

Going Deeper – October 2017

Dear Friends,

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

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Bruce Edwards

Praise God:

- We have Vipin and Irene Narayan back in Fiji for a few months. They will be a great encouragement to the other pastors and the Nakasi Church while they are here.

Pray For:

- Bruce as he focuses time and energy on researching attitudes and beliefs about climate change in the church in Fiji as part of finalising his Masters of Transformational Development studies. Pray for smooth sailing for our pastors and churches during this time, when Bruce's time and attention is less directly available to them.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Daniel Gaikwad

Praise God:

- The tailoring class' second group has 15 participants and they are learning really well.
- The new day care centre for slum children in Mumbai has daily provided basic education and some snacks.

Pray For:

- God to strengthen those who are fighting AIDS.
- Our need to purchase a building for a community development centre in the slums of Mumbai.

Papua New Guinea

Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ (MECOC), Yabru Jerry

Praise God:

- For Pastor Soni Bakura. God is using him to minister to many backslidden church pastors in the Sogeram area who are returning to God.
- Silas and Alois attended the Angoram District church leaders bookkeeping course on September 25-27 at Yamen.

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Pray For:

- Pastor Soni Bakura and the churches in the Sogeram area.

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

Praise God:

- For leaders of the Sogeram River area being encouraged by Soni Bakara.
- The book of Genesis has finished being recorded and is ready for the final check. The recording of Exodus in the Apal language can now begin.
- For Gwentyth Beale's successful spinal fusion. She asks for prayers for a successful rehabilitation.

Pray For:

- Repentance and revival in the Sogeram River area.
- The pastor/leader in-service course, scheduled for October 22-27 at Angguna.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- For the protection of the Emmanuel children and teachers, and the returning of the Community Chief from Khartoum, where he went for medical treatment, and is now healthy.
- Paulino is doing his internship placement in Juba, and has received free accommodation at a friend's house.

Pray For:

- The South Sudan National Dialogues, as the government is planning to tour all the states to promote reconciliation for our nation.
- The church leaders in South Sudan during the National Dialogue. Pray that they tell the truth during this crisis, and that preaching the gospel would be a priority to help Christians remain God-fearing people, faithful to God.
- One of the Emmanuel School students recently passed away. Pray for the children as they process their grief.

Zimbabwe

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

Praise God:

- The rains we had last season have alleviated food shortages, particularly maize (corn) in the rural areas. The communities have enough stored for their own consumption.
- There is enough food for the animals to graze on after the recent rains.

Pray For:

- The worsening economic situation in Zimbabwe. The price of commodities and food is rising, and some items are already in short supply. Please pray for us as we have to battle with these unpredictable situations, and the shortage of cash in the banks is making transacting especially difficult in the rural areas.

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