

Going Deeper – December 2019

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

Port Hedland

Pray For:

- God's wisdom and discernment for the leadership as they work closely with those affected by drug addiction, health issues and home evictions.
- God to raise up young Aboriginal Christians to be disciplined, mentored and trained within the already existing IMA WA fellowships and be prepared to take on the IMA WA leadership.

Wadjak Northside (Balga)

Pray For:

- Dawn Gilchrist as she works with the young mothers and Len Yarran as he mentors the young men at Wadjak; that they will sense God's love, acceptance and belonging.

Esperance

Praise God:

- that there are more and more Aboriginal people coming to the Esperance Church as a result of work in the region. Pray for Laurence and Gloria Beach as they look after the church.

Norseman

Praise God:

- for a wonderful time together at the 80th anniversary of the church in Norseman. Times of sharing and reconnecting with individuals and families from the mission days.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

Pray For:

- the upcoming Christmas service on December 14. It will be the first time for a few members to be a part of such an occasion and everyone is very excited about it. Pray that God will imprint the true meaning of Christmas on their hearts and minds.

Pray For:

- a better location for the Lautoka Church to hold services. They are currently held in a hall, but it leaks during rainy weather and is exposed to the public. Please pray that God shows us a better location for the congregation to gather and worship him.

Praise God:

- that Natasha, a young woman who had recently come to the church, has given her life to God and is planning to be baptised.
- for the growth of the leaders. Witnessing the newly appointed leaders taking up their responsibilities and bringing them to completion continues to be a source of joy.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

Pray for:

- the girls attending our Vocational Centre to gain skills and confidence which will help them to fight poverty as well as domestic violence.
- the safety of the 40 children attending Emmanuel Education Centre in the slums. There is always the fear of child trafficking in that area.

Praise God for:

- his protection around our children. The children's attendance has increased and they show eagerness to learn new things.
- the successful running of Tailoring and Computer Classes, which have trained more than 100 youths so far.

Thailand

The Eleventh District of the Church of Christ Thailand (CCT), Prasit Tongtuswattana

Pray for:

- the people living in the north and north-east of Thailand, who are preparing for winter. The people there are used to tropical weather, and are poorly prepared for the cold weather. Pray for their safety in this time. Pray for wisdom in how to respond to their needs.
- the SDSU Little Angel Project which begins in December. This project seeks to provide Christmas gifts to children in poor, rural areas. Pray that the project will be supported to bring some happiness to the lives of many children and families who face hardships every day.

Zimbabwe

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

Pray For:

- peace to prevail in Zimbabwe. The economic situation is at boiling point and we are worried there may be an explosion in our land.
- our new evangelists who started work in August and seem to be doing good work.

Praise God For:

- the heavy rains that have fallen recently and given much needed water to people.
- the people in Australia who came to listen and who gave generously to the mission work in Zimbabwe during BJ and Chipo's recent tour of Australia.