

Going Deeper – June 2019

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

Praise God:

- Esperance (from Ps Sonny & Frances Graham): There was a miraculous response to the three families that baptised their young people in our church recently. It was wonderful to see three pastors and one mother baptise their children. Representatives and families of those present represented seven different churches. Our church was overflowing.
- Norseman (Ps Kevin & Debbie Tucker): Yvonne Green (nee Graham) is now employed by the Ngadju Nation in their new office in Norseman. Pray for Yvonne in this role as she is a committed Christian and has many contacts with Indigenous people in Norseman.

Pray For:

- Esperance: Please pray for Harry Graham, Sonny's brother, who is studying theology online through Vose Seminary.
- Norseman: Continue to pray for the Even-tide ministry which is an outside evening service which includes a community BBQ, singing and preaching at the front of the church.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ (FCCC), David Reddy

Pray For:

- Ashina and her two children, Suhani and her mother Sushila, and Sangeeta. Pray that these new believers will stand firm in the word of God
- FCCC as they look to buy land to build a new church. Pray for wisdom in choosing a location, and that the process goes smoothly and without trouble.

India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaiwad

Praise God:

- For His unfailing love towards us as we have finished this academic year, even though we had to go through a very difficult time.
- For the successful completion of six months of Vocational Training Courses of 60 underprivileged youths.

Pray For:

- The appointments of new teachers in our school, and at the Educational Centre in the slums.
- All the youth who are enrolled in our vocational training centres to feel encouraged, hopeful and also experience the love of Christ.

Indonesia

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

Pray for:

- The instability post-election, so the government can handle the situation with wisdom from God.
- The Muslims who are currently in Ramadan fasts, and will soon celebrate Idul Fitri. Pray that Indonesia will continue to see harmony among people.
- The 20 students graduating on June 25, that they will stay faithful in doing ministry, and reaching out to others with the skills that they develop in their life.
- The recruiting of new students of CCTSI that will start in August this year, and for the financial support to continue the school's work.

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

Pray for:

- The dedication of the Waran language New Testament on June 23, at the village of Yar. Pray especially that people will have a great desire to read God's Word in their own language.
- Many good readers to volunteer to help finish the recording of the Apal language New Testament during the next few months, after Martha Wade returns to the village of Angguna.
- For the new churches in the Nend language group area to grow and become strong.

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International (CMI), Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- For the blessing and protection of orphaned children in Emmanuel Orphans Primary School. They are in good health since the World Food Programme has agreed to provide a feeding program to the school.
- For the Ox Plough project, which is improving the productivity of harvesting. This has helped provide food, and money to pay school fees, medical bills, and buying school uniforms.

Pray for:

- Peace in South Sudan, since we are yearning for peace.
- The gospel spreading in South Sudan, such that people's hearts are changed and they love God, and the children of God.

Thailand

The Eleventh District of the Church of Christ Thailand (CCT), Prasit Tongtuswattana

Pray For:

- The mission to the Mon people at Samut Sonkhram Evangelism Center, as they continue their work with prisons, with migrant workers, and helping Mon children access education.
- The 31 Christian families that have been told they must move their community to a new village. Pray for these families as they are struggling with the loss of their homes, and fearful of enforcement by Army and Government officers.
- The project to rebuild Saseemom Chapel. The old building