regularly. Together with our regular Go Missions meetings under Deon’s leadership, Gateway Church is faithfully engaged in making disciples of all nations.

Thank you so much for your prayers, contributions, and fellowship in this Great Commission.

Matt Perry

On behalf of Gateway Global



Worship

It's been such a blessing as a worship and tech team this year to help facilitate spaces for our Gateway whaanau to glorify the Lord and lift Him up in song.

We have had many highlights this year, with multiple Hamilton combined churches, young adults, and youth worship nights throughout Kirikiriroa. Our Crave band have also been leading so well fortnightly, and I have been grateful to be able to support these young people to step into their giftings as worshipers.

From a tech point of view, the year has been filled with preparation and planning to ensure that our transition to Girls' High through to our new building is seamless, future-proofed and well thought out. Thank you to those of you who have helped give advice and time towards this, it's truly a team effort and we couldn't do it without you. We are so excited to setup the new space, and learn how to mix and operate well in the new building.

Finally, a huge thank you to all 48 of our volunteers who serve on our team regularly. From our media operators through to our electric guitarists, every single one of you is such a blessing to our community, and we thank you for all the time and effort you give.

Hamish Berkers
Music & Technical Lead



Creative and Communications

It has been my absolute pleasure to step into the role of Creative and Communications Lead this year, especially in the midst of a time of change – when communications have felt more important than ever.

With the invaluable talents of Kate Russell on board; our focus has been on clarity and openness, ensuring that the changes happening and decisions being made are communicated in ways that are helpful and informative.

We've wanted to take everyone on the journey with us, because we are excited about what's to come and all that God has in store for Gateway. Kate's work on video and photography have provided amazing resources and insights behind the scenes as we've packed, celebrated and get excited about our move.

As we look towards our move to 490 Grey Street I'm eager to see how our new space will encourage creativity to flourish, the endless possibilities of a blank canvas are exciting. While I'm a firm believer that everyone is creative – if you're particularly passionate about sharing your particular creative gift within our church community we would love to hear from you!

Jessica Koretz
Creative and Comms Lead



Kids

We are so grateful to God for another fantastic year for Gateway Kids. On Sunday mornings across our preschool, primary and intermediate areas we regularly see around 190 kids.

This year we are grateful for the great times of hearing God's big story, fun times of play, musical worship, games and all the energetic activities! There have been a few midweek events which have all been awesome for seeing connection and community happen outside of the usual Sunday mornings.

This year we also launched a playgroup for preschoolers and their parents to foster connections in a relaxed setting for preschool parents. It's been a fantastic year of conversations, friendships, and fun play, and we're excited to see it continue in 2026.

We have had around 140 volunteers serve across Gateway Kids this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has served at Gateway Kids this year across every team.

We are so grateful for all you do in helping to plant faith seeds each week into the lives of our kids, and without you, our volunteers, we couldn't do what we do.

As we look to 2026, we will be making discipleship a focus as we hope to strengthen the support we give our parents to lead discipleship of their kids at home. We are hopeful that each of our Gateway Kids would continue to grow to love & follow Jesus as they hear about Him both at home & at church.

Annabelle Russell
Gateway Kids Lead



Gateway Youth

This has been a wonderful year for our Crave ministry. We've seen God move in powerful ways - drawing young people closer to Him and shaping a community rooted in faith, friendship, and growth.

Our year has been filled with memorable moments – from the joys of Easter Camp, where youth encountered God in fresh and life-changing ways, to our Crave band leading us in worship every fortnight, to seeing youth make the decision to get baptised. We also had the amazing privilege of taking a team over to Cambodia to serve, creating a lasting impact on those who went and those they served.

We are so thankful for our 25 leaders who have made this year what it is, and for our other volunteers in the form of parent help. The heart for community and discipleship has been evident every Wednesday night and we appreciate everyone who has been involved.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are expectant, prayerful, and excited. Our desire is to see even more young people encounter Jesus, grow in discipleship, and live boldly for Him in their schools, homes, and communities. We look forward to all that God will do at Crave in Hamilton East!

