

# Going Deeper – December 2018

Dear Friends,

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

## Australia

### Indigenous Ministries

#### Praise God:

- Max Wright has been a significant leader in the life of Churches of Christ Indigenous ministry. He has served as a pastor, missionary and community leader with both Churches of Christ and the Australian Indigenous Ministries in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. We give thanks to God for his life and witness.

#### Pray For:

- Comfort for Naomi and their family, especially during the Memorial Service on Dec 7 and Funeral on Dec 8.
- The communities of Tia Tuckia, Ceduna and the Tjilgamooda Church of Christ, SA.

### Bunbury Aboriginal Christian Fellowship (BACF), Greg Little

#### Praise God:

- For the ladies with the BAC Fellowship, the witness of our members, a new family member's commitment and for the IMA Council's dedication.

#### Pray For:

- Greg's leadership, the ministry, fellowship and the Christmas gathering, especially for the children.
- Dennis and Wilma Jetta and Melba Wallam's health.

## Bangladesh

### Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ (BHCOC), Vana Bawm, General Secretary

#### Praise God:

- The Bawm community celebrate 100 years since the Gospel was introduced!
- The BHCOC have planned to construct a new office and hostel in Ruma Town since 2015. From there on we have been gradually raising funds and collecting materials. We are looking to complete the work in 2019.

#### Pray For:

- The BHCOC Leadership Training program, which will be held December 3-7.
- The Christmas celebration program among the Mru tribe.
- Bandarban Hill Churches of Christ Annual General Conference, to be held in February 2019.

## Fiji

### Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Bruce Edwards

#### Pray For:

- The team in Fiji as they prepare for the Edwards family's transition back to Australia. There is a combined churches farewell service in Fiji on Dec 2. Please pray for a smooth transition for the pastors and churches into the new way of relating with GMP, and a smooth transition back into Australian life for the Edwards family, including provision of employment for Bruce.

## India

### Hosanna Ministries, Kiron Gaikwad

#### Pray For:

- Gnyan Sampada Residential School. Please pray for the family and friends of the little boy who recently drowned, and for the students and staff of the school who were impacted by this tragic event. Please continue to pray for God's protection over the school, staff and students. Hosanna Ministries provides a Godly and caring environment that has seen many students and families come to faith in Christ.

## Indonesia

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

#### Praise God:

- We are still able to serve Him through CCTSI and send our students to go to the field and be salt and light to the community.

#### Pray For:

- Palu, Sulawesi, which has been impacted with disasters last month. Many children lost their families and all the resources they have are broken. It needs time for life to return back to normal. God give them strength and hearts faithful to Him.
- Projects reaching out to bring Christ to those who are hungry for His Words.

## Papua New Guinea

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

#### Praise God:

- We were able to complete the revising of John in November.
- The weather was nice for the opening of a new church building on November 4 at Labili.
- On 16 November 13 young men and women graduated from Yamen Bible School with certificates in Bible and ministry. 500 people came from the Angoram district to witness this graduation celebration. Hold them in your prayers as they continue their ministry.

#### Pray For:

- Men from the other dialect to attend November 12-23 to record Mark, Titus and Jude in their dialect.

## Vietnam

### Bright Solutions, Fiona Briers

#### Praise God:

- We started the month of November with a couple of excellent market events. Bright Solutions continues to gain recognition and an encouraging reputation within our local community.
- A former staff member returned to work. With her working again, we now have four machinists to reduce the strain on our production load!

#### Pray For:

- Miss T who will soon begin English classes to increase her confidence and ability to talk with foreigners at the market events.
- New connections and networking opportunities.

## Zimbabwe

### Khayelihle Children's Village, Vimbai Vuma

#### Praise God:

- For the good health of the children.
- For our Annual General Meeting programme that went well on October 20.
- Three boys completed writing their final Grade Seven major examinations. These examinations will enable them to proceed to High School in 2019.

#### Pray For:

- Three children who are currently writing their final Grade 11/ Form 4 major examinations and one girl who is writing her major final examinations for Grade 13/ Form 6.

### Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

#### Pray For:

- Zimbabwe. As we approach the festive season, the economic situation is dire. Pharmacies are only selling medicines to patients in US dollars, which many people don't have. Though commodities are available in the shops, prices are just unaffordable for most people.
- There is a drought forecast, and so far all signs seem to point in that direction as we have not had any rains and are currently experiencing soaring temperatures.
- The cost of drilling and materials has escalated drastically. Providing water to rural communities has become challenging.

### Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe, BJ Mpfu

#### Praise God:

- For the many people who offered their lives to the Lord this year.
- For the chapels that are being built or renovated during these difficult times.

### Pray For:

- Our pastors and evangelists who are facing problems as a result of the economic environment prevailing in the country.
- Church leaders to be firm and resilient as they confront numerous difficulties as they shepherd people who are struggling to find joy and peace in our troubled country.