

## Going Deeper – August 2020

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the August 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

##### Praise God:

- For the ongoing recoveries of Pastors Sonny Graham and Denis Atkinson. Continue to pray for these wonderful Indigenous Christian elders, and for peace and strength for their families.

##### Pray For:

- The deepening of relationships and fellowship within the ministries of Bunbury, Hedland and Norseman churches, as they recommence Sunday services.
- The distribution of IMA [Essentials Packs](#) within the community; that vulnerable families will be supported and encouraged by local Aboriginal faith communities.
- The building of strong connections and friendships between young Indigenous Christian leaders across IMA's programs, including through the work of [Ngaama Ministries](#).
- The Victorian Indigenous community, who have seen a big increase in COVID-19 cases impacting their folk. Pray for Pastors Tony and Francine Riches who live and minister in one of Melbourne's COVID-19 hotspots.

### Fiji

#### Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy, Muneshwar Goundar and Raj Deo

##### Praise For:

- Our churches are open for Sunday services and 100 members are allowed to be present for a church service. We praise God for the newest families that are attending our churches.
- That during this stressful time people are extending their hand to the vulnerable, and that the church is in a position to help people with groceries.

##### Pray For:

- The many people have lost jobs and are experiencing difficult times.

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## Philippines

### International Christian College Manila (ICCM), Arthur Santiago

#### Praise God:

- For the sponsors of the COVID-19 rapid-test kits.

#### Pray For:

- Online enrolments for ICCM, which start on July 15, until August 15. The first classes begin on August 17.
- Readiness of our faculty to the new system of 'blended learning' online teaching.
- Students who need to stay at ICCM for study, due to long-distance travel or the lack of internet connection at home.
- Pray for the end of this global disease that hampers our ministry.

## Thailand

### Churches of Christ Thailand (CCT), Tewin Somchit

#### Praise God:

- For the seminar on Land Resource Management held on July 30.

#### Pray For:

- Curriculum development in Bible schools on social development.
- The Hill Tribe Project within ethnic communities. Pray the work would revive (after the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted) so we can achieve sustainable living and income generation.
- CCT as we celebrate the UN International Indigenous Peoples' Day (August 9)  
The theme for our worship services on Sunday August 2 is, 'Ethnic Group Christians – Sharing Christian Love and Happiness'.

## Zimbabwe

### Showers of Blessing, BJ Mpofu

#### Pray For:

- Zimbabwe as COVID-19 cases rise. Our situation is made worse as there is not much testing done, and so we do not have accurate figures.
- The preparation needed to provide more bores to rural communities.