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‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbour as yourself.’ ”

Luke 10:27



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“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33



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“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

James 2:15-17



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“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

Matthew 25:35-36



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Southland Church: Our Values and Focus on Relationship

The Word of God:

The Bible is God's Word and, as such, is our final authority in all matters of life and ministry. We value thoughtful exposition of Scripture taught in practical and inspiring ways.

The Presence of God:

Jesus is at the centre of our worship; we value worship that is Spirit led and intimate.

The People of God:

The Church is God's Holy instrument for the expression of His kingdom.

The Works of God:

Training: All believers should be trained to do the works of ministry. We value training at multiple levels, including formal Bible training, discipleship training and life skills training.

Marketplace: We value Christ centred ministries in the marketplace. This is where we live, work and recreate.



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Four projects in the global space





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In the local space



Why this program?

Local food distribution:

- * Allows us to serve both our own church community and others in the local community.
- * Allows us to have a Christian witness (leaflet etc when appropriate)
- * Gives those with a heart for this ministry a platform to minister.



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In the local space



Why this program?

From the Southland Compassion constitution, that we assist:

“the establishment and maintenance of an emergency relief and referral centre to offer emergency food and information, friendship and referral service for the poor and disadvantaged.”

In this way, we become the heart, hands and feet of Christ in our local community



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In the international space



African church link:

- Gives an international arm to our education and ministry outreach through the School of Leadership.
- Rob's contacts with AVLN can connect us with a small Vineyard church in Africa.
- Allows us to support those with our Vineyard heritage. Many of these do not attract support from other Christian groups or affiliations



In the international space

African church link:

- Hoping to develop to a point where we can help support the church in its wider outreach and discipleship.
- Will provide us an African base for future mission trips.

Why this program?

From the Southland Compassion constitution, that we assist:

"The relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune and helplessness."

This will help bring relief for basic needs, and also provide a way for people to access further education to strengthen the local church.





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In the global space



Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc:

Our church supports the sanctity of life. We do this through lobbying and 'Walk for Life'. Supporting Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. allows us to support women, in the local community, who have their baby.



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In the global space

Why this program?

From the Southland Compassion constitution, that we help:

"the establishment and maintenance of emergency accommodation for the homeless."

By financially supporting Genesis and housing for their eMerge and eMbrace programs, we are providing such housing for women who are often without a place to stay in the short-term future.





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In the global space



GIA Genuk Indah church: Indonesia (Semarang)

- Gives an international arm to our food and COVID outreach.
- Have run a Compassion International Christian child development audited program for many years, so the church is accountable.



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GIA Genuk Indah church: Indonesia (Semarang)

- Run a womens job skill program (sewing and embroidery) at church to help women raise an income to support poor family. Classes become a Christian Life Group although no compulsion to convert.
- This gives us leverage into the persecuted church.
- Will allow for future mission partnerships in the near South-East Asian region.



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- Southland Compassion Inc. will run alongside other Southland outreach ministries. Groups such as the 'Shepherd's Group' will connect into the Food dispensing arm of Southland Compassion Inc. to help enable their ministry.
- Southland Church will continue to encourage other mission groups already supported in our church. (e.g. Compassion Australia and Mae Chan Children's Home in Thailand).
- Please continue to support your own personal Christian charities.
- Next week we will have separate buckets to collect offerings for Southland Compassion.
- If you require a tax-deductible receipt, please place your donation in an envelope with your name on it and labelled for 'Southland Compassion.'

