## AND COURAGEOUS

2023

## BESTRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Taking the ground God has promised.

LIFEHOUSE VISION OFFERING 2023

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We are forever praising God for your heart and generosity! Wherever we go, people testify to us of the LifeHouse reputation of kindness, love and family.

e are highly aware that the encounter people have with God through this house goes beyond the influence and faith of our pastors and leaders; everyone who calls LifeHouse home has created something unique and special.

Before we even think about the next and the future, we want to thank you for your journey. Your contribution, sacrifice, and willingness to lean in has allowed Christ to build a fantastic body that can impact and bless others.

WE LOVE YOU!
WE APPRECIATE YOU!
THANK YOU!

Please remember as we take time in this brochure to put words and pictures to the vision God has given us that there is no pressure or obligation. We ask that you seek God and pray for the global team, pastors and vision of LifeHouse Church, then respond in obedience to your mighty and Holy God. We are following our Saviour Jesus and praying that all we do honours His name.

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Richard and Helen

# "This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**JOSHUA 1:9** 

## BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Before Joshua entered the new land which God had promised, God commanded him to do two things;

#### BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.

As we embark on these new adventures, we must remember that God commands us to be strong and courageous. God also commands us to fight off fear and discouragement with confidence for one simple but powerful reason; He will be with us wherever we go!

#### STRONG;

#### STRONG COMES BEFORE COURAGEOUS.

Notice how God encourages them to be strong first. To be courageous, we need first to be strong!

Strong in our finances, strong in building a healthy culture, strong teams, strong leaders, and a strong commitment to the gospel.

#### COURAGEOUS;

Courageous means living by scary faith and trusting God to help us build His kingdom. It's easy to begin to trust in our strength, but we cannot please God without faith. Ultimately, we must step out knowing, "it's not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, says the Lord" (Zechariah 4:1).

As we go forward, we can see God's prophetic promises for LifeHouse unfold through global and national impact and expansion.

The vision to plant ten churches in 10 years seemed almost impossible! It felt like we were wandering in the wilderness, as the direction God had called us in and the vision of multiplication was lagging. Then suddenly, we saw it was time to take ground.

God is opening doors in every direction. The promised land is before us and we need to move forward; LifeHouse Church must be both strong and courageous.



#### PROMISES

## HOLDING ON TO THE PROPHETIC PROMISES



### PROPHETIC WORD FROM PS STEVEN PENNY

#### "RICHARD & HELEN, YOU ARE GOING TO PULL DOWN HEAVEN.

Your church will not be known for just excellence and all the good things you have implemented.

People will line up to come here because heaven will be present in this place in a whole new way. God wants you to be aggressive in this; it will come from within you guys, not from outside.

Watch what God's going to open up."

LIFEHOUSE MORE CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2022

### PROPHETIC WORD FROM PS WAYNE ALCORN

#### "GOD DESIRES TO GIVE YOU MORE. LET ME GO ON RECORD SAYING:

Europe, for you, is the end of the earth; you will plant "churchplanting" churches, and there will be a domino effect. When the history of the European church is written, your names will be etched in the pages for what has been birthed; your children will bring forth children who will bring forth children.

The Revolution of church planting is going to start from this house!

We release an apostolic anointing to build, plant, pull down, and release.

There is an anointing, a prophetic declaration on this house that gives release for (church plants) to do more in Jesus' name."

A new anointing, A new authority, A new level of grace.

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## THE POWER OF CHURCHES LAUNCHING NEW CHURCHES

od is a creator and designer who, throughout history, has sought to connect with people in a way they understand. Church planting keeps creative, innovative and solution-orientated leadership at the forefront and is outstandingly effective for reaching people. The next wave of cutting-edge ministry will most likely come from the planting of new churches. It is

difficult to deny that church plants reach more lost people with the good news of Jesus than most established churches.

