

Going Deeper – February 2021

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of Going Deeper for 2021. Thank you for your prayers and support for our partners. It is greatly appreciated.

Australia

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

Praise God:

- That the Dareton Youth and Community Centre had their new ceiling installed.
- That the First Nation version of 'The Blessing' was released on Aboriginal Sunday (January 24).

Philippines

International Christian College Manila (ICCM), Arthur Santiago

Praise God:

- That ICCM has already started its second semester.

Pray For:

- Our health and strength. The faculty and staff are busy now.
- The students as we are still teaching online classes. This is really not as helpful for the students due to their ability to access reliable networks and facilities.
- The control of COVID-19 in the Philippines.

Papua New Guinea

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

Praise God:

- That the holidays were quiet, rather than a time of drunkenness, which has happened in the past.

Pray For:

- The Apal leaders who are scheduled to meet until February 5. They will listen through and check another large part of their New Testament in preparation for publication.
- Wisdom. We are trying to plan the next two-week Bible school course scheduled for May.
- Repentance among the leaders and church members.

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Thailand

Church of Christ Thailand (CCT), Tewin Somchit

Pray For:

- Our ministry that has been impacted by new restrictions, due to the second wave of COVID-19. The Social Services and Development Unit (SDSU) has suspended activities until the situation resolves. This includes the Klong Toey Project (Children's Centre for ages three to six.)
- Churches that are facing difficulties. Gatherings of over 50 people require the approval from government authorities. This makes it difficult for some churches, seminars or teaching groups to meet. Unfortunately, many of the smaller rural churches do not have the technical equipment or ability to conduct online services. Older members of congregations do not have access to such technology.

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