

Going Deeper – July 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the July 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, Remy Sese

Praise God:

- Our men's ministry in Port Headland is producing fruit, bringing men to a closer walk with God.
- Ceiling repairs are completed, and the ceiling painted at Bunbury. Soon to finalise the project, with the electrician completing the light fixtures. We want to praise God for all our brothers and sisters who have supported our fellowship in the last few months.

Pray For:

- The Graham family. We extend our love and prayers to Sonny and Frances on the recent loss of their son, Russell. The funeral was held on June 4 in Esperance.
- The future leadership of the Tjilgamooda church in Ceduna.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

Praise God:

- I'm continuing to help a couple with marital problems in knowing God's love and ultimate purpose in their lives. By God's grace their situation is improving.
- The church has been praying about conducting outreach to share evangelism tracts sometime in August. Please pray for God's leading to be upon us as we walk towards this goal and for many lives to be transformed through it.

Pray For:

- Brother Luci. He's a young man in our church who is part of the choir and helps around a lot. Please pray that God's purpose will be fulfilled in his life as he grows, and that he is led by God in fulfilling his roles in the church while also starting a new employment opportunity.

Fiji Community Churches of Christ Sigatoka, Muneshwar Goundar

Praise God:

- For the donation and installation of a water tank with help from GMP.
- For the 12 weeks Children's Bible Camp at Lomowai church.

Pray For:

- Our church van needs some serious attention for repair along with our building maintenance.
- Church and family. God's continuous protection and provision over our families.

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India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

Praise God:

- Our children and staff were protected from the extreme heat wave in our region.

Pray For:

- New dedicated and skilled staff to join us this academic year.
- The children that we serve in the slum community whose parents are addicted to alcohol.
- A good monsoon season as most of the farmers are dependent on these rains for farming.

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- The semester has ended. Now we are preparing for the next semester of new challenges and new students.

Pray For:

- New enrolments from all over Indonesia. That hearts will be shaped and equipped by Jesus through CCTSI education.
- Preparation for the new Indonesian Churches of Christ Chairman to be elected next year.

Papua New Guinea

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

Praise God:

- Over 50 participants attended the leadership training course in the Sogeram area May 23 to June 2.
- After much discussion, the leaders agreed that Christians should not participate in the male initiation / circumcision rites because they involve the use of magic. Pray that the leaders will be strong and able to implement this decision.

Pray For:

- The Apal scriptures to be accepted by the printer, printed well, and safely shipped to Madang.
- The church to grow in the Nend and Mum language groups.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International (CMI), Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- We have received two training courses this year – CAP (Conservation Agriculture Pilot) training on the Foundations for Farming and Discipleship Multiplication across East Africa.
- For three new establishments of Churches of Christ this year – Lolding Church of Christ, Mabor Church of Christ, and Akuaklang Church of Christ.
- A team of students are doing practical work at local Churches of Christ churches. 23 students are now preaching as they wait for their classes to resume in August.

Pray For:

- Transportation for evangelists travelling to Aweil West and North County.
- The CMI Leadership. Pray for the Director, Paulino, with his work and travel.

Thailand

Churches of Christ Thailand (CCT) and Social Development and Services Unit (SDSU), Tewin Somchit

Pray For:

- The War Refugee Relief Programme. The SDSU Crisis Help Budget enables the purchase of rice, dried foods, essential items, and basic medications. Pray for the villagers on the western border who receive this essential help, particularly the elderly and children needing to flee for safety. The SDSU are working alongside local churches.
- SDSU which is preparing an environmental campaign based on the management of tree planting to increase forestry areas and help with maintaining watershed levels during this coming rainy season. This is in cooperation with local organisations, churches, and educational institutions.
- Church Training. In August, SDSU, in partnership with natural farming network partners, will organise training on natural farming and sufficiency agriculture. The expected result is that these people will return to natural farming methods, the use of chemicals in agricultural processes will be reduced and this will create sustainable food security for them in the future.

Zimbabwe

Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe (ACCZ), BJ Mpofu

Praise God:

- The majority of our church members who have been reluctant to come to church, due to fear of the Covid pandemic, are now returning.

Pray For:

- The incoming ACCZ Executive that has begun running the association.
- The evangelists who are struggling to reach out to their new churches due to the high costs of petrol and general high costs of living which the world over is experiencing.

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