Annabelle Russell
Gateway Kids Lead



Young Adults

It has been an outstanding year in our Young Adults ministry, with growth in every direction. We've seen God at work in ways that continue to shape and strengthen this community.

We have around 40 volunteers serving across the church connect group leaders, welcome team hosts, in worship teams, and those faithfully serving in the cafe space on Sunday evenings. The depth of discipleship in our connect groups has been a real highlight, along with steady growth in our evening service and the launch of ministries like the Prayer Run Club. We are genuinely grateful for the way God continues to draw this generation to Himself.

We have also been incredibly blessed by the heart this generation carries for community and doing life together. It's almost impossible to be a young adult in this space and not be welcomed in. The culture of invitation, belonging, and friendship has been one of the strongest marks of the year.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are hopeful and expectant. Our prayer is that God will continue to move powerfully among our young adults forming emotionally healthy disciples here in Hamilton and shining His light in every workplace, university, and home they are part of. May they be the people of God wherever they are and whoever they are with.

Luke and Jessie Waterhouse
Gateway Young Adults Leads



Prayer

As we take time to both, reflect and look forward, I am inspired and excited by what I see and hear happening in the prayer space.

There are 70+ people who volunteer in all our different prayer areas. From those who pray in the ministry time on a Sunday, to those who pray in the quietness of their own home for a variety of situations and ministries.

2025 provided us with opportunity to learn to grow in prayer and we had the privilege of having Pete Greig [founder of 24/7 Prayer] visit with us. It excites me to see people taking hold of those opportunities for growth.

From our little people who are learning to pray, to those who have been praying for 80 plus years – and are still learning! I am inspired by each of you. In 2026 as

we move into our new home, my hope is that we will find new ways both in house and in our Hamilton East community to use this precious gift of prayer to see lives touched, transformed and changed.

Sylvia Dalton
Prayer Lead

SALT

Seniors Accomplishing Life Together

Those in this demographic have continued to fellowship together over coffee, food, and the Word, enjoying each other's company, and developing friendships and as new people are coming into the group, new friendships are being formed

2025 has seen some of our SALT community welcoming new grandchildren and great grandchildren into their families but it has also seen others walking through the difficult realities of life: facing sickness, both for themselves and those they love. As hard as it has been they have put their trust in the One who is always faithful, and to those who watch on, it's testimony to their deep faith and trust.

Nine of our SALT group volunteer look after the different areas of this demographic, organizing and facilitating the groups that are running – they are the fuel that keeps this area running

2026 in our new home will, I hope, bring new vision, new life and new strength to all those in our SALT ministry regardless of age or stage.

Sylvia Dalton

Gateway Moves

This financial year has brought our plans, dreams, and prayers steadily closer to reality. The fit out of our new home is progressing well, with completion expected in May 2026.

As we move with increasing momentum toward this future, it is important that we pause and look back with gratitude for the many moments in which God has shown His hand:

- The sale and settlement of 950 Victoria Street
- The granting of resource and building consents
- The generosity of our church family through their time, skills, and finances
- The support and goodwill of numerous trades
- The blessing of remaining at 950 Victoria Street rent free for an extended season
- The provision of space at Hamilton Girls' High School that has allowed us to gather
- The flexibility and resilience of our staff

There is so much to give thanks for—some blessings obvious, others subtle and easily missed. We thank our wonderful God for His goodness.

We also remain within budget, made possible by the faithful contributions of many. Every sponsored square of carpet, seat and pew matters. Your designated giving and one off donations, large or small help us keep borrowing within our self imposed limits. We continue to be committed to reducing the lending required for the fit out as quickly as we can.

Although we are excited about the new building itself, this move represents far more than occupying a physical space. It calls us back to the original vision for our new home: Gateway builds a home, a presence, and a future

My hope is that future Annual Reports will reflect how we have become good neighbours in Hamilton East and how we continue to represent Him 'Whoever we are, wherever we go'

Mike Frew
General Manager



Building Donations

Since the decision was made to move to 490 Grey Street we have presented some ways for you to financially support this big step in the life of our church family:

Pledge 490 and Build 490, These were one off donations and/or increased giving over a period.

