

Going Deeper – September 2018

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the September 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:

- That we had a great time with Craig Brown at our annual pastor's retreat – working with the pastors towards the transition at the end of the year when I conclude in my role.
- For a valuable COCOA funded workshop on trauma healing, equipping some of our pastors and church members to assist people recovering from trauma. The workshop was initiated as part of our response and preparedness in relation to natural disasters. The learning is valuable and applicable in other life situations as well.

Pray For:

- The participants of the workshop as they apply the learning and further develop their capacity to respond to others.
- The pastors and churches in this transition process, and also for the Edwards family as they prepare for transition too.

Papua New Guinea

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

Praise God:

- For the recent invitation from Nend speaking people in the Pasinkap area for a Mum speaking Gandep graduate to go and preach God's word. Pray that the seeds planted will grow.

Pray For:

- Further repentance and unity among church leaders in the Sogeram River area.
- The speakers of the other main dialect of Apal to be united and agree on the spelling, so that people can record the translations of Mark, Titus and Jude.
- Pray for the 10 women in the Angguna area, who are trying to learn to read or improve their ability to read Apal, in a literacy class that started at the beginning of August.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International, Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- That the South Sudan peace agreement was signed in early August in Khartoum. Many are celebrating this wonderful initiative.
- That our evangelists are working, and have planted two Churches of Christ – one in Nyiriet, and the other in Gungnou Community.

- That Emmanuel Orphans Primary School was found to be the best school in the District Level Baseline Research Survey conducted by the County Education Department. Our teachers have completed all the required topics in every class!

Pray For:

- Paulino's family in Kampala, as his wife is undergoing treatment for asthma.
- Nyibol Deng Dut, a child, who is now sick with malaria.

Vanuatu

The Mobile Bible College, Judith Vusi

Praise God:

- That we are slowly progressing with the training centre and collecting funds.

Pray For:

- The new principal who will be appointed for 2019. Pray also for Judith as her term concludes.

Vietnam

Bright Solutions, Fiona Briers

Praise God:

- For evidence of the women's self-confidence and maturing self-worth through their vision contributions.

Pray For:

- Wisdom and discernment for some major business and staffing decisions in the coming months.
- Team unity to be consciously guarded as we seek to be light to the community. This needs to remain an essential distinguishing mark of Bright Solutions DNA.
- New staff.

Zimbabwe

Khayelihle Children's Village, Vimbai Vuma

Pray For:

- The recruitment of new board members.

Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe, BJ Mpofu

Praise God:

- For a great weekend of celebration at our National Conferences.
- For the peace that our country seems to be going through after the killings that happened during the elections.
- For the youth conference held from August 24-27 at Palawan.
- For the Zvishavane District Conference held from August 31 to September 3.

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpfu

Praise God:

- That the weather is now warm and favourable enough for us to work in the rural areas, providing water through the drilling of boreholes.
- For the efforts of the Safe Water September team and their continued support. We sense that this year is going to be even better.

Pray For:

- A peaceful government, and that the running of the country will bring peace and prosperity.
- Showers of Blessings to be blessed with abundant water for communities in need.