

Going Deeper – August 2022

Dear Friends,

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

Australia

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), Colin Battersby, Nick Wight, Remy Sese

Praise God:

- Several teenage boys are coming along to church at Port Headland.
- For Bunbury Church's new Board of Directors. Pray that they will guide the church with wisdom, grace, and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Pray For:

- The strategic plans of the Dareton Youth and Community Centre which needs to incorporate in the coming 12 months and increase its supporter-base.
- Dena and Garry Gower as they have relocated to Broome. Pray for a time of refreshing as they continue to seek God's direction and guidance for their ministry and life up in the Kimberley.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Lautoka, David Reddy

Praise God:

- Yesterday I conducted a baptism for three teenagers. It is very encouraging to see the youth giving their lives to God and serving him.

Pray For:

- The Devonport team's visit to Fiji in August; that we get to encourage each other and grow stronger together in God.
- The outreach we are planning with the Devonport team; that it will be successful, we will see souls saved and spread the word of God.

Indonesia

Asia Pacific International (API), Gideon Tanbunaan

Praise God:

- On Sunday 26 June, Douglas baptised four people.
- For the regional meeting of ten church planters. This meeting raised spirits to continue to advance and develop in church planting.
- For the API Equipping Course which aims to equip and train students for church planting.

Pray For:

- The new post on the border of Indonesia and Timor Leste, and the plan to open a new service post in North Sumatra.

Papua New Guinea

Gandep Bible College (GBC), Caleb Dankro

Praise God:

- For his presence with us during our first semester. We've seen miracles that he did through us when we prayed for sick people in the college.
- For hearing our prayers, regarding the diploma program at GBC. It was our prayer point, and now we're ready to introduce the program. Praise God for bringing Dr Mombi from the Christian Leaders Training College (CLTC) to visit us, and giving us positive feedback to introduce the program.
- For enabling us to work and share ideas together as staff and students of GBC. There were no major problems encountered during our first semester. We need the same spirit of work to continue this semester.

Pray For:

- God's strength and wisdom upon me, as Principal of the College, to complete all the tasks that CLTC has given to me before introducing the diploma program next year.
- God to open the doors to support the infrastructure development for the college.
- GBC's mobile saw to be repaired and operate so we can start some work prior to the diploma program introduction.

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

Praise God:

- The Scripture Impact course, using the book of Mark, was held July 15-20.
- For the repentance ceremonies that a few families have participated in.
- The Apal Scriptures have been accepted by the printer.

Pray For:

- The Apal Scriptures to be printed well, and safely shipped to Madang.
- The church to grow in the Nend and Mum language groups.

South Sudan

LAID Foundation of South Sudan (LAFOSS), Santino Makol

Praise God:

- There are signs of peace now in some rural areas and towns of South Sudan, especially in Juba, the capital, where many tribes are meeting or staying.
- For the assistance given to LAFOSS by GMP to implement peace building and conflict resolution in Juba.

Pray For:

- The progress of our programs here in South Sudan; that those we have trained are used of God to spread the message of peace to their friends and those who did not participate in this training.

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- In the month of July, the SDSU team organised child protection training and training in making multi-purpose liquids (soap, shampoo, dishwashing liquid) for use in the daily life of 250 dormitory students (aged 6 to 18 years) in four locations.

Pray For:

- The Thai border conflict, that the situation would be calm, that none of the parties create additional conflict, and that a settlement will be negotiated. Pray for assistance to the migrants near the Thai border.
- The Church of Christ in Thailand which will hold its 37th General Assembly in Chiang Mai in October. Pray that arrangements will be carried out with the cooperation of all parties and that we will be able to hold meetings considering the circumstances of the new Covid-19 outbreak.

Zimbabwe

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

Praise God:

- We have just provided clean, safe, drinking water for three more communities.
- We are pleased that the Covid-19 pandemic numbers have significantly dropped, and we are travelling and meeting communities freely.

Pray For:

- Zimbabwe as the cost of living keeps going up, partly due to negative internal factors and the Russia-Ukraine war.