

Going Deeper – June 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the June 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, Nick Wight, Remy Sese

Praise God:

- The Bible Society has offered to facilitate a Ngadju Bible translation workshop in Esperance with Sonny and Fran Graham, Les and James Schultz and other community members on June 15-17.
- Lois Johnson, Director of Arising Indigenous Community Aid in Northern NSW, has been supported through GMP's flood relief response to deliver much needed bedding, food, tents, and small electricals to isolated and homeless Indigenous families.

Pray For:

- Dorothy Clinch as she organises NAIDOC week and upcoming events in Moorditj Keila.
- Indigenous leaders to facilitate outreach ministry in the park. Booyi (turtle) and worship ministry - Warl-kin (rainbow), Ngaama Ministries, Perth.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

Praise God:

- Sister Sushila has recovered by the grace of God. Her health improved significantly, and her doctors stopped the medications she had been on. We are amazed at how God has worked in her life in a steady and unfailing way.

Pray For:

- A lady experiencing marital problems who has been in a lot of distress. Pray that she is encouraged by God's word, finding truth and comfort and direction from the Holy Spirit.
- Our friends welcomed their first-born son. Pray that God leads the new parents into raising their baby in accordance with God's word and that they find God's strength and instruction.

Papua New Guinea

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

Praise God:

- The Apal Scriptures were sent to the printer and the Apal audio version was distributed to Apal-speaking leaders at the course in March.

Pray For:

- Teachers and participants at the next leadership course from May 21 – June 3. The Bible study will be Numbers-Deuteronomy (taught by Jekop Sam) and the practical topic will be preaching (taught by Jon Kais).

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- For a successful 36th Assembly meeting on May 11 and 12 in Chiang Mai Province. 386 people were present and a further 40 people joined us online.
- SDSU is very pleased to welcome Mrs Mary Huff to join the staff of SDSU.

Pray For:

- The churches and local communities where SDSU coordinates appropriate social welfare and humanitarian assistance for migrants fleeing conflict and seeking safety and shelter in the Thailand border areas.
- The youth who participate in seminars during May – June. The focus is on issues of child protection, health care and raising awareness about self-defence methods. This is especially important for those children approaching adolescence with all its challenges.

Vanuatu

Conference of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu (CCCV), James Aru

Pray For:

- Peter Bryant who has changed his responsibility from teaching to a Program Manager. We would like to maintain the relationship we have established with Peter through CCCV for future projects.

Zimbabwe

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

Praise God:

- For a significant decline of the Omicron virus in our country.
- For good attendances in our churches, after what appeared to be a slow take off in attendances.

Pray For:

- Several new congregations that are in the process of moulding bricks to build chapels.
- Several pastors/evangelists who need new motorbikes after their old ones have given in to old age.

Showers of Blessing (OSBT), Boniface Mpfu

Praise God:

- We have recently provided two communities with water through drilling boreholes in Zvishavane. This has reduced walking distances from seven kilometres to a maximum of two kilometres in bad terrain.
- Strict Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted enabling our wells project team to visit communities and continue providing the most needed water.

Pray For:

- Rural communities in Zimbabwe as the erratic rains have seen most farmers fail to harvest reasonable crops which will result in food insecurity.
- A speedy resolution to the war in Ukraine as the effects of the war are felt through price increases of commodities in Zimbabwe.