

Going Deeper – October 2020

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the October 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

Praise God:

- Dena Gower and Keren Masters (Ngaama Ministries, Western Australia) facilitated the 'Ni' (Listen) Cultural Awareness workshop with a group of Perth Christian leaders.
- Dennis Jetta, Charmaine Councillor and Roslyn Bann stepped into leadership at the Bunbury Aboriginal Christian Fellowship church during Pastor Greg Little's recovery from surgery.

Pray For:

- The distribution of COVID Essential Packs within the Melbourne community as they continue to feel the impact of the lockdown. Pray that families will be supported and encouraged.
- Jordan, a young Indigenous Christian man, has begun to connect with the Hedland Church and is seeking God's guidance about future ministry.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

Praise For:

- Munisha received healing for her hands! Pray she makes a stronger commitment to God.

Pray For:

- A new family started attending the Lautoka Church. Pray for their salvation.
- The offer of a church family to donate land for our church. Pray for God's will and our discernment in this situation.
- God's protection for the church and the Reddy family.

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Papua New Guinea

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

Praise God:

- For the four teams of leaders encouraging churches in the Sogeram area.
- For the large unexpected crowd that attended a women's meeting and seminar for couples.

Pray For:

- The two-week Bible school course starting 5-16 October 2020. Over 40 people have signed up from three different language groups to study Genesis.
- Pray for the Apal translation team as they continue to work on the final recording and editing of the Apal Scriptures.

Philippines

International Christian College Manila (ICCM), Arthur Santiago

Pray For:

- The preparation of suitable modules for the students and our adjustment for the 'new normal'. This includes students from remote areas who do not have reliable internet.
- The ongoing adjustment to our school finances due to COVID-19.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International (CMI), Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- South Sudanese leaders are slowly accepting reconciliation to peaceful co-existence in our lives. Pray for peace building in South Sudan.

Pray For:

- The safety of eight teachers when riding their bicycles to support students in remote areas.
- Local families caring for children, congregations and the community at large.
- Paulino Malou, who is having problems with eyesight and is visiting the doctor.
- Our cooks, guards, caretakers, as well as our government.

Thailand

Church of Christ Thailand (CCT), Tewin Somchit

Praise God:

- That 250 Christmas gifts have been prepared for Karen children in seven village communities; also, 200 jackets and 200 mosquito nets have been prepared to help protect families from malaria.

Pray For:

- Preparation for Social Development and Service Unit (SDSU) Planning Meeting for 2021 this October. This involves a review, evaluation and plan for future activities.
- Preparation of 'The Little Angel Project'. SDSU links up with isolated local churches in mountainous or needy areas. The project enables Christmas presents to children who have never before received gifts at Christmas. It is a simple way to show love and care to these children.
- The COVID-19 situation on Thailand's border with Myanmar. Reports of new infections are causing fear and awareness of vulnerability for some people. Pray for their psychological health.

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