

Going Deeper – December 2022

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), Remy and Theresa Sese, Nick Wight

Praise God:

- We have good support from local businesses giving into our ministry to our community in Port Headland, WA.
- We hosted John Gilmore for his farewell and retirement service at Bunbury and the IMA leaders gathering.

Pray For:

- A suitable Indigenous outreach worker to join the Dareton Youth and Community Centre team in NSW.
- The Berean church leaders and emerging leaders in South Australia.
- Continued health and strength for Laurie Beach in his work in the church at Esperance, WA. Each Sunday he faithfully sets the church up for worship and music.

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- Rejoice that God has helped us to obtain accreditation from the government.

Pray For:

- Students who are committed to serve God in the field for their one-year practicum ministry. There are nine of them (Yesaya, Meldatson, Dorvinus Derebi, Roy, Dian Pontinus, Krisnanda, Selfira, Yunia and Eka.) May God give them boldness to share the gospel to the unreached people groups all over Indonesia.
- The school is planning to open a post-graduate degree to help the alumni and leaders to get higher credibility in their role of leadership among the churches.

South Sudan

LAID Foundation of South Sudan (LAFOSS), Santino Makol

Praise God:

- We have realised peace is co-existent in some areas of South Sudan.
- Thank you for the support we receive from GMP. We were able to provide workshops in some areas in Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

Pray For:

- The progress of peace implementation in South Sudan. That the Peace Building workshop participants are equipped to implement the teaching modules in their communities.

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- The Church of Christ in Thailand held its General Assembly meeting in Chang Mai during October. In total 645 people attended the meeting. The new General Executive was elected to this position for the term of office of 2023 - 2026. Presentations included annual reports and proposed objectives for the next four years.

Pray For:

- Thailand's cold season/winter commences in some parts of the country in November and lasts until January/February. This is the time of year the cold extremes are felt by those who are not in permanent homes or live in houses in need of repairs. Before the cold season hits hard, the CCT units will gather warm blankets and clothes and distribute at least 2,000 sets to vulnerable people at risk from the extreme cold. This will take place in early December.
- Christmas is a time for happiness and joy through giving to others and thanksgiving to God for his incredible gift to the world of his son. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the last few years have been significantly quieter with fewer numbers attending events in person. It is hoped that the COVID-19 situation is now stable enough for a more extensive Christmas celebration to take place across the churches and in the community as a form of outreach.

Zimbabwe

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

Praise God:

- Our rainy season has started well. Our people are busy planting crops already.
- Most of our churches are getting back to normal (after the lockdowns due to COVID) with good attendances every Sunday.

Pray For:

- Our country. The political environment is quite toxic due to the forthcoming elections in the new year.
- The Church. We need discernment within the current political environment. Wisdom for what the church supports and what it does not get involved with. Pray for churches that are vulnerable to being led astray.