

Our Story

In 2011, the leadership of Lifestreams South Perth, under the oversight of Daron & Mel Crothers, began to sense an increasing burden from the Holy Spirit and prayed for the Lord's direction in Karawara. Around this time, census statistics revealed that the suburb of Karawara had been listed in the bottom two (just above Kwinana) on the Socio Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) and that residents had been experiencing varying degrees of disadvantage. Our hearts naturally went out to the people of Karawara and beyond.

In February 2012, as a result of much prayer, research and numerous meetings, the leadership of Lifestreams South Perth made the unanimous decision to plant a new congregation in Karawara and commissioned Daron and Mel as the Team Leaders. In the months to follow, a team of 18 people including children would form the initial nucleus of the new church. The team spent three months praying, fasting and being trained in church planting principles. This led to the team reaching out into Karawara in order to meet new people and build relationships.

On November 11, 2012, Lifestreams Karawara was officially launched at the Gowrie centre with over 130 people from the community in attendance. Weekly services began the following Sunday and the church averaged 30-35 people over the coming months. The church was excited to report that at the end of the first year, over 28 new disciples began the journey towards embracing Christ as their Lord.

By the end of 2013, Lifestreams Karawara had outgrown the Gowrie and moved to the new venue of Curtin Primary School. By this stage, the church had grown to over a hundred people with over 10 different nations represented.

Before the Church was birthed, the Lord had laid on our hearts His vision for us to become a Mother Church. In 2015 we received a prophetic word that "Lifestreams Karawara is pregnant with twins." In 2016, this word was fulfilled as we gave birth to two new daughter churches: Lifestreams Bentley which reaches out to students at Curtin University; and Lifestreams Stirling which disciples Congolese people. Our prayerful goal was to give birth to 3 new churches in Perth by 2020. And the Lord achieved this by planting 'streams of churches' through Lifestreams Bentley, a Young adults house church (that lived only 9months) and Care Christian Fellowship. Most recently, we are blessed to establish a partner church relationship with our latest planter at Hope Avenue Church.

The Lord is continuing to move in us to be His Acts 1:8 witnesses in the following locations:

- Karawara and surrounding suburbs;
- Curtin University; African people of Perth;
- Derby, Western Australia; Dynamic Church Planting International (Australia)
- Lifestreams Global Family - multiplying movements in the Philippines, Nepal, DRC Congo, Indonesia, Myanmar and Tanzania.
- We also have 21 Lifestreams churches in the Congo.

The journey and mission of Lifestreams Karawara is nothing short of a miracle. Not one person or the initial launch team can take credit for what the Lord has done and is doing. We acknowledge that this has always been His vision and His work. We consider it to be a great privilege to be involved in what Jesus has begun and what He will continue to do. We give glory to Christ the Lord who said "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matthew 16:18b).