



## SEED APPEAL

### Dear ESA friend,

As farmers across our state start to sow seeds into good soil, they trust that the seeds will germinate and grow. In the same way ESA is sowing gospel seeds all over Victoria, and even though over the years our methods may have changed, our purpose remains the same - to sow seeds of the gospel wherever God calls us.

Right now, ESA is sowing seeds of the good news of Jesus amongst Ballarat's running community, in the hearts of teens in Geelong and North-East Victoria, amongst prisoners in Gippsland, dads in Melbourne's outer East, and into the hearts of hundreds of campers. Country communities across the state are on God's heart and ours. Country communities desperately need the hope of the gospel.

**Will you partner with ESA in this vital gospel work?**

**We are seeking to raise \$25,000, so that ESA can keep sowing gospel seeds throughout Victoria.**

*[Jesus] said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."*

Mark 4:26-29

The man in this parable simply scatters the seed. Regardless of what he does next, the seed grows. He doesn't understand how, but he continues to trust and when the grain is ripe, he brings in the harvest. **We are invited to scatter the seed, and trust that God will produce a harvest** (even if we don't understand how this happens).

**Will you give generously to ESA's Seed Appeal, so we might send out more workers? Together with your help, we can raise \$25,000 by June 30 and facilitate the sowing of gospel seeds right across our State and beyond.**

Turn the page to read a powerful story about God's work through ESA, sowing seeds of the gospel in the life of Helen Bell - an ESA camper from the 80s!

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# Helen's Story

In the late 80s, Helen had just moved schools and her new friend Ros invited her to come along to an ESA Teen Camp in Marysville. While Helen and her family attended their local Uniting Church, she recognises now that faith wasn't integrated into her everyday life. Before camp, Helen knew that Jesus loved her and that she should trust Him, but she wouldn't have been able to articulate more than that.

**Something clicked for Helen on this ESA Camp.** This was the first time that she truly understood the gospel and what happened when Jesus died on the cross. She was able to grasp the good news that when Jesus died, He took her place; that there was a swap and now, forgiven, she could receive the title of 'Child of God'.

*"My life became so connected with Jesus that when he died, it was like I had died and when He rose, it was His life that was now in me. This didn't feel like new information at one level, but I think I actually got what happened on the cross for the first time."*



Ros Spargo (left) and Helen Bell (right) at an ESA Camp in the 80s

**Sometimes when God partners with us to sow seeds, we might never find out what happened next. But sometimes, God shows us how He's worked - not just in an individual's life, but in the lives of the people they go on to impact.**



Helen Bell teaching at the Melbourne University Christian Union

Through ESA, Helen gained a new group of Christian friends, and they took the initiative to gather and read the Bible together! She continued to discover what it looked like to live as a follower of Jesus and to tell other people about Him. Helen connected with the Christian Union at university - this ignited a passion for university ministry, and she became a staff worker for the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), serving in this role for 23 years. Helen has been able to help countless university students understand their faith more deeply, so that they could integrate it into their thinking, remain open to the Spirit's work in their hearts and discover how to share their story with Jesus. Later this year, Helen will start a new role at Bundoora Presbyterian Church, training and equipping others in evangelism and ministry.

God is still at work through ESA, and we hear countless stories like Helen's. God is sowing seeds of the gospel in the lives of young people now, and we may never comprehend the impact this will have on the future of our communities and churches.

**God is at work through ESA, but we cannot do this without your support. We are seeking to raise \$25,000, so that ESA can keep sowing gospel seeds throughout Victoria. Will you partner with God's work through ESA today?**

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