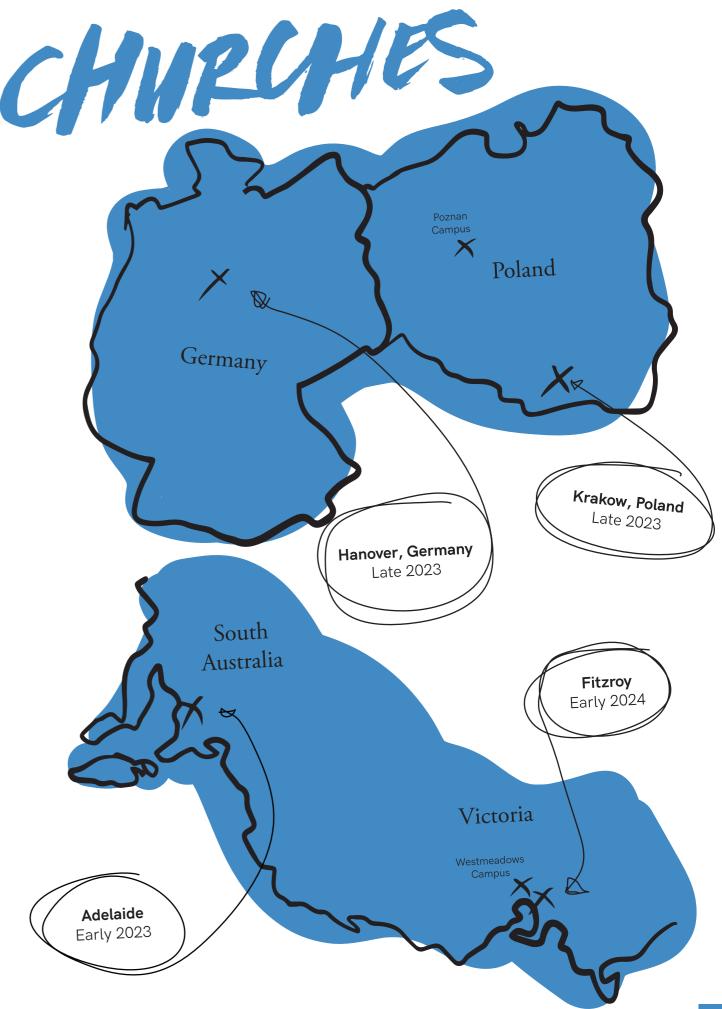
Existing churches benefit from getting involved in church planting, whether connecting relationally or financially or launching a new church.

#### "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

JESUS (MATTHEW 16:18)

"Planting new churches is the most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven."

C. PETER WAGNER



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## 5 P's for a Church Plant

PLACE: LOCATION

PASTORS: LEADERS

**PROPERTY: PERMANENT BUILDING** 

**PERSONNEL:** TEAM

**PROVISION: FINANCIAL RESOURCE** 

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, **go and make disciples of all the nations,** baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**MATTHEW 28:18-20 NLT** 

inancial resource (provision) is a powerful launch tool for a church plant. A seed of \$AUD 200,000 would facilitate a church plant's first year, enabling support for the pastors, leasing and minor fit-out of a building, and required start-up equipment.

Our vision offering is vital to prepare the provision for church plants now and into the future.

### Positioned just 3km from

LIFEHOUSE

LOCAL

Positioned just 3km from Melbourne CBD, Fitzroy is a lively suburb with a bohemian reputation. Fitzroy's eclectic bars and restaurants are popular with students, weekenders and young professionals. Famous for its street art-covered narrow backstreets, where small galleries sit alongside corner pubs and terrace houses.

#### TIMOTHY AND MADELINE GARISTO

We have Fitzroy in our hearts because we love it – it's quintessential Melbourne. It's a lively and colourful place with lots of people from different backgrounds with varying beliefs who all need to hear the Gospel of Jesus.

