

## Going Deeper – March 2020

Dear Friends,

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

### Australia

#### Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), Colin Battersby, Nick Wight

##### Pray for:

- Tony and Francine planning another trip to the Kimberleys to run suicide prevention workshops.
- Bushfire affected communities in New South Wales. Pray for Pastor Ossie Cruse and the Eden Aboriginal Church, and Pastor Tom Slokkee at Boomerang Meeting place at Mogo, Batemans Bay, who are helping affected locals.

#### Dareton Church of Christ, Brendon Garlett

##### Praise God:

- That the ministry of Brendon and Amy is going well. Praise God that they have become connected with youth and families in the community.

##### Pray for:

- Funds for a new youth worker. Pray that they will be able to find a suitable person for the role, as they need Indigenous women in their ministry.
- Plans to purchase their property to go smoothly.
- The planned new art program with respected local artist Sharyn Kirby to go ahead without issue.

#### Norseman Church of Christ, Sonny Graham

##### Praise God:

- For the Ngadju Corporation who will finance the much-needed repairs on the Norseman church building.

##### Pray for:

- The Norseman church and community as they grieve the recent loss of two lives in the town.

## **Port Hedland Church of Christ**

### **Praise God:**

- For the recent baptism of Mervyn Winmar at the Port Hedland Church and for the life of B. Snook (funeral held 21st Feb).

## **Tjilgamooda (Ceduna, SA)**

### **Pray for:**

- The success of meetings to plan ongoing IMA support for Tjilgamooda church.
- Pray for pastoral leadership for the church going forward.

## **Fiji**

### **Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy, Munsesh Goudar, Raj Deo**

#### **Praise God:**

- For the new location for the Lautoka Church. Praise God for the growth of the church.
- For providing funds to buy some more musical instruments.

#### **Pray For:**

- Vuci Road Church to be able to build a new extension on their church building. This will help them hold a Sunday school for their children.
- The Women's Ministry at Vuci Road Church, who have requested support through prayer this month.

## **Indonesia**

### **Indonesian Churches of Christ, Daniel Tri Handarkha**

#### **Praise God:**

- For the finished and ongoing drilling project at CCTSI which God has provided. May the water be a blessing.
- For church leaders who yearn for spiritual renewal and healing. One region in Java, by God's grace, gathered 15 leaders in fellowship of reconciliation, healing and confessing sin with one another.

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### **Pray For:**

- The Women's Conference on May 6 where they will elect a new national leader for the church.
- The spiritual unity among the church leaders and for repentance nationwide. It's easy to be busy and accomplish many things organisationally but also forgetting the Spirit.

## **Papua New Guinea**

### **Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ and Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT) La'o Curriculum Project, Martha Wade**

### **Pray For:**

- The growth of the church and dedication of a new church building at Tevari. There has been no church there in over 30 years. The people are just now beginning to return to Him through evangelistic efforts by the church at Angguna.
- The roadblocks that are prohibiting a group of people at Angguna from being baptised to be removed. Pray that those who want to follow Christ will not give up.

## **South Sudan**

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

### **Praise God:**

- For the decision made by the President the Republic of South Sudan to amalgamate the States back to 10 States of previous South Sudan. It is believed that this will aid in peacemaking efforts.
- For the visiting of the local Churches of Christ which started on 26 Jan 2020. They have preached the gospel and so far, have baptised 51 people.

### **Pray For:**

- The Nyariet and Makuei Churches of Christ so that they would have safe and clean drinking water so that people's health will improve. These two communities are most affected by the political crisis in South Sudan.
- Paulino's family in Kampala, that God will open opportunities for the children to attend the School and start their academic journey.

## Thailand

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

#### Pray For:

- The nationwide meeting of pastors which will be held March 10-13 in Chiang Mai. Pray for the 500 pastors who will be attending.
- The CCT General Committee as they consider the annual budget of CCT for the upcoming year. Pray for the 150 church leaders to be lead in cooperation as they plan together.
- The people in Thailand who are at risk because of the COVID-19 virus. Thailand has a number of confirmed cases that need treatment, and the situation is affecting the economy and people's ability to freely travel. Please pray not only for Thailand, but for all affected countries.

## Vanuatu

### The Mobile Bible College, Judith Vusi

#### Praise God:

- That young people are showing interest in studying at the College.
- That a number of students have successfully completed their year studies, and are still waiting to continue when there is a new principal available.

#### Pray For:

- A new principal for the Churches of Christ Theological Training College.
- The caretaker at the college, while waiting for the new principal to take over.
- A series of refresher courses to be implemented this year.