

Going Deeper – April 2022

Dear Friends,

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

Australia

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), Pt Hedland, Colin Battersby & Remy Sese

Praise God:

- At Port Hedland, a young man full of fear and concern about COVID-19 and what it meant, reached out to the church, at the direction of another person, to see if he could secure a Bible from us. For five weeks, he connected with the church to receive personal encouragement and instruction. On his very first time to the Sunday morning church service, he rocked up with a towel in hand, ready to take the next step and be baptised. We baptised him a couple of hours later after his prayer to receive the Lord. Praise God!

Bangladesh

Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ (BHCOG), Vana Bawm

Pray For:

- Pastor Lalrunnem, the Administrative Secretary and a founding member of BHCOG. He has kidney failure and requires dialysis twice a week.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, Lautoka, David Reddy

Praise God:

- We cleared out idols from a family's home and this family is continuing to grow in Christ.

Pray For:

- Kevin, Shanil and Amere. These are a few people in the church who we are planning to baptise soon. Please pray for God's hand to be upon them and his Spirit to lead them.
- Sushila, that God will bring her to a state of health that is even better than before her condition. She is still weak and recovering from her illness from last year.

Indonesia

Asia Pacific International (API), Gideon Tanbunaan

Praise God:

- Translation of the Jesus film from the Gospel of Luke has begun in the Kaur and Enggano tribes in Bengkulu province.
- During February, new church services began in the Senoni area! The journey time is about one hour and thirty minutes. If it's raining, then you can't go to this place because the road is very slippery and vehicles can't pass through it. Pray for ministry in these circumstances.

Pray For:

- April 2022 Revival and the completion of the church construction in North Sulawesi.
- Youth Group ministry activities as well as preaching the Gospel to villages where they believe in syncretism.

Thailand

Churches of Christ Thailand (CCT), Tewin Somchit

Praise God:

- People are more at peace and at ease with the COVID situation, now returning to work in person and feeling more able to serve fully again.
- For the Little Angel Project, providing activities and gifts for children in the villages.

Pray For:

- The recruitment of new personnel.
- The pig raising projects. The Social Development and Services Unit seeks to help at least two more communities develop through these activities and training.
- Those learning about, and implementing, child protection within the ministry.

Zimbabwe

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

Pray For:

- Family, friends, church leaders and members grieving the passing of Evangelist Famalos. Famalos was inspirational and passionate in planting churches and reaching remote villages with the Gospel despite the challenges faced. His funeral was held on 3 April with most of the ACCZ pastors and many church members in attendance. We thank God for a life dedicated to sharing the Good News of God's love among our people. He will be sadly missed.

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

Praise God:

- For the reduction in COVID cases which has enabled the lifting of restrictions, hence enabling us to visit communities in need of safe water.
- For the communities which were blessed with boreholes. Most are embarking on livelihood projects which are helpful in times of drought through the establishment of gardens and other income-generating projects.

Pray For:

- More rain. The crops in the rural areas are moisture stressed which might result in food shortages.
- A speedy resolution to the conflict in Ukraine. Vulnerable countries like Zimbabwe are already feeling the impact of rising inflation due to fuel increases.