

## Going Deeper – April 2021

Dear Friends,

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

### Fiji

#### **Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy**

##### **Praise God:**

- That the Easter service with a meal was a source of fellowship, encouragement and joy. The church reflected on the power of Christ's death and resurrection.

##### **Pray For:**

- Baptisms. That God will fill the people who have decided to take this step with his Spirit and will use them in a mighty way.

### Philippines

#### **International Christian College Manila (ICCM), Arthur Santiago**

##### **Praise God:**

- That 65 enrolled students at ICCM. We continue to exist despite the severe effect of the pandemic in our country.

### Papua New Guinea

#### **Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ and Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT)**

##### **La'o Curriculum Project, Martha Wade**

##### **Pray For:**

- All leaders to come to the final checking session of the recordings of the Apal New Testament. The session is scheduled to begin on April 19 and will run for two weeks.
- The Christians at Tevari who are trying to build and dedicate a new church building after the church in that area has been basically dead for more than 25 years.
- The participants of the two-week Bible school course in May. Pray that they will not be blocked from attending.

## South Sudan

### Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou

#### Praise God:

- That the stakeholders have fulfilled their responsibility to construct the fences at Emmanuel.
- We have a new Bookkeeper in our office! Please pray for her as she settles into the role.
- The Community Committee Chairperson has included children with a disability to benefit from the Goats Project.

#### Pray For:

- Us as we work hard to visit the children in their homes during this lockdown. Pray for God's protection and blessing upon them, as well as our teachers in training them for high school qualifications.

## Thailand

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

#### Pray For:

- The potential new project of cattle farming and career-development program involving two church members in the Nan Province.
- The people admitted to hospital with respiratory problems due to pollution and dust dispersal.
- The churches who, during COVID, have experienced cancellations or postponements of activities such as camps and training seminars for young people. These are usually held in March and April, and now mostly cannot be held.
- The General Assembly, held on May 5-8.

## Vanuatu

### Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ (CCCV), Owen Banisua

#### Praise God:

- That Tanna has completed three safe houses along with water tanks and solar lights, and the Pentecost water projects survived Tropical Cyclone Harold. We thank God for his protection.
- Pastor Graham completed training and awareness on three area councils.

### **Pray For:**

- The CCCV General Meeting on May 17-21.
- The new congregation on Merig Island (a small island in the Banks Group). They had one village of 20 people who were all baptised!
- The Bombua School building project, Londua repair works, Ambae Island resettling and cleaning up of the church buildings, along with restocking livestock. Pray for the churches on Pentecost and Santo who are also trying to rebuild after TC Harold last year.

## **Zimbabwe**

### **Khayelihle Children's Village, Vimbai Vuma**

#### **Praise God:**

- Two of our girls who joined the KCV family early January 2021 and were malnourished have now improved. They are in good health like the rest of the children.
- That the schools opened on March 15. We continue to ask for God's protection from COVID-19.

#### **Pray For:**

- The success of the vaccine. That no problems or complications occur.
- The improvement of the economy worldwide.

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

#### **Praise God:**

- The lockdown is over! The churches returned in March. The pastors and evangelists were looking forward to meeting their congregations. Unfortunately, they are restricted to fifty people, but for most that's about the size of their congregations. Those with larger churches will have two services.
- That we received plenty of rain and the crops are doing well. We expect good harvests this year.