



Going Deeper – March 2017

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the March edition of Going Deeper. This month our partners all give praise because they attended the Partnering Together for Stronger Communities conference in Thailand! Thank you for your prayers and support for our partners. It is greatly appreciated.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Kiron Gaikwad

Praise God:

- For His provision and protection around the children and staff members. Everyone is in good health. Continue to pray for those suffering minor illnesses.
- For the 10 girls who are undergoing tailoring classes under our Vocational Training project.

Pray For:

- The location, as well as for good teachers, of our future daycare centre for slum children.

Indigenous Ministries Australia

Praise God:

- That Sonny Graham is recovering from his head operation, which appears to be successful. Please pray for a complete recovery for Sonny.

Pray For:

- The church in Norseman. Pray that the people will attend services. Pray that Sunday School will recommence. Pray that there will be people who can lead and guide the fellowship.
- The church in Esperance. There has been a lot of fighting among different groups of Aboriginal people in Esperance that is affecting many families. Alcohol and drugs are a big cause of the trouble. Pray that God will restore peace among these groups. Pray for those working to resolve the various issues.
- The Moorditj Keila (MK) organisation. Pray for wisdom, discernment, guidance, protection, favour and blessing for Board members, directors, staff and volunteers.

Indonesia

Christian Church Theological School of Indonesia (CCTSI), Hery Susanto

Pray For:

- Re-accreditation for CCTSI.
- Our students who are going on one-year ministry placements to rural areas and planting churches.

Papua New Guinea

Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ and Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT), Martha Wade

In PNG the focus on translation and literacy continues with a partnership between the Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ and Pioneer Bible Translators. The focus is the Rao language group and the language groups in the Sogeram River area. Martha Wade, a PBT Translation Advisor, is coordinating much of this. At the moment part of the focus is on checking the translation of portions of the Old and New Testaments into the Apal language. Pray for the work that is underway with Genesis.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- That the Emmanuel school achieved the National Examination of BASIC education this year, and we now have Grade Eight. This is a significant achievement.
- That the Mayen Tiit ox plough project helps the community to have hope and self-reliance for sustainable and community empowerment. They were given oxen and plough machines to use on their farms.
- For the IDP Church in Aweil that was offered a counselling program for the people due to the rampant poverty in South Sudan.

Pray For:

- The current famine crisis in South Sudan.
- Emmanuel Primary School.
- Mayen Tiit ox plough projects.
- Aweil Church of Christ in Apada IDP's Church.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ (CCCV), Eslie Toamavute

Pray For:

- The Vanuatu CCCV will be having its Annual General Meeting from May 14-19 in Port Vila, where we are expecting around 100 delegates. Pray for the planning of this important event.

The Mobile Bible College (MBC), Judith Vusi

Praise God:

- That graduates are serving in their local churches, continuing study and working with the government. We praise God for the keen interest and the various directions that God has laid upon their hearts.
- That new students show interest in pursuing studies and attending the college.

Pray For:

- The Training Council, which is preparing the curriculum for a diploma program to begin in August or September.
- Sponsorships for two or three student scholarships to study overseas.
- Further funds so that the Training Centre can be completed.
- The churches in Vanuatu to fulfil their commitment towards the MBC program.

Zimbabwe

Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe, BJ Mpofu

Praise God:

- For the heavy rains we received this year.
- For our pastors who work together well, and are always prepared to 'walk the extra mile'.
- For the huge attendances in most of our churches now.

Pray For:

- Our pastors who are struggling to balance their incomes after yet another downturn in our economy.
- The National Youth Conference held during the Easter holidays.
- Chipo and BJ as they encourage, mentor and support the pastors and evangelists who sometimes have struggles during their work.

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpofu

Pray For:

- The heavy rains we are experiencing. Though welcome, they have brought with them challenges. Infrastructure – such as bridges, dams and schools – have been destroyed in some areas. The Bulawayo to Zvishavane road (where most of the Showers of Blessing boreholes are located) was washed away, making the journey to Zvishavane longer by an extra 120kms.
- The drilling of boreholes have also been affected by the rain, as access to the rural areas has been made impossible due to the wet ground which makes driving difficult.
- The farmers, because working the land is impossible with the fields full of water. This is going to pose a serious health threat as the heavy rains saw many animals swept away into water sources that will contaminate the drinking water.
- Families impacted by hunger, as the combination of the armyworm pest, the loss of livestock and failure by farmers to work the land are factors that will adversely affect people.