Jesus left His people with simple instructions - Love God, Love People. It's our job as Christians to do this in a way that brings lost people to the feet of Jesus so that they can be saved and discipled, live on earth in the fulfilment of God, and ultimately live out eternity in heaven one day. To achieve this, we need to go where the people are and there has never been a greater need than there is right now to plant a church in inner-city Melbourne We need a modern, Pentecostal church full of generations on fire for Jesus and walking in His purpose, and we feel called to break this ground.

Your partnership with us will help us build a team, find a location, and begin gathering a group who will launch with us in strength.



2024, here we come!

#### INTERSTATE

#### LIFEHOUSE ADELAIDE, SA

e believe in a campus in Adelaide in 2023. With ideas and dreams evolving, we seek passionate people ready to partner with us in this beautiful capital of SA. We have heard the cry for the unique culture of LifeHouse to influence another Australian city.



#### GLOBAL

#### LIFEHOUSE KRAKOW, POLAND

rakow is Poland's second most populated city, with a population of 800,000, including 130,000 university students. Its rich history of 1200 years makes it a popular tourist destination, yet it is still genuinely Polish. It is positioned in Poland's South with proximity to Czechia, Slovenia and Ukraine.



#### KINGA KOWALEWSKA & PATRYK KOWALEWSKI DAUGHTER - ŁUCJA KOWALEWSKA

We are part of LifeHouse Poznań, preparing to plant a LifeHouse Church in Kraków, Poland.

We first connected to LifeHouse Poznan through friends about five years ago, and we loved it from day one!

Having seen with our eyes the significant impact LifeHouse is having in Poznan, it confirms that God is doing something new in the nation. People are surprised and encouraged when they come to LifeHouse for the first time. We are entirely devoted to the vision and believe that God will use LifeHouse to change Kraków.

Poland desperately needs vibrant, life-giving churches. We can see more and more people turning away from religion and looking for authentic faith in God. Now is a moment in history when doors are supernaturally opening for churches like LifeHouse to plant in Poland. With the team's support in Poznan and Melbourne, we are moving to Krakow to plant a church in late 2023. We are not building yet another church but a church that transforms minds, hearts and cultures. We believe that God has called LifeHouse in Poland to revolutionize how people think about what church is and who God is. We are here for such a time as this! Your support through finance, connection and prayer will be significant in helping us bring Jesus' message to another city in Poland.

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE WHAT GOD HAS FOR US AND THE CITY.

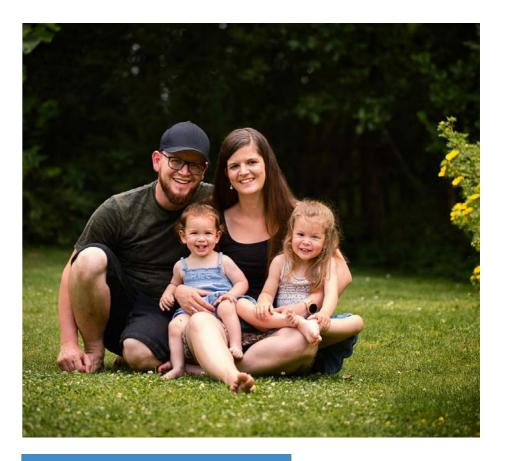
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#### LIFEHOUSE HANOVER, GERMANY

anover, in the North of
Germany, is quite a young city.

Most of the population is between
20 and 40 years old, with a large
university attracting students from
afield. Diversity characterizes
this postmodern city, with a
prevalence of Turkish, Polish
and Russian migrants.



Without a doubt,
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LifeHouse Church.

#### HEIKO UND HENRIETTE ATZMANN DAUGHTERS - ZIPPORA AND JEMIMA

Ps Steven Wyndham introduced us to Ps Richard and Ps Helen 4 years ago, and we immediately fell in love with them. We visited LifeHouse Church in Melbourne, and since then, we have loved the LifeHouse family and the vision of LifeHouse Church. We have been functioning as a LifeHouse Connect, building a community and gleaning from Melbourne and Poznan and are now ready to launch as a church.

