Dear Friends,

The recent surge in the number of students applying to study at Nungalinya College is very encouraging and gives us great reason to thank Him for the blessings that flow through the college to communities all over Australia.

Keeping a College like Nungalinya running requires a lot more than just teachers and classrooms.

The college provides onsite accommodation because our students come for intensive units of instruction from far away places. Our 10 acre property has administration buildings, classrooms, dining, kitchen and laundry facilities, a crèche, recreational facilities, a Resource Centre and staff housing along with the main hostel and 8 self-contained units.

It is now 42 years since the College started and many of the facilities are in need of refurbishment. Staff houses are long overdue for some major maintenance and repair while student accommodation needs to be brought up to modern standards and compliance with current safety requirements.

Thankfully, some of these maintenance tasks are performed by teams of volunteers who donate their time to help Nungalinya College provide a safe and modestly comfortable environment in which to study.

Recently, a team from Gladstone Anglican Church spent a week helping to refurbish a house which will be used by a new staff family. Being able to provide staff housing on campus saves the College a significant amount of money.

These houses are now in need of refurbishment. Bathrooms and kitchens need repair, electrical wiring needs to be replaced and some preventative maintenance will ensure that the houses will give good service for many years to come.

Student accommodation consists of a 48 bed hostel (see pic overleaf) and 8 self-contained units (pictured here) which are suitable for families. Due to changes in the building codes, we need to make some improvements to ensure compliance. This is adding a significant burden to the College’s budget as we have a time-limit of June 2016 to comply.

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The main hostel accommodation

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In due course, the College would like to increase the accommodation available on campus in order to cope with demand. If we can accommodate more students, we can operate more efficiently and have more trained people ministering in their communities.

The Nungalinya campus also has a large array of plumbing fixtures and fittings which need to be replaced. Water is a precious commodity and we cannot afford to lose any through broken pipes or leaks.

Electricity is another major expense for the College. We are constantly upgrading lights and equipment to reduce our energy usage. Ultimately, we would like to install solar panels to significantly reduce our carbon footprint and dramatically reduce costs.

While the costs for significant upgrades to the property are large, we believe that they are a necessary part of our stewardship of the College to ensure it can continue to Empower Indigenous Christians well into the future. As donations to Nungalinya College are tax-deductible you can maximise your giving while supporting the College.

In these tough economic times we recognise that our supporters are giving very generously already. Thank you! We are thankful to God for your faithfulness in prayer and practical support.

We also want to be transparent about the College's needs so that we don't end up in a position where we have to close or decommission existing facilities.

Would you please join us in praying about the long-term needs of the College? Would you consider giving a one-off gift over and above your regular support to help us prepare the campus for the future?

Another helpful way to contribute is by making regular monthly donations which help us budget more effectively.

If you wish to discuss the College's needs further, please don't hesitate to call me on 08 8920 7500.

With thanks for your encouragement,

Dr Jude Long
Principal
Nungalinya College

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