

Going Deeper – April 2023

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), Nick Wight, Remy Sese

Praise God:

- Stirling is an 18-year-old First Nations man, who recently gave his heart to the Lord at the Port Hedland Church, WA. Pastor Barry's wife, Maree, said she witnessed the joy and excitement on Stirling's face when he chose his own Bible after the church service from their in-house library and he "left beaming with it". He is now wanting to be baptised!

Pray For:

- That Stirling would continue to grow in the Lord and find a home of his own somehow.
- Uncle Sonny Graham recently experienced a minor stroke. Uncle Sonny is well respected across Australia as a senior Aboriginal Christian elder. Please pray for his recovery and for his wife, Fran.

Bangladesh

Bandarban Hills Churches of Christ (BHCOC), Vana Bawm

Pray For:

- The victims and families of a fatal bus accident that involved church members from the Theihkiang Village in the Bandarban Hills. Pray for those who are recovering and grieving.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

Praise God:

- We had a family of eight people receive Christ recently and it's refreshing to see how they are growing spiritually.

Pray For:

- Preparation for the Easter service.
- Suhani, one of our older members, has recently migrated to Australia for work purposes. Pray that God's guidance be upon her as she navigates her way through a new place.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

Praise God:

- For His grace and provision around all our children, staff and slum community members.
- Many women and girls are taking vocational skills training like tailoring, beautician and computer courses and transforming their lives through dedication and hard work.

Pray For:

- The safety of children, especially girls, living in the slum communities. Unfortunately, they face a lot of abuse and violence at home.
- The safety of our staff as we work in these difficult conditions. Also, that Christ will be seen through our actions.

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- Three people from the Bugis tribe became Christians and want to be baptised.
- Nine students have been sent to the field to do ministry among the unreached.

Pray For:

- The preparation of graduation to be held in June this year.
- That ministry among unreached people groups could be fruitful and students would be a blessing to all people they serve.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International (CMI) South Sudan, Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- The CMI team took part in an International Women's Day event with the South Sudan government.
- For the support of the Discipleship and Leadership Training in Uganda. Four men have graduated and will return home to support our local ministry.

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- The mission retreat was held February 28 – March 3. It was successful with over 150 people in attendance.
- Essential items were distributed to refugees on the Thai border at the end of March.

Pray For:

- The COCOA meeting to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, April 17-27. SDSU is pleased to be able to assist in preparations for these meetings and opportunity to serve.

Vanuatu

Churches of Christ Conference Vanuatu (CCCV)

Pray for:

- Please join us in prayer for the people of Vanuatu who have experienced Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin. Pray for the distribution of emergency food and seeds to re-establish gardens, along with safe transport between the islands.

Zimbabwe

Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe, BJ Mpofu

Praise God:

- Recently we have seen plenty of rainfall in most places where we have churches.
- Pastors and evangelists are recording near hundred percent attendance each week.

Pray For:

- Peace during this period of the election campaign.
- Churches who might be in the spotlight during this election season. Although we discourage speaking party politics from the pulpit, there is always a possibility that what they say may be misrepresented.