Make Room, Sponsorship of Carpet, Chairs and Pews as we make room for others in our home.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	2025	2024
Total designated building giving	\$399,394	\$455,220
Additional methods of financial support <small>These have provided Gateway the opportunity to offset debt in turn lowering the amount of interest payable on lending.</small>	\$95,865	\$30,000
Total	\$495,259	\$485,220

2025 Financial Report

We are pleased to present the 2025 finance report.

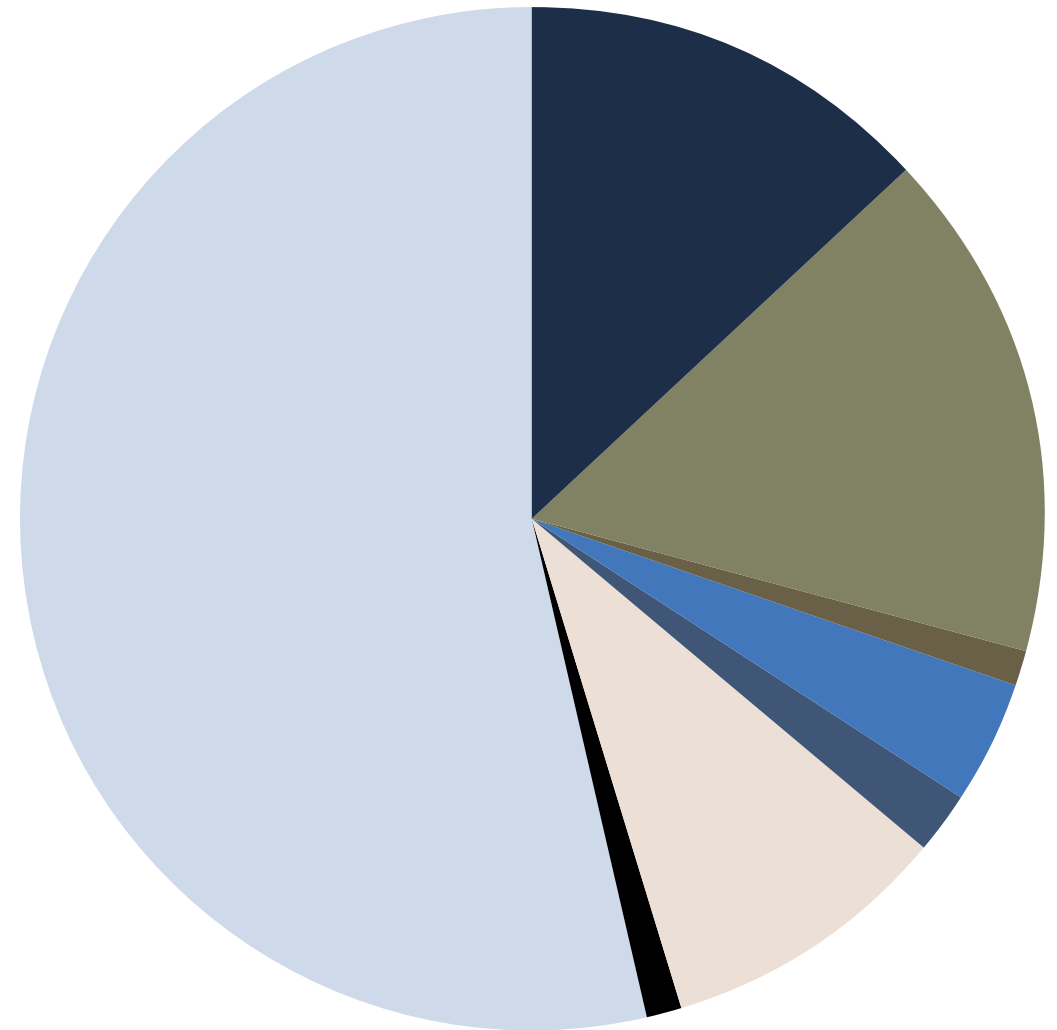
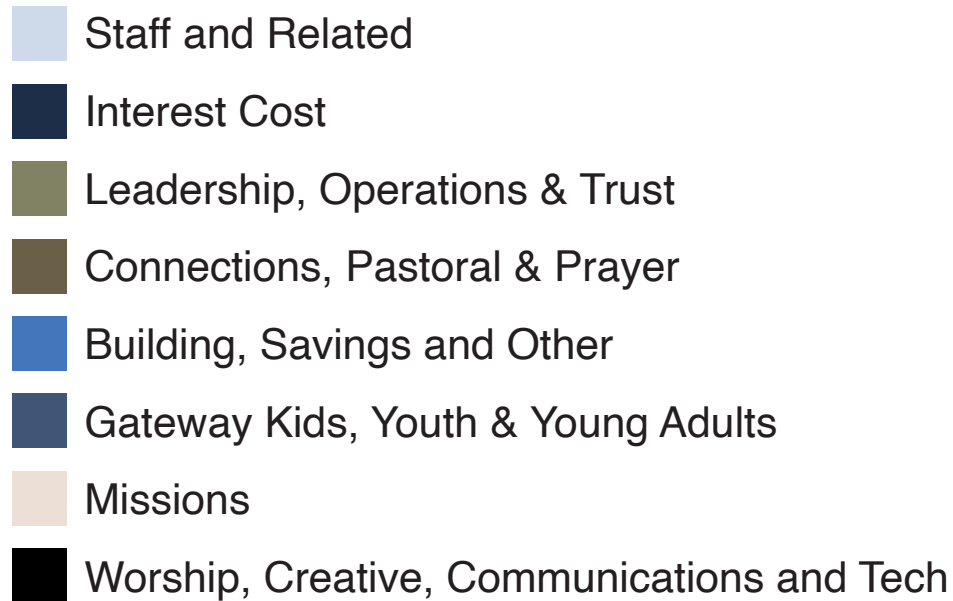
Our previous trust, Gateway Christian Centre Trust was wound up during the year, a small number of transactions and accounting adjustments were still processed through this trust. For this reason, we have once again combined the results to give you a complete overall picture.

