

Going Deeper – December 2017

Dear Friends,

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

Australia

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), Bunbury Aboriginal Christian Fellowship, Greg Little

Praise God:

- For his love and understanding throughout 2017.
- For the women who have committed their time to support the church.

Pray For:

- The church leaders and the church fellowship.

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA) West, Remy Sese

Praise God:

- That the Port Hedland church had three baptisms in the month of October!
- For the testimony of the late Phyllis Wicker among the people in Norseman.

Pray For:

- Protection over the Indigenous leaders in each centre, and the spirit of discernment to assist them.
- IMA West Coordinator, Remy, and his family – for good health and wisdom to make decisions and plans.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Bruce Edwards

Praise God:

- That the Devonport Church's visit in November was successful. They participated in an open-air meeting, Sunday service, youth/young adult's Bible study, and visitation to homes. It was a stretching and growing time for the team members and a blessing to Pastor David Reddy and the church.

Pray For:

- The upcoming visit from a Sunnybank Church team to Sigatoka – that it too will be a stretching and growing blessing to all involved.
- Bruce to have wisdom and discernment through occasionally challenging conversations with pastors.

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India

Hosanna Ministries, Daniel Gaikwad

Praise God:

- That the Navigate Team from NSW ministered to our children. We have all been encouraged and blessed by the team visit.
- That all the children and staff are in good health, after the last month of viral infections. Almost half of our children were ill.

Pray For:

- The water situation in our area. Due to scanty rainfall this year there is not enough water for farming. Most of the crops are struggling.
- The successful completion of the tailoring class of 16 students as well as the computer class of 10 students in our Vocation Training Centre in Mumbai.

Thailand

The Eleventh District of the Church of Christ, Prasit Tongtuswattana

Praise God:

- That Pastor Chart at the Plang Church was married on November 4!
- For the Wongutha Christian Aboriginal School's mission trip to the 11th District of CCT during November to early December.

Pray For:

- Malachi Owers from a youth exchange program in Victoria, who will participate in the strategic and program planning meeting with the Eleventh District of the Church of Christ in Thailand during December.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ, Esline Toamavute

Pray For:

- The people of Ambae, as most of their crops and gardens have been destroyed. The volcanic ash has continued to fall and, along with the acid rain, has ruined the vegetation and the supplies of clean drinking water. There is an alarming shortage of food and clean water.

The Mobile Bible College (MBC), Judith Vusi

Praise God:

- That Pastor Moses was accepted to study in Papua New Guinea (PNG) during 2018.
- That the MBC program for 2017 is looking forward to its final program for this month.

Pray For:

- Pastor Moses' financial support and scholarship application. His study in PNG is a way forward for the future development of church leaders and the work of MBC.
- God to continue to speak to the churches in Vanuatu to see the important value of sending people to attend MBC programs to study.

Vietnam

Bright Solutions, Fiona Briers

Praise God:

- That we have opportunity to be present at Christmas bazaars. Bright Solutions is gaining recognition in various communities.
- That our faith communities in the centre do not seem to have been seriously affected by the recent typhoons. Pray for the mobilisation of church presence and care in these areas.

Pray For:

- All the women attending the Start Your Own Business course (Phase 2 of Bright Solutions' business project development). Pray for understanding, commitment and perseverance. Pray also for Fiona's comprehension as the course is delivered in Vietnamese!
- The earnest need to recruit more marginalised women with our program. Pray for discernment and God's leading to the appropriate networks, in His timing.

Zimbabwe

Khayelihle Children's Village, Vimbai Vuma

Praise God:

- For the good health of the children and that He has continued to supply all their needs.
- For the rains we have been receiving in most parts of the country. In Bulawayo, it has been raining satisfactorily. We continue to pray for enough rainfall so that we will be able to have enough water to last us for a longer period of time.

Pray For:

- Our country – that there may be political and economic stability, and a safe festive season in December.

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

Praise God:

- That the rains have come, and people are tilling the land.
- That Mugabe has resigned, and we look forward to having a new President.

Pray For:

- Peace to prevail in our land.
- The ACCZ youth, who have their convention at Dadaya High School in early December. Pray for a wonderful time of fellowship.