Without a doubt, Germany needs the vision and culture of LifeHouse Church. Germany is a very legalistic country, and people believe God is a judge who wants to control them. Some have forgotten, but many are unaware that God wants the best for them and desires to give them life in abundance. God has called us to lead people into the freedom of

God's love and grace.

We desire a church so up-to-date that people will want to bring their friends. We dream of a church so filled with the Holy Spirit that the lives of people new to church will be better just because they are there.

Our dream is to build a church that reaches the city of Hanover. We need a church recognized by the city and big enough to be an influence. We dream of a church with at least 1% of the 750,000 people living in Hanover and the surrounding area.

THAT'S A BIG DREAM, BUT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD AND YOU.

#### as sending, but we bringing Mission and reverse Usually, we think of missions the Jo power the seen

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### s we partner with like-minded Apeople, Reverse Mission will assist in bringing them to Australia for three months, providing housing and support as needed, and then training them in "all things"

LifeHouse. This experience engages church planters and leaders in the culture, teaching and atmosphere of faith-filled people at LifeHouse Church Melbourne

We have already seen these funds' power in training future church planters. Echo Church in Gdansk, Poland, partnered with us and sent Piotr, Ola, Olek and Weronika to us for three months in 2022 to be trained in anticipation of planting an Echo Church in Warsaw in 2024. They returned to Europe, grateful that their changes in thinking, faith and personal calling had transformed them.

Patryk, Kinga and their daughter Lucja will join us in early 2023 as they prepare to plant a LifeHouse Church in Krakow later this year. Our

Reverse Mission will host them for three months, allowing them to learn and grow while taking unpaid leave from their employment at home. This extended time to learn and grow is possible with our support through this program. We are committed to partnering together to establish a soul-winning focused community in another significant European city.

The need for healthy, vibrant, lifegiving churches is indescribably significant and almost overwhelming. Reverse Mission partners with church planters and local churches to facilitate new initiatives that would otherwise be impossible. Leaders with passion, community and knowledge can break new ground more effectively, avoiding burnout and discouragement.

#### MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

Our ongoing support of Steve and Maylin Wyndham is an important part of our vision for Europe.



We have seen valuable fruit from partnering with these great missionary leaders committed to establishing and training church planters in areas barren of life-giving churches. Our support enables them to travel and minister to small embryonic churches and meet leaders who imagine the possibility of establishing a church in their community.

This couple is known distinctly for their pastoral and prophetic edge, while providing practical strategic training that equips people to break new ground.

MISSIONS

## LIFEHMISE HEN LITCHEN

Scripture highlights the power of food to reach people's hearts over and over. Even Jesus chose food, the familiar elements of bread and wine, to help His disciples remember who He was and the power of His resurrection.

This project allows us to meet the physical needs of families around us with more than physical food, but also a friendly face, conversation, and the love of Jesus. We are thrilled that this can continue as an ongoing LifeHouse project! Our volunteer team prepares meals in our kitchen and is funded by our vision offering.



#### OTHER INITIATIVES

N ow firmly on our feet, we are ready to see activities within our building gather the community and meet the needs of those around us.

Connection into schools through breakfast programs has been successful; we are excited to do more. Our café has allowed the community to feel at home in our building, and we are ready to engage with them at the next level through play groups, courses and child development activities; these are some ideas we have that will expand our reach.

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."

PROVERBS 22:9

#### STRONG

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#### WESTMEADOWS

We are still building the local church in Westmeadows!

As we continue to grow in Westmeadows, we need more space. We dream of acquiring the building surrounding us and are focused on raising a deposit in preparation for this next step.

