

Going Deeper – September 2023

Dear Friends,

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

Bangladesh

Community Advancement Forum (CAF)

Pray For:

- The Community Advancement Forum (CAF), providing support to 100 families because of recent flooding in the Bandarban municipal area. The water was 15-20 feet high and many families were severely impacted. CAF is supporting with rice, hygiene kits, and livelihood support, assisting with livestock that were lost during the flood. Please pray for those affected by the floods, especially for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

Praise God:

- Our students have cleared the final examination with good grades and have moved to higher classes. Also, our vocational training students are successfully completing their courses.
- All our children and staff members are in good health.

Pray For:

- Peace in the state of Manipur. Many churches have been burnt and broken due to communal violence.
- The safety of our children and staff. There is an outbreak of eye infection in our area.

Papua New Guinea

Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ (MECOC), Yabru Jerry

Praise God:

- Gandep Bible College has a new principal - Steven Yamok. He has been the principal in the past. Also, welcoming a new lecturer - John Injam.

Pray For:

- Silas Gibe has been in hospital. Please pray for full recovery.

Thailand

Church of Christ Thailand (CCT) and Social Development and Services Unit (SDSU), Tewin Somchit

Praise God:

- The Khuang Church has implemented agricultural training, including methods to reduce the use of chemicals and lead to the goal of production of safe food crops for eating and for sharing as a community resource. This started in April 2023 and is continuing positively.

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- SDSU staff held a leadership seminar August 19-28, to provide knowledge and procedural understanding for a mediation project. They are working in collaboration with the Rights and Liberties Central unit in the CCT.

Pray For:

- Church Council Meetings in September. The CCT council will hold a meeting with the Board of Directors and representative leaders of the churches. Pray for the meetings and for wisdom and unity as many important items will be on the agenda regarding evaluation and strategy.

Vanuatu

Conference of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu (CCCV), Owen Banisu

Praise God:

- The first Promoting Dignity, Inclusion and Protection workshop in Vanuatu was held during August, which consisted of four days training with our Port Vila pastors.

Zimbabwe

Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV), Vimbai Vuma

Praise God:

- For the gift of life, the children who are in good health, for the staff at KCV who take good care of the children and for every support we get from the donors. We give glory to God for enabling us to do some projects at KCV.

Pray For:

- The children who are currently on school holiday that they may utilize this time to study and prepare for major examinations which they will have in the coming third term.
- The Lord to continue to protect us; may there be peace in the country.

Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe (ACCZ), BJ Mpofu

Praise God:

- For the peace that exists in our country.
- For the good work being done by our evangelists who are working in difficult conditions but are bringing many to church.

Pray For:

- Zvishavane has its District Convention on September 1-3. We ask for your prayers for this special time of fellowship.

Showers of Blessing (OSBT), Boniface Mpofu

Praise God:

- For abundant water at Gwemvurachena Village and South Devon in Zvishavane through the recently installed solar borehole. This has given hope for prosperity as plans are underway for establishing community gardens for nutrition.