All figures in this report are taken from our draft financial statements. For those who would like a more detailed breakdown, the audited financial statements will be posted on the Charities website.

<https://register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/Search>

Income Investment

Total Income (includes other income, excludes building donations) of \$2,402,962.

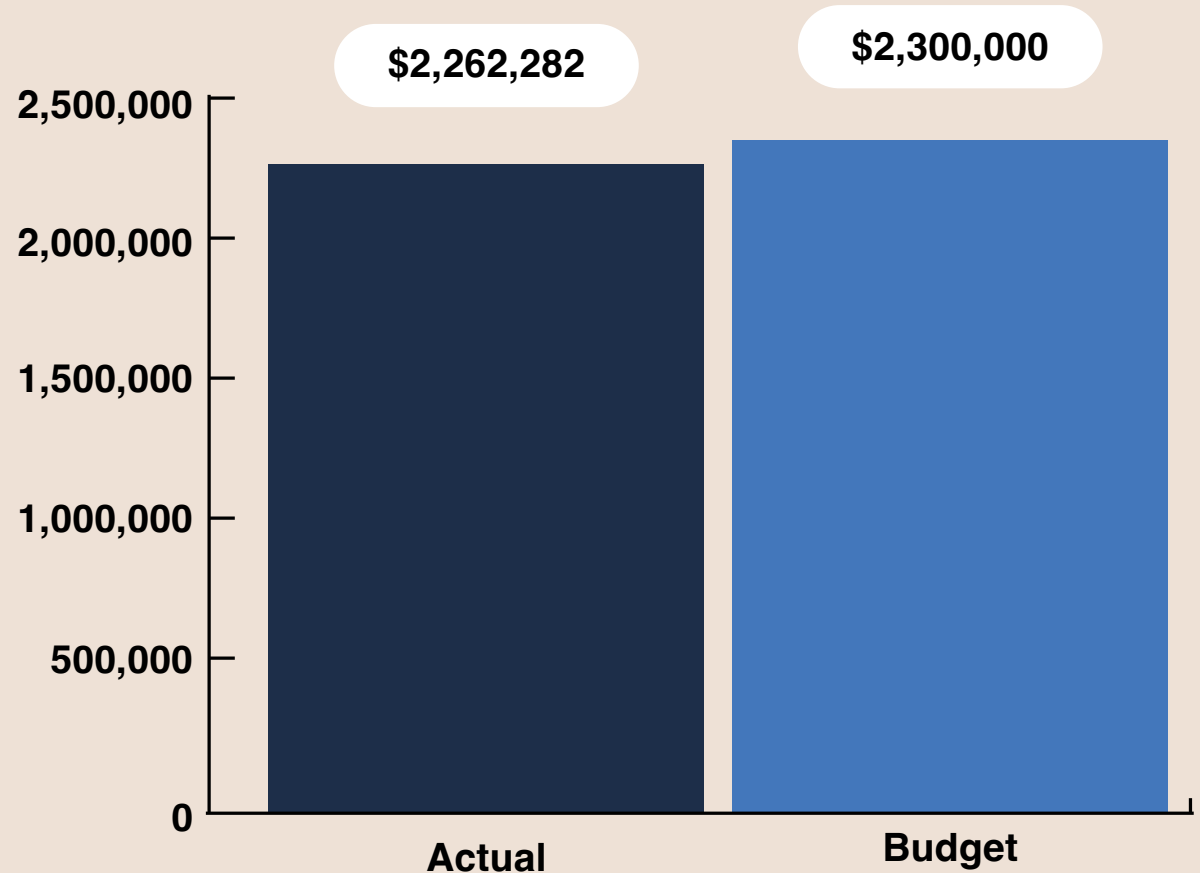


General Giving

General giving came in slightly below budget by \$37,718 but reflected a year on year increase of \$8,181.

It's important to highlight that these figures relate to general giving only. Your generosity toward our building project is above and beyond this.

Once again, we want to express our heartfelt thanks. Your financial support enables the ministry we are doing today and gives us confidence as we look ahead to what God is calling us to in the future.



Financial Position

(SUMMARY UNAUDITED) - 31 DEC 2025

	2025 ACTUAL
Current Assets	\$1,428,705
Fixed Assets	\$18,617,201
Total Assets	\$20,045,906
LIABILITIES	
Bank lending	\$3,000,000
Other*	\$1,320,000
Creditors and Accrued Expenses	\$401,921
Employee costs payable	\$137,161
Total Liabilities:	\$4,859,082
Net Position	\$15,186,824

*This amount represents low interest deposits provided to Gateway allowing an offset against lending. These deposits are repayable on demand and are therefore recorded as a liability.

Notes

- Expenditure remained within all budgets set.
- Our operational budget increased year on year due to anticipated rising costs in areas such as insurance and legal fees related to our trusts and the sale of property.
- Our staff related expense remains within our guidelines (55%-60% of annual giving).
- Staff salary reviews were conducted in June 2025.
- Gateway remains committed to contributing 10% of annual giving into Missions. All funding has been allocated, although may have not been paid out within the financial year.

Financial Summary

The 2025 year has required careful management, not only of our budget, but also of our broader financial arrangements.

We have been well supported by our banking partners at ANZ, who have shown both pragmatism and a clear understanding of what we are working to accomplish.

We are also deeply grateful for the outstanding work of Kezz Gurusinghe, our Head of Operations. Her diligence and attention to detail are reflected in our strong financial position relative to budget. Thank you, Kezz, for your care and commitment—you are greatly appreciated.

Our Trustees continue to provide excellent oversight and guidance as we seek to be faithful stewards of everything entrusted to us, I am thankful to have their support.

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