



Going Deeper – April 2017

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, Bruce Edwards.

Praise God:

- That finally, after a couple of years of back and forth with local council, building work is underway at Vuci Rd!
- That the donation of a half-acre of land at Lomowai for the Sigatoka Church is almost finalised, and we can begin planning towards developing a permanent meeting place for the church there.

Pray For:

- Our pastors, as they learn and grow and lead their congregations. Pray for Pastors Muneshwar and Stella at Sigatoka Church. Pray for the Nakasi Church as they continue to find an appropriate person to take on the ministry of Vipin and Irene.
- Pray especially for Pastor David Reddy at Lautoka, who is facing health concerns with high blood pressure, stress and high blood sugar levels.
- Bruce Edwards, as he heads into his final Masters subject and the associated 10,000-word research project between now and June.

Indigenous Ministries Australia

Bunbury Aboriginal Christian Fellowship, Greg Little.

Praise God:

- That people are returning to the church.
- For the support of Kalamunda, Dalkeith and Bassendean churches over the years.
- For Dalkeith Church who made it possible for Bunbury to receive some computers.
- That Margaret and Greg could attend the Surrender conference in Victoria. They had the opportunity to meet so many fine Christian people there.

Pray For:

- Leaders and church as we prepare to hold our AGM.
- The young people within the church, and for their witness in the community.
- Our Sunday School teachers and the children.
- Our Bible study group, and Warren as he leads the studies.
- Healing. A number of our church members are not well.

Indonesia

Christian Church Theological School of Indonesia (CCTSI), Hery Susanto.**Praise God:**

- Christine baptised three people and they are willing to be discipled.
- That the re-accreditation process is complete, and we are waiting for the result.
- That many students returned to campus after doing a one-year ministry program on the field. We love to hear all of their stories about God's work in their area.

Pray For:

- The recruitment of new students to CCTSI.
- The graduation preparations for 16 students on June 12.
- Financial support that is required to maintain this school.
- Church planters to keep a creative ministry design through many activities.
- Indonesia – there are many tribes and languages that still need a minister to share the gospel with them.
- God to open doors for some ministries to reach out through education and farming.

Papua New Guinea

Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ (MECOC), Yabru Jerry.**Praise God:**

- For the church programs during Easter.
- For the MECOC board meeting held April 10-13 at Gandep.

Pray For:

- The Middle Ramu district convention coming at Chungribu.

Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT), La'o Curriculum Project, Martha Wade.

Praise God:

- That the book of Genesis (Apal translation) is ready for pre-publication recording as part of the final checking process.
- For the small but faithful group of Ap ma speaking women who meet every other Saturday to read Old Testament portions in their language. Pray that this group will grow.

Pray For:

- The Waran translation team as they are working on final revisions of their New Testament.
- Many church leaders who have fallen away from God in the Sogeram River area. Pray that those who are still standing strong will help the others to repent and return to God, and start worshipping again on a weekly basis.
- The Wogol Church in Madang. Pray that God will raise up a group of faithful leaders who will reach out to the non-believers living in the area.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou.

Praise God:

- For supernatural power and protection upon the people involved during the plane crash in Wau. Give thanks that 49 people survived.
- For our Lol State Government who sent two teachers to Emmanuel School as their response to a request given to them during the school opening.
- That South Sudanese political leaders have come together for prayer, seeking God for forgiveness, peace with reconciliation, and the future task of nation building.
- That the Chelkou Church of Christ has planted a new church in the Akuakar community, with 30 new members.

Pray For:

- The evaluation of Emmanuel School.
- Paulino's exams, commencing April 17-24.
- The South Sudan famine and the IDP church in Aweil town.
- The Chelkou community initiative to develop a community secondary school.
- The Mayen Tiit ox plough project. Pray for the community and people there, who are committed and hardworking.

Thailand

The Eleventh District of the Church of Christ, Prasit Tongtuswattana.

Pray For:

- The 11th District Youth Camp on April 21-22.
- The Bridgeley Church of Christ (WA), who will visit Thailand on April 28-30.
- A focus on church management, strategies and policy documents on April 23-26.