



Dear ISCAST fellows and supporters,

This letter comes to you with a report on exciting developments and financial challenges as ISCAST moves forward in helping people wrestle with issues of science and faith.

Last year we had an extremely generous offer of a donation to fund an extra day a week for Chris Mulherin, enabling his move to become Executive Director of ISCAST, working initially three days a week. The funding was for three years to allow ISCAST to initiate more public engagement and draw together an apologetics network in Australia.

Imagine our excitement when just before Christmas another generous donor gave a substantial sum of money to the Executive Director fund, which would make up a shortfall. It was one of those last-minute donations that happened to faith missionaries like Hudson Taylor and Alfred Stanway, and it seemed a real blessing from God. We were jubilant! God works not just in the world but in our world!

However, early in January, we were sad to hear that the first donor had died. And, although our Memorandum of Understanding with him had been confirmed by email, he died before signing it and his three-year commitment is now very uncertain. What is God doing? We have taken steps to discuss the matter with the trustee of the donor's estate but the outcome is unpredictable.

Despite this uncertainty, the board has decided to appoint Chris for three months at three days a week after which we will consider our financial situation. We are therefore calling people committed to the ISCAST vision to do the following:

- Pray for the board as it seeks to pursue financially sound strategies which will give Chris a steady reliable income for three days a week.

- Pray for Chris as he meets supporters and expands the reach of ISCAST.
- Pray that we will be well funded to enable this work.

Consider donating either once or regularly to ensure that Chris is well supported in this next stage of ISCAST's ministry as we move more into the public (church and secular) space. You can donate once or monthly with a credit card here: [Donate Now](#). Or you can go to the [ISCAST site](#) to pay by other means.

Meanwhile, as well as his strategic and organizational role, Chris's speaking and writing is promoting a healthy science/faith conversation: he spoke to 350 girls last week at Ivanhoe Grammar School; he will speak at Mentone Grammar in May; he will be in Perth in July speaking at a youth training day; and he has church speaking engagements lined up too. He also continues to write feature articles, often published in The Melbourne Anglican. And finally, in news just to hand, Chris has arranged an in-principle agreement with Alister McGrath from Oxford to be our guest in March 2019.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Gijbers', written over a horizontal line.

Alan Gijbers

ISCAST President