#### BE STRONG

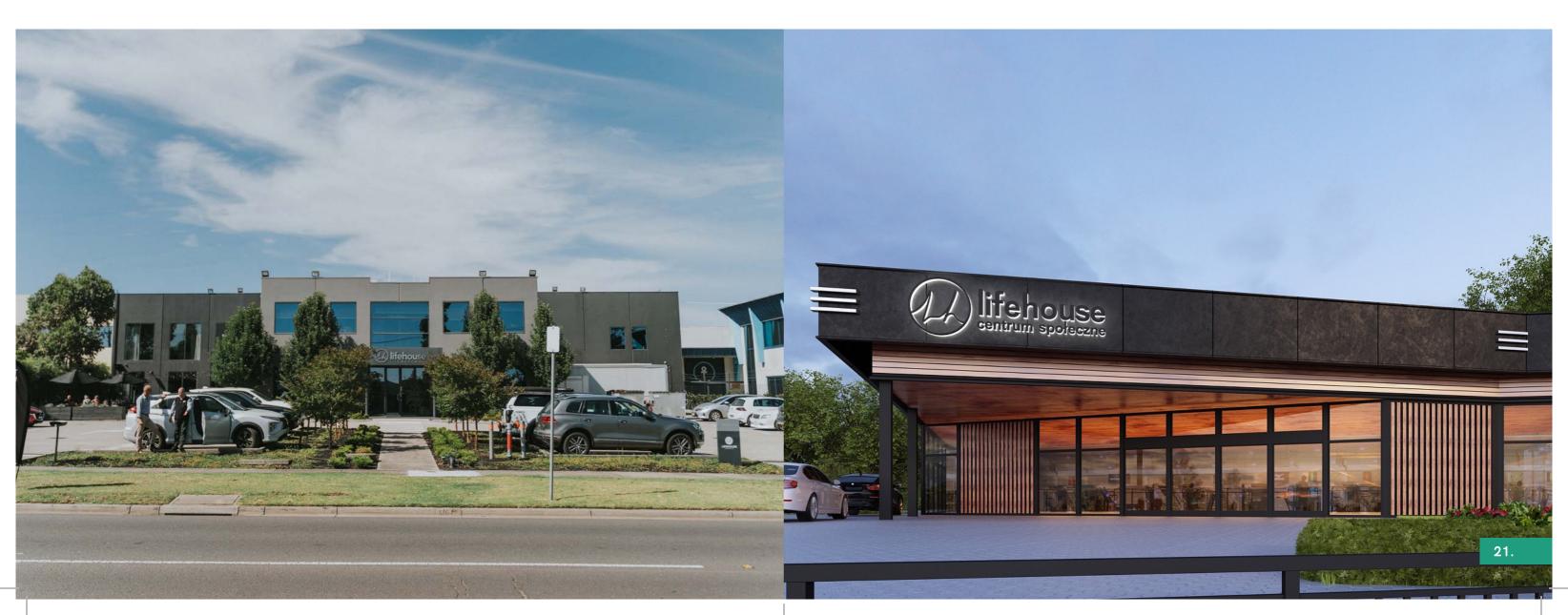
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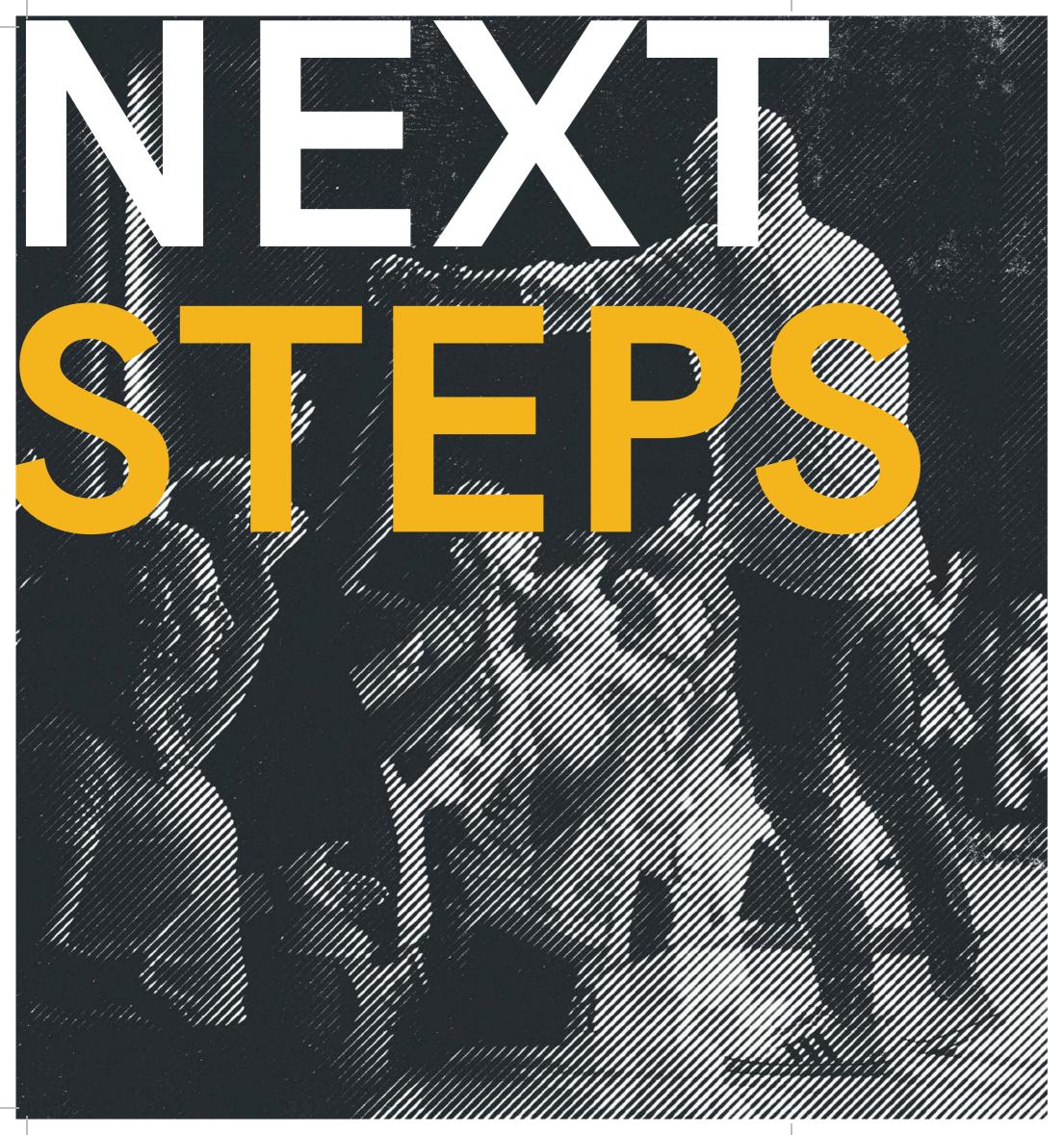
ifeHouse Poznan is growing in strength and courage as well!

They must relocate due to the demolition of their current leased location. As they take on this opportunity of expansion, we will partner with them to find and fit out a site that will allow them to grow and multiply.

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WHICH WILL CAUSE HUGE CHANGES IN THE SOCIETY
AND CULTURE OF OUR NATION."

Przemek Siwek, Pastor LifeHouse Church Poznan





#### WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?

#### PRAY

Prayerfully consider your sacrificial contribution to be a part of our combined impact.

#### PREPARE

Prepare for generosity. Never underestimate the power of budgeting for your generosity.

Use the banking information included to ensure you have everything you need to give.

#### PLEDGE

Complete 'My Giving Card' or fill in the online form at

lifehouse.global/vision-offering



#### BANKING INFORMATION

Include the REFERENCE

'Vision Offering'



#### **Direct Deposit**

LifeHouse Church Inc BSB 083 346 ACCOUNT NO 125564766



#### Credit/Debit Card

To pay by Mastercard or Visa text 'Lifehouse' to 0488 202 202 to download Pushpay and follow instructions.



#### Cash

You can deposit cash in an envelope with your 'My Giving Card' at our Sunday Service.

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**JOSHUA 1:9B** 



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