

## Going Deeper – April 2020

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the April 2020 edition of Going Deeper. Thank you for your prayers and support for our partners. It is greatly appreciated.

### A call for Prayer around COVID-19

**The COVID-19 coronavirus epidemic is affecting all of us.** All of our partners have been, or will likely be, impacted by the epidemic. We ask that in this troubling time, that you will join us in prayer around the issues and dangers caused by the virus.

#### Pray for:

- The health of those who have contracted the COVID-19 virus. Pray that they will be able to get the medical attention they need to make a full recovery.
- The medical staff who are working hard to treat patients. Many hospitals and clinics are overflowing, and doctors, nurses and other staff are working many hours overtime. Pray for their mental health and wellbeing as they face immense pressure.
- World leaders as they respond to this epidemic. Pray that they will act in a way that reflects the love and grace that we know God has for all people.

### Philippines

**International Christian College Manila (ICCM), Ricardo Garcia, Arthur.**

#### Praise God:

- For the Churches of Christ. ICCM is honoured to be a part of this great worldwide fellowship of churches known as the Restoration Movement in the Philippines, the Churches of Christ.
- That ICCM faculty and staff through the support of GMP, HumeRidge and other supporters are unwavering and continue serving the Lord by their ministry at the College despite many challenges and difficulties.

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### **Pray For:**

- ICCM to continue providing quality education that will develop students being transformed, and aware of their role as Christians as they follow Jesus Christ as their role model.
- The relationship and the long-term partnership with GMP and HumeRidge Church of Christ – established by the Lord himself. Pray that it will be strengthened and maintained.

## **South Sudan**

### **Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou**

#### **Pray For:**

- The touring and visiting of the team of Churches of Christ in the Aweil Region, so that we can preach the gospel and baptise people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Pray that we can fulfil the role of the church in the region.

*At the time that this prayer was requested, South Sudan had no recorded cases of the COVID-19 virus.*

## **Thailand**

### **Churches of Christ Thailand (CCT), Surakit Kamonrat, Sayam, Tewin**

#### **Pray For:**

- People affected by the pollution in Northern Thailand. Early each year, low air pressure and the topography traps the pollution and does not allow it to dissipate. Pray that these conditions will ease quickly, and that those affected will be able to receive the care and protection they need.
- The impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, particularly in Chiang Mai province. There is much anxiety surrounding the epidemic. Chinese tourists are unable to travel to Chiang Mai which is causing great financial difficulties in the tourist sectors.
- The CCT, the Evangelical Fellowship in Thailand and the Thailand Baptist Convention will work together on evangelism and church planting. The objective is to allow all parties to propose strategies for evangelism. It is also an opportunity to inspire younger generations to become more involved in church growth.

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