

## Going Deeper – February 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), Colin Battersby, Nick Wight

##### Praise God:

- For those who have supported IMA's new Pathways Program through the recent Great Gift Catalogue and through general donations.
- For those who have indicated their interest in being part of the 2022 Pathways Program for emerging Indigenous Christian leaders.

##### Pray For:

- Good health and God's wisdom for our Indigenous brothers and sisters as they embark on another year of ministry within their communities.
- New opportunities for churches to partner with our Indigenous ministries and to grow in their understanding and appreciation for Indigenous-led ministry.

### Bangladesh

#### Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ (BHCOC), Vana Bawm

##### Pray For:

- Vana Bawm, isolating away from his family and since contracting COVID-19. Vana is thankful that his symptoms are mild, having been vaccinated, and he is on the mend.

### Fiji

#### Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Lautoka, David Reddy

##### Praise God:

- By the end of last year, we had appointed new people to train as potential praise and worship leaders. They've grown a lot from when they first started and we know, by God's grace, that they will continue to grow.
- Sister Farida is doing a lot better now. She no longer has severe pain around her hip and legs and is able to resume her work with much more ease.

### **Pray For:**

- Fijians as the third wave of COVID-19 hits. It seems as though there will be a number of potential challenges faced by the country. Pray that God will lead the people, as well as the leaders, to make sound decisions for the benefit of the nation.
- The church leaders and I have been discussing areas of growth for the church. Pray for God's guidance to be upon us as we steer our way through the year.

### **Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Vuci Rd, Raj Deo**

#### **Praise God:**

- Our church is open for worship on Sundays and the church is going well.
- For keeping us safe. None of our church members to date have died from this virus.

#### **Pray For:**

- God to continue to protect us all at this time of crisis. The virus is spreading rapidly in Fiji (and in other countries).
- God to bring an end to this virus.

## **India**

### **Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad**

#### **Praise God:**

- That our teacher Seema is recovering well and all our teachers and children are safe and keeping well.
- For the successful Christmas program among the slum community. About 200 people attended and celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

#### **Pray For:**

- Our children and youth, that they will experience the love of Christ through all the activities that we conduct.
- For the renewal of our FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) certificate that is pending with the government officials.

## **Indonesia**

### **Indonesian Churches of Christ, Daniel Trihandarkha**

#### **Pray For:**

- The family, friends and colleagues grieving the passing of Pastor Moelyono on 22 January 2022. He laid the foundation for the local indigenous leadership of Central Java. His gracious, warm and wise leadership and his support for missionaries and pastors working in Central Java will be missed.

## Papua New Guinea

### Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ and Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT), Martha Wade

#### Praise God:

- For the 17 people baptised in November at Pikus Paia, a village to the east of the Apal language group. Leaders from the Apal group assisted with the celebration. Pray for the church to grow.
- That a remote Mum-speaking village on a mountain to the northeast has been asking for a preacher to come help them learn about God. Pray for Kilian (a Gandep Bible College graduate from the Apal language group) and his family as they commence ministry there.

#### Pray For:

- The evangelistic efforts to the west of the Apal language group in the Nend and Mum villages. A group from the Apal language group spent the Christmas holidays at Tevari. God's power was seen by both language groups.
- The typesetter working on the Apal Bible. Pray that it will be finished in early 2022.

## Thailand

### Churches of Christ Thailand (CCT), Tewin Somchit

#### Praise God:

- COVID numbers were decreasing just prior to Christmas so we were able to not only share online but also come together in person for some Christmas events.

#### Pray For:

- The Social Development and Services Unit workers as they distribute blankets and warm clothes for churches and communities in the cold mountainous regions.
- Those working in the overwhelmed hospitals coping with COVID cases (rising again rapidly after the New Year's holiday travel) and people suffering from respiratory diseases both from the cold and also the smog from forest fires. This air pollution has also caused some road accidents due to poor visibility.

## Vanuatu

### Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ (CCCV), Londua Technical College, Philip Neyava

#### Praise God:

- Thirteen students at Londua Technical College on Ambae passed their Year 10 exams so now qualify for Year 11. This is an excellent result for the first year of operation after returning to Ambae. One student qualified for Malapoa College, the top school in Vanuatu.

#### Pray for:

- The residents of Ambae. Manaro Volcano is again sending up plumes of smoke and ash which can be seen and heard on Santo. Currently they are on a Level 2 alert.

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## **Vietnam**

### **Churches of Christ in Vietnam, Ps T**

#### **Praise God:**

- For the three new groups that have opened.
- For the times we have been able to provide food relief for people in difficulty during the pandemic.

#### **Pray For:**

- Those in the Mekong Delta. In the past few months the Covid infection has become very serious, especially in Can Tho and Cà Mau.
- Ps B and his family to recover quickly after being infected with Covid a few weeks ago.

## **Zimbabwe**

### **Showers of Blessing (OSBT), Boniface Mpofu**

#### **Praise God:**

- For a good start to the rainy season in Zimbabwe. We are hoping for a good harvest and plentiful water for the animals.
- For the blessing of life and guiding us through a difficult 2021.

#### **Pray For:**

- 2022 to be a year blessed with peace and abundant rain bringing a good harvest for rural communities.
- Less COVID-19 infections in 2022 leading to less strict lockdown measures enabling us to travel more and assist more communities with much-needed water.