



Going Deeper – February 2017

Dear Friends,

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

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- For the re-election of the CCTSI principal and the dean for 2017- 2022.
- Students in West Java have reported new people coming to salvation.

Pray For:

- Students who are finishing their thesis and preparing for one-year ministry placements all over Indonesia.
- The CCTSI graduation on June 12, and that God will give the graduates ways to continue their ministry after study.
- The political situation in Jakarta.
- The recruitment for new students.

Papua New Guinea

Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ (MECOC), Yabru Jerry

Pray For:

- John Injam, Cathy Fiam, Benny Mbuar and Johannes Vin, as well as the students of Gandep Bible School as they commence their school year.
- Strength and God's provision as the four teachers seek God's wisdom and knowledge to teach the students.
- Thomas, Raphael, Mark and the students of Yamen Bible School as they commence their classes next week. Pray for all the new students as they adjust to school life. Pray also for God's provision for the students and staff.
- The pastor of Sogeram area and the other church leaders – many of them have gone back to worldly ways, and many of our churches are without pastors. Some churches do not meet for church services because there is no one to lead them.
- Silas Gibe, as he will be visiting the Sogeram area to encourage the church and the church leaders to return to the Lord. Pray also for his health, as he will travel to some of the remote villages.

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

Praise God:

- For the completion of the Elementary 1 (E1) Teacher Training Course for La'o speakers. Pray that the three teachers who took home La'o E1 kits will use them well.
- That Pioneer Bible Translators again have access to both the updated computer files for the La'o New Testament (NT), and the audio recordings of the NT that were made a few years ago. Pray for PBT's IT person to be able to use these files to create a Scripture app so that La'o speaking people can both read and hear the NT on their phones.

Pray For:

- The Apal translation team to have a productive time finalising the text of their translation in March, so that people in the Sogeram River area will be able to read God's word in their own language.
- The Abu speaking people (Azau) on the Ramu River who want to attend a literacy training class (at the end of February). This will help them to teach semi-literate adults to read in their own language.
- The Waran translation team. A consultant will check the final book of their NT at the end of February.

South Sudan

South Sudan Emmanuel Children Program, Paulino Malou

Pray For:

- The growth of the Churches of Christ in South Sudan.
- The Sunday kids and chair team.
- The South Sudanese Government.
- The teachers and Marial Baai community.
- Chief Makuei Riny.
- Paulino's travel and his studies.
- Deng James and Angelo Atak. Angelo is running Christian Mercy International/Emmanuel while Paulino is away studying. Deng James is his IT helper.
- Apada Church of Christ Church of Christ, which ministers to internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Thailand

The Eleventh District of the Church of Christ, Prasit Tongtuswattana

Praise God:

- For healthcare. Many of the Plang tribe and ThaiYai tribe visited Bangkok Christ Hospital.

Pray For:

- The establishment of the PlangAomYai Chapel (the second Plang Tribe Church).
- The mission of evangelism to another province where there is no church.
- The Gospel Project and International Church Project 2017-2018.
- Scholarship opportunities for two Plang youths to study at Bangkok Institute of Theological Christian University.

- Those in Thailand grieving for King Rama IX.
- The preparation of the Bridgeley Church of Christ mission team. They plan to visit the Plang and Karen tribes in April.

Vietnam

Bright Solutions, Fiona Briers

Praise God:

- That an expat volunteer has begun work on developing and maintaining Bright Solutions' Facebook page. Praise God for her enthusiasm and support.

Pray For:

- A young woman's Host Party in the USA. That it will be an opportunity for Bright Solutions to have exposure into a new market place. Pray for her interest in advocating for us.
- Wisdom and openings into local international education centres. It is proving difficult to connect face-to-face.
- Our need to replace and repair a number of resources. Pray for wise choices in obtaining quality assets, and for access to consistent maintenance support.

Zimbabwe

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpofu

Praise God:

- That we are experiencing heavy rains countrywide which is most welcome as the bores improve in output. We thank the Almighty for this blessing.

Pray For:

- An end to the drought through the continued blessing of good rains. The prospects of a good harvest, however, are threatened by the invasion of the armyworm pest.
- Safety for children, pregnant mothers and sick people in the rural areas who are forced to cross the flooded rivers to access the nearest schools and clinics.