

Going Deeper – May 2022

Dear Friends,

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

Australia

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

Praise God:

- Increased numbers of young people have returned to the Dareton Youth Centre after lockdowns in NSW.

Pray For:

- Jongil and his wife, Sunjoo Kim, who have arrived in Melbourne, VIC. Pray that God will give them wisdom and direction as they lead the Melbourne Indigenous church through this next period.
- The printing and distribution of the 'Story of Norseman' publication.
- The Program Coordinators of the various groups at Moorditj Keila, WA. Pray that God will guide them as they respond to the challenges brought by COVID.

Bangladesh

Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ (BHCOC), Vana Bawm

Pray For:

- Those who are grieving the loss of Pastor Nema who passed away on 23 April. Ps Nema was a founding member of BHCOC and Vana's right-hand coworker.

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- There were baptisms among unreached people groups in Sulawesi, Java. Discipleship training is led by laymen leaders who have been discipled through an extension program.
- For the students who have recovered from COVID.

Pray For:

- The re-accreditation of CCTSI. Pray that we receive approval from the government.
- Ministry in the rural places all over Indonesia. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring people who are eager to know the truth and be discipled by our team.

Asia Pacific International (API), Gideon Tanbunaan

Praise God:

- There were 48 baptisms reported across Indonesia in April.
- The renovation of the GJKI Motekar tower has been completed well.

Pray For:

- The progress of the ministry at GJKI North Sumatra. Please also pray for the activities of preaching the Gospel in the hinterland.
- S who, from a young age, liked to seek black magic. Pray that he has now truly repented and is believing in Christ.

Papua New Guinea

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

Praise God:

- During the last two weeks of March, 50 participants plus teachers met to study Exodus and learn about forgiveness. There were major discussions about magic and people agreed that Christians should not use magic. Pray they implement that decision.

Pray For:

- The participants who will study the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy from May 23 – June 3. They will also learn how to preach.
- People in the Sogeram area who want to be baptised soon.

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- SDSU was able to hold a planned, but delayed, child protection training on April 5. This included school teachers in the Wiang Pa Pao district, Chiang Rai, which is about 100 km north of the office in Chiang Mai.
- Two CCT mission workers within the SDSU unit returned to Thailand in April following short periods in their home countries; Judy from England and Mary from the USA.

Pray For:

- The pig raising project. The families in the project are now doing well with their pig raising after some problems with swine flu. The family members have been trained by experts on how to minimize the risk of infection.
- The 36th CCT assembly meeting which is due to take place May 11-12.
- Hope Home is a foster care home for children with disabilities. Over half the children and staff are now COVID positive. Pray for the staff, children and their respite and family contacts.