



....a relationship of churches & ministries

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Purpose: to build an Australian based relationship of churches and ministries that work together in reaching our nation and beyond

Strategy: to plant, parent and partner with churches to see them impact their communities through

outreaching - the unchurched
empowering - leadership and ministry by
providing - relational & visionary oversight

Culture: real, relational, releasing, restorative, relevant and radical

Where it all started?

In 1988 Kevin Wilcock was handed a small church in the northern suburbs of Wollongong. As he and his team began to implement relational evangelism, leadership development and pastoral care through small groups, the church began to see consistent growth. By 1997 it had become one of the largest churches in the city, and it was then that the church launched out and began to plant multiple congregations. In 1999 the three churches were known as South Coast City Church, with the ethos, "one church in three locations".

By 2000 these churches were released as autonomous entities, yet remained relationally connected. This relationship of churches continued to grow through planting out and parenting other churches.

Since the early nineties Kevin has travelled across the nation, simply to build up local churches and their ministers. He has done this with a real passion and sense of privilege. It is from these beginnings that Ozreach was birthed, a relational group of churches and ministries committed to reaching this nation.

Where it's all going?

We see Ozreach continuing to win lost people, making disciples, training and releasing leadership, planting, parenting and overseeing churches and doing missions across the globe. This is in the context of building a network of relational churches that works together in fulfilling this big picture of extending the Kingdom of God.

VALUES

As a relationship of churches and ministries we have no constitution, policies and by-laws—just principles we highly value. Some of these principles include loving God and loving people, loving and living in unity with one another, acknowledging the significance of the local church and everything it entails, the importance of marriage and family, principle-centred leadership, a balanced lifestyle and enjoying life in all of its fullness.

BELIEFS

We believe according to the Bible; that:

- ✓ The Bible is the infallible Word of God.
- ✓ There is one God , the Creator, eternally existing in three persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Jesus Christ is the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life and died a unique and atoning death.
- ✓ Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead & ascended to the right hand of the Father.
- ✓ We are cleansed from sin through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Sharing communion helps us to remember that Jesus Christ gave His life for us.
- ✓ Jesus will come again and judge everyone.
- ✓ The person of the Holy Spirit, with His fruits and gifts, abides in the church.
- ✓ The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all believers and enables them to operate in His gifts.
- ✓ Water Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as a public declaration of our faith in Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Both the saved and lost will be resurrected, the saved to everlasting life and the lost to everlasting damnation.
- ✓ To have the very best life is to live for God and have relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.
- ✓ In essential beliefs we have unity
“there is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians.4:4-6)
- ✓ In non-essential beliefs we have liberty.
“Accept him whose faith is weak without passing judgment on disputable matters.”
(Romans.14:1)

Connecting to OzReach

People always ask what OzReach is about and how can we connect. OzReach is simply a friendship of churches and ministries. Although we are working at being a official denomination this is simply so we can acquire a marriage license and have any other official requirements met. Outside of this we don't really believe in the whole denomination thing.

There are 2 ways to Connect to OzReach.

1. Becoming part of Ozreach

Because we are more than just a friendship of ministers there is actually a strong call to train and release leaders and vision to plant and parent churches both nationally and globally. Because of this mandate we need a partnership of committed leaders and churches that will give financially, release leadership to the bigger picture.

What does being part of Ozreach involve?

Doing things together-there are a number of things we can do together, such as; Missions, church planting, special conferences.

Becoming financially involved-There are no dues or fees connected with Ozreach, only the opportunity to give to support the vision of where we're going and what we're doing.

Releasing your people and resources, so that together we can make a difference. When you become part of something bigger than yourself and church you learn that releasing people for the bigger picture is part of the process of fulfilling the great commission.

2. Relating to Ozreach

Because we believe Ozreach is just a part of the Kingdom of God. There will always be a space for ministers and leaders that just want to relate to draw from or build into without any expectation to have to join.

How can I relate to Ozreach?

Through conferences, forums, leadership days and personally connecting to a relating Ozreach church.

GETTING CONNECTED – Becoming part of Ozreach

There is no process to join, nothing to sign and commit to except:

- ❖ **Relationship** with one another; and
- ❖ **Vision** regarding our aim

HOW THEN CAN LEADERS BECOME PART OF WHAT WE'RE DOING?

- ❖ Be sure you embrace a similar vision, values and beliefs to those of Ozreach.
- ❖ Let us know you wish to do so and just start relating

HOW DO I START BECOMING PART OF OZREACH?

On a personal basis with the translocal team and other ministers within Ozreach through:-

- ❖ Inviting them into your church to minister;
- ❖ Attending Friends in Ministry; Leadership Intensive days; or open forums
- ❖ Attending Ozreach conferences; and
- ❖ Coming & doing ministry with us.

WHAT DOES DOING MINISTRY TOGETHER INVOLVE?

Doing things together—there are a numbers of things we can do together, such as: Missions, church planting, special conferences, citywide gatherings and prayer.

Becoming financially involved—There are no dues or fees connected with Ozreach, only the opportunity to give to support the vision of where we're going and what we're doing. It's like with people who attend your church. You don't make them give or monitor their giving but we do manage it by asking you to send a copy of your audit report to our treasurer. Acts 2. But if they have made your church their home and believe in the vision and direction of where you're going, they will give from a Word base & heart response, not from a demand. If you believe what we're doing is worth contributing to, then feel free to give into Ozreach to support our extending the kingdom. (**Philippians 4:10—20**) (**2 Corinthians 8:1—7**)

Present giving is spread between overseeing, church planting, missions, conferences and administration.

Releasing your people and resources, so that together we can make a difference. This is really connected to the last point, because connection to anything, is not just a matter of finance, but of time, energy, people and personal sacrifice. When you become part of something bigger than yourself, you learn that releasing people for the bigger picture is part of the process of fulfilling the great commission.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND STRUCTURE

Churches

Every church that relates to Ozreach is interdependent (mutually dependent). The team leader (senior minister or lead elder) is primarily accountable to the Ozreach Team.

Cities and Regions

As relationships among churches grow in various regions and cities, our desire is, that, while every church is individual, they would have a sense of oneness and common vision for the city. This unity would lead to an understanding that they are one church in many locations, able, from time to time, to unite for specific events and purposes (leadership days, prayer, outreaches, training schools, advertising, socials and community events). We also believe in the chemistry of connection more than the ??? of oversight.

The Translocal Team

The translocal team is a group of leaders that have been called and chosen to relationally oversee and build into the churches of Ozreach and beyond. They have no governmental authority, only relational authority that is given by the senior leader and eldership.

Ozreach

Ozreach is merely the name and vision under which we work and relate.

Oz—meaning "to be committed to the building of authentic Aussie churches that relate to our communities.

Reach—meaning "to be committed as churches to live and give beyond ourselves for the sake of extending the kingdom of God"

Globereach

Has simply been created to facilitate what our churches are doing overseas.

Note: We have no plans to start a church planting group overseas. Rather we are relating to and building into similar networks like ours that are doing as we are in their own country and culture.

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