

## Going Deeper – May 2020

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the May edition of Going Deeper. All of our partners have been, or will likely be, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your continued prayer and support of our partners during this time is greatly appreciated.

### Australia

#### Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), Colin Battersby

##### Pray For:

- Our movement's Aboriginal Christian leaders. They are caring for the most vulnerable in their communities, and are doing it at great personal cost. They need us to stand with them during this period of uncertainty and anxiety as they reach out to those who feel isolated, disconnected from family and at breaking point.

### Fiji

#### Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Muneshwar Goundar

##### Praise God:

- That during Cyclone Harold, our new church building was open to people who needed shelter.
- Raj Deo reports that COVID-19 restrictions are helping to keep families together - praying and connecting to God like they have never done before. People are being healed and coming to know Jesus.

##### Pray For:

- The two church families whose homes were damaged by the cyclone.
- The families who are struggling because of the curfews that are in place during COVID-19.

### India

#### Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

##### Praise God:

- We were able to provide food packets to approximately 125 families.
- For His protection around all of our staff members and children.

##### Pray For:

- All the children and staff at Gnyan Sampada School, Lasina and Emmanuel Education Centre.
- The many families who are struggling to work and to find food due to the lockdown.

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## Indonesia

### Indonesian Churches of Christ, Daniel Trihandarkha

#### Praise God:

- Ministry can continue through the internet. Church congregations are encouraged, and students in our theological school are in good health and remain connected online.

#### Pray For:

- Churches of Christ Indonesia to unite and have a spiritual awakening, repent and experience a refreshed call to serve the Lord and the community. This is the time!

## Papua New Guinea

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

#### Pray For:

- Wisdom in the timing of the May leadership training course – now likely to be postponed.
- The medical workers here in PNG, and patients awaiting surgery (despite the pandemic).
- New churches in the Sogeram River area, several of which are constructing church buildings.
- A revival in the Kire language group to know God's Word.

## South Sudan

### Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou

#### Praise God:

- That the children at Emmanuel School are doing very well with their handwashing.
- That Easter went well, with families staying home to pray.

#### Pray For:

- The children and teachers at Emmanuel School who are in lockdown.
- The Mill Project, which is on hold due to COVID-19. Pray it can resume quickly.

## Thailand

### Churches of Christ Thailand (CCT), Tewin Somchit

#### Pray For:

- The church's online worship services, Bible teaching and corporate prayer. People do not have the financial resources to give to the church at this time.

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- The end to the drought, forest fires and haze, heavy winds and thunderstorms during the Thai New Year season. Since hardware stores are closed to business due to COVID-19, it will be hard for people to prevent and repair storm damage if it occurs.

## Vanuatu

### Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ, James Aru

#### Pray For:

- The communities of Santo and Pentecost affected by major damage from Cyclone Harold.

## Zimbabwe

### Khayelihle Children's Village, Vimbai Vuma

#### Praise God:

- That the children at KCV, the staff and the Board are all healthy.
- Despite the pandemic, we are still able to perform some of our duties.

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

#### Praise God:

- For our evangelists. We use voice recordings via their cell phones to send weekly sermons to their congregations.
- For our supporters, who have remained faithful in giving to our mission.

#### Pray For:

- COVID-19 to be contained, as we fear many of our people could perish. Zimbabwe has limited means to combat this deadly virus.
- Newly opened churches. Our evangelists are grounded by the lockdown and cannot preach in churches. Most members in these churches are still fragile and require constant teaching.