



Celebrate MESSIAH

THE ROMANS 1:16 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

I am sure that you've heard of **Hudson Taylor**, one of the greatest missionaries of the nineteenth century. He had a custom that I would like to share with you; once a year, on New Year's Day, he would send a cheque to the Mildmay Mission to the Jews in London. On the back of the cheque he would write "**To the Jew first.**" The leader of the Mildmay Mission, John Wilkinson, would respond by sending his personal cheque to the China Inland Mission with the notation, "**And also to the Gentile.**"

These two great missionaries had a **Romans 1:16 Partnership** and they were carrying out the biblical principle of **putting first things first**. They were following the example of the Master himself and of the greatest missionary of all time, the Apostle Paul - the principle the **Gospel to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile**.

JESUS PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO THE JEW FIRST

We know that Jesus, in his incarnation, identified himself as a Jewish person in accordance with the messianic prophecies of the Jewish bible. And as a rule, during his earthly ministry, Jesus ministered only to "the lost sheep of Israel" although he did make a few exceptions.

Jesus confined his earthly ministry to the Jewish people not because he cared for Jews more than he cared for Gentiles, but rather because of it was in keeping with God's dealings and election of Israel. Jesus was putting first things first.

PAUL PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO THE JEW FIRST

One would think that as the Apostle commissioned to take the gospel to the Gentiles, Paul would have devoted minimal attention to evangelising Jews. Yet, the book of Acts records that the pattern of "first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles" would be the invariable pattern of all his missionary journeys.

Paul was following a biblical and theological principle articulated in Romans 1:16, "**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Messiah: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek**"

So, let me say, first as a Jewish believer in Jesus and as a missionary that sharing the gospel with Jewish people is not more important than missionary work amongst other peoples. It is not a matter of importance, but rather a matter of biblical priority.

The priority of Jewish evangelism is not because God especially loves the Jewish people; it is because He loves the World. The salvation of Israel has the nations in mind for Paul tells us that Israel's salvation will be a great blessing to the whole world (cf. Rom 11:12, 15).

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT

Can I ask you to please prayerfully consider joining our **Romans 1:16 Partnership Programme**. This **regular-giving** programme is designed to maximise the benefit of your donation to Celebrate Messiah by minimising processing time and costs. You will be relieved of the hassle of writing cheques and also eradicate your mailing costs.

The Romans 1:16 Partnership Programme will also provide Celebrate Messiah with regular, predictable funds for Jewish evangelism. This means your generosity has the maximum impact.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A ROMANS 1:16 PARTNER?

By filling out the **Direct Debit Form** below and specifying the amount and regularity of your support. If you need any more information, please call our office 03 9563 5544.

CELEBRATE MESSIAH'S GUARANTEE TO EVERY ROMANS 1:16 PARTNER:

- ✧ You maintain complete control of your donation. If you ever wish to cancel or alter your gift, simply advise us in writing
- ✧ Your account and gifts are secure
- ✧ Your personal information is held in strict confidence
- ✧ You will receive receipts for your donations, the Celebrate Messiah Newsletter and other communication as you request

In the context of Jewish evangelism, Paul asked, **“How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”** Romans 10:14-15.

“Bringing the Message to the Original Messengers”

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THE ROMANS 1:16 PARTNERSHIP: DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST

Name of your Bank: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ PC _____

I/We _____

Name(s) of person(s) giving the authority

residential address

PC _____

Authorise Celebrate Messiah Australia

ABN 49 408 264 647 User ID 203020 to arrange for funds to be debited from my/our account, held with the Financial Institution identified above, as described in the Schedule below.

PAYMENT DETAILS

The payment is the amount of \$ _____

To be used to support:

general ministry specific project _____ or missionary's Name: _____

THE SCHEDULE

Name of A/C: _____

BSB #: _____

A/C #: _____

(please check with your bank to ensure the account nominated will facilitate direct debiting. See Service Agreement Clause 5)

Payment to commence: ____/____/____ and thereafter on a

_____ (fortnightly/monthly) frequency.

(Fortnightly debits are carried out every week on a Thursday. Monthly direct debits are carried out every fourth Thursday of the month.)

AUTHORISATION

I/We have read and understood the "Service Agreement" overleaf and acknowledge and agree to it.

I/We request this arrangement remain in force in accordance with The Schedule described above and in compliance with the "Service Agreement" overleaf.

Signature(s):

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

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SERVICE AGREEMENT

1. Celebrate Messiah Australia (the "Debit User") will debit the BSB/Account nominated in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request as specified.

2. The Debit User will give not less than 14 days written notice to the customer should it propose to vary the arrangements of this Direct Debit Request.

3. The customer(s) may request the Debit User to defer or alter the payment amount specified in the Schedule of this Direct Debit Request. Requests authorising these changes may be made by phoning or visiting Celebrate Messiah Australia. Customer(s) may change the:

- Due Date of Payment
- Payment Amount
- Frequency of Payment

Customer(s) wishing to vary the drawing account details specified in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request must provide signed authority for

Such changes to be effected.

1. In compliance with the Industry's Direct Debit Claims Process, the Debit User will assist customer(s) disputing any payment amount drawn on the nominated BSB/Account in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request. The Debit User will endeavor to resolve this matter within the Industry agreed timeframes. Customer(s) may visit Celebrate Messiah Australia and complete a "Direct Debit System Claim Request" form to initiate the process.

2. The Debit User advises that some Financial Institution accounts do not facilitate direct debits and as such the customer(s) must check with their Financial Institution (Ledger FI) to ensure the account nominated in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request enables direct debiting.

3. It is the customer(s) responsibility to ensure at all times there is sufficient cleared funds available, at the due date of the debit drawing, to enable payment from the BSB/Account as nominated in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request.

4. The Debit User advises the debit drawing will be made on the agreed due date as nominated in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request. When the due date is a closed business day the Debit User will initiate the debit drawing on the next open business date. Customer(s) may direct processing inquiries to their Ledger FI.

A closed business day is defined as any calendar day on which the customer(s) Ledger FI is not open for direct debit processing. That is

- Weekends
- Public Holiday – State
- Public Holiday – National

1. Where an unpaid debit item is returned by the customer(s) Ledger FI, the Debit User will, in accordance with The Schedule of Celebrate Messiah Australia Fees & Charges, apply an Outward Dishonor Fee to the customer(s) recipient account.

2. Customer(s) who wish to cancel this Direct Debit Request must notify the Debit User in writing not less than 7 days before the next scheduled debit drawing. Customer(s) may visit Celebrate Messiah Australia and complete a "Direct Debit Cancellation" Form to effect the cancellation.

3. The Debit User requests the customer(s) to direct all inquires, disputes requests for payment changes or cancellation directly to the Debit User.

4. The Debit User agrees to keep confidential all customer(s) records and account details contained in The Schedule of this Direct Debit Request unless authorised to release such information pursuant to a debit item dispute or similar event where the customer(s) has provided prior consent to do so.

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