

Forward Together Update

We are almost three months into Forward Together, and together we have accomplished some pretty amazing things, especially considering these have been the summer months.

First, thank you. Thank you to everyone who has taken this seriously, prayed, given one-time gifts, increased your giving, or started consistently supporting the ministry of Crossroads. Your generosity is making a real difference. When we began Forward Together, we shared that if nothing changed, we were on pace to run out of operating funds in August. **August has come and gone, and because of your generosity and God's provision, that did not happen.**

Here is where we stand at the end of August:

- **Our annual deficit has decreased by approximately \$47,000**, bringing it to about **\$153,200**, thanks largely to one-time Forward Together gifts.
- **Ongoing giving has increased by approximately \$3,000 per week**, even through the summer.
- **Staff cost-cutting has reduced spending by approximately \$3,000 per week.** While not sustainable long-term, it has made a significant difference.
- **The gap continues to shrink.** We are now about **\$3,000 per week away** from bringing ongoing giving and expenses into alignment.

As we move into the fall, we hope the natural return of people, continued engagement with Forward Together, and increased consistent generosity will continue closing that gap.

Our goal remains simple: **build a sustainable financial foundation for the ministry God has entrusted to us.** If a gap still remains as we enter November, we will need to look at additional adjustments, including staffing costs, to bring our expenses in line with our current income. We want to be transparent about that reality while also celebrating how far we have already come. **We are not where we need to be yet, but we are in a much stronger position than we were three months ago.** So as we enter this next stretch of Forward Together, would you continue doing two things? **Keep praying at 9 and 9.** Pray for God's provision, wisdom, and continued momentum. And if you have not yet joined us through consistent giving, **would you prayerfully consider being part of closing the remaining gap?** No pressure and no guilt. We simply believe that when many of us take a step together, what seems like a large challenge becomes possible.

Thank you, Crossroads. What you have already done matters.

Let's keep moving Forward Together.