

# Leisha

Leisha Spowart (right) is a Pastry Chef from Bendigo who partners with Kate in South East Asia (left). We had the privilege of chatting with Leisha to hear her thoughts on giving, partnership and generosity.

## On Kingdom Partnership

Everyone has a different calling on their life. I love that I can partner with someone who's got a calling on their life to go. **I might not be called to go, but I have faith that the support I am giving is helping to spread the word of God.** My husband and I pray that the gifts we give will mean that people hear the good news of Jesus.

Partnership is more than just financial giving. Moving to another country is daunting, so it's important to support people through ongoing communication.

***Your financial support means they can go, but it's your encouragement and prayer partnership that will help them stay.***

## On Partnering with Kate

It was easy to decide to partner with Kate. I have known her for a long time and I have seen her go through the process of preparation and then head off to South East Asia. I want Kate to do well and do what God's calling her to do. Partnering with her financially is one way that I can support her in that. We talk as well, but I want her to have the peace of mind that there are people looking out for her and supporting her.

**I also love that it's not just us! There is a whole community of people and churches sending Kate.**

I don't partner with Kate and others to feel good. At the end of the day, people coming to know Christ is the best thing that can happen as a result of my giving.

That's the hope that I have every time I give. Is this going to be the thing that will enable them to have a conversation or reach out to someone and share Jesus?

## On Her Giving Journey

Before I started working full-time I didn't give on a regular basis. The challenge to start doing that was a bit uncomfortable for me. **I had just started earning money and I worried about potential things that could happen, what if I needed the money for this or that?** Something that helped me to get over that was knowing that if I gave money to God through giving at church or to other ministries, that He would bless and provide for me regardless. I was spurred on by verses like Corinthians 9:6-11.

The small group I was in when I first started earning money also challenged me. I remember there was a conversation about giving and one person shared how she was giving until it hurt. At the time, I wasn't giving regularly and the conversation made me think that I should be.

That's when I started the habit. It was a small amount at first, but once I established the habit, the amount grew over time.

## On Generosity

I believe that we should be generous with what we have. My husband and I support a few different ministries and we pray about how much to give and decide on an overall total, and then give from that. We also pray that the funds will go to where they are needed.

***Ultimately our money is never going to be ours. It's always God given. So at least some of it should be going back to God and His mission.***

If someone asked me if they should partner with someone like Kate, I would say, "Just do it!". I mean, if you're able to, you should. Use what you've got, to help other people use what they've got to share Jesus with the world.