

Going Deeper – July 2018

Dear Friends,

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

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Bruce Edwards

Praise God:

- For encouraging visits from senior ministers to partner churches. Kevan Denny from Sunnybank Church spent time with Muneshwar at Sigatoka and invested in emerging leaders. Blake Moore from Devonport, with Missions Coordinator Dominic Piscioneri, visited David Reddy and the church at Lautoka, joining in a gospel outreach event, where several people recommitted their lives to Christ.

Pray For:

- The Nowra team who are preparing to visit Vuci Road church, and for the church. Pray for continued relationship building and effective ministry together, especially with the women and children.
- For Bruce as he explores employment options for 2019, and for the next final six months to be a valuable investment in the future of the Fijian churches as the family prepare to return to Australia.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

Praise God:

- For the arrival of the much awaited monsoon rains. Thank you all for your prayers for this. This summer we faced a drought situation, but the rains look good this year.
- That a successful one-day medical checkup camp occurred in the slums of Mumbai. About 65 people were checked and given medicines, free of cost.

Pray For:

- The new admissions in Gnyan Sampada Residential School for this academic year, and permission from government authorities to start Eighth Grade in our school.
- The health issues in the slums of Mumbai. Most of the children have cuts and wounds on their feet from glass pieces. Many of their parents suffer from TB and HIV.

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Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- That we have a new national Churches of Christ leader, Daniel Trihandarkha. Thank God for his potential to help develop Churches of Christ in Indonesia as part of global mission all over the world.

Pray For:

- The eight students we will send at the end of semester to Sulawesi, Ambon and Sumatra. Pray for boldness to share the Good News.
- The 10 new student candidates.
- Political issues in Indonesia. Pray for the election of new leaders, regional safety and the unity of Indonesia.

Papua New Guinea

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

Pray For:

- The baptisms that were supposed to take place on June 17. These have been postponed multiple times for various reasons. Pray that they will happen soon.
- Repentance, especially among leaders in the Sogoram River area.
- The upcoming dedication of the translation of Matthew into the Mum language, which will happen on July 25.
- The Apal speaking leaders attending the two-week session to listen through and approve the completed recordings of Hebrews and Exodus in their own language.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International (CMI), Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- That CMI is doing a lot of activities in the Aweil region, especially helping vulnerable families using the plough project, which has now kicked off in the Muluath community.
- That Paulino's family is doing well by God's grace and love. His wife's treatment is going well.

Pray For:

- The South Sudanese peace talks.
- The Emmanuel children, and all the staff at Emmanuel school.
- Pray for the CMI Leadership in South Sudan as they are struggling to put things in place in Paulino's absence.

Thailand

The Eleventh District of the Church of Christ Thailand (CCT), Prasit Tongtuswattana

Pray For:

- The first Mon church evangelism centre and chapel at Samut Songkhum.
- The 23 Karen families who have to move out of their village, and the negotiations with the governor.
- The purchase of land to build new church at Phadumliratpakhon.
- The building project for a new ChurSaseemom Chapel. We are renting a room to worship, and for the pastor's family to live in. We are looking to find enough resources to build. Our old building is unsafe as it is infested with termites, and will need to be pulled down.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ, Esline Toa

Praise God:

- For the support from GMP families towards the victims of the Ambae volcano.
- For the safe relocation of Londua School to Bombua School on Santo Island.

Pray For:

- Londua School adjusting to a new location on Santo.

The Mobile Bible College (MBC), Judith Vusi

Praise God:

- That the MBC program continues to run in spite of many difficulties.
- That the students continue to show interest in studying the Word of God.

Pray For:

- Funds to be available for the Diploma programs to begin soon, and for amenities for the students.

Zimbabwe

Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV), Vimbai Vuma

Praise God:

- For the good health of the children.
- For the continued support from all the donors.

Pray For:

- The staff and the Board of Directors – that they will find mutual understanding for the benefit of KCV.
- That the children don't contract pneumonia or respiratory tract infections, since it is very cold.

Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe, BJ Mpfu

Praise God:

- For peace in our country, as we prepare for elections on July 30.
- For the children's ministry, who finished their week refresher course.
- For the ACCZ conference on June 22-24.

Pray For:

- BJ's meeting with leaders of the Maglas Circuit who have serious differences to solve.

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

Pray For:

- Improved healthcare, especially among the rural folk that we visit. Pray for more improvements for those who are still facing challenges in accessing clean water.
- For abundant water for the communities that we are servicing.
- A free and fair election in July, with no bloodshed and a peaceful outcome for all parties involved.