Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – 2 Tim 1:14 NIV

Dear Friends,

The Apostle Paul made his final plea to a young Timothy whom he'd nurtured in the faith and seen grow into a fine Christian leader.

Timothy was well instructed in the ways of the Lord by his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. Paul charged Timothy with passing on the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who would come after him. It was like handing the baton on to the next generation.

Paul's plea was simple: Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you!

But the good news was not just to be guarded, it was to be passed on.

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim 2:2 NIV

An important strategy for Nungalinya College as it seeks to ‘Empower Indigenous Christians’ is to raise up teachers who will carry on the work both on campus and in their communities.

This year Nungalinya has welcomed three new Indigenous Assistant Teachers (IAT) taking our total number of IATs to 6.

IATs are a vital part of the teaching process as they help bridge language and cultural barriers. Due to the diversity of the student body, teaching is conducted only in English. This can be very isolating for students to whom English is perhaps their fourth or fifth language.

Thankfully, our IATs speak many languages and can assist students to grasp difficult concepts in culturally appropriate ways and in a language that is familiar to them. They also bring their own experience with them as they have all studied at Nungalinya in the past.

James, from the small Arnhem Land community of Urapunga, commenced teaching this year and is assisting with Certificate III in Theology.

“It’s helpful for our students to tell them how our ways are connected to the Bible stories and it’s helpful for me to get more experience as a church leader”. James Woods

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It is our hope and prayer that our IATs will gain the necessary teaching qualifications to enable them to be full-time, permanent staff.

We are delighted that God is raising up a new generation of church leaders who can be entrusted with the task of not only preserving the Word of God but passing it on to others.

**The challenge we face is that more funding is needed to train and equip people for future ministry.**

Investing in future leaders is a strategic investment in the future of local churches which also provide stable leadership for communities. The indigenous church stands at a welcome cross-road where tomorrow’s leaders are stepping up to take on the challenge of passing the Good News of Jesus Christ on to future generations.

This year we are delighted to report that Nungalinya College has received more than 570 applications from indigenous people wishing to study.

Will you join us in making sure that as many as possible are adequately trained and equipped to the Good News with others?

**Recent government cutbacks and the threat of more to come is a great concern. This tax time, please consider giving generously to support the long-term strategy of the college.**

Your tax-deductible gift will go a long way towards ensuring a bright future for remote, indigenous churches across Australia.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel,

Dr Jude Long  
Principal  
Nungalinya College

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Marlene Andrews is a respected Christian woman from Ngukurr. She is a graduate of Nungalinya College and now wants to help students with their studies.

“I like to teach students from different communities more about the Lord Jesus”. Marlene Andrews

As well as helping students understand their lessons in class and assisting them with their community-based work, IATs provide valuable feedback to non-indigenous teachers. This enables them to fine-tune their presentations ensuring students gain the maximum benefit from each lesson and thereby have the best chance of completing their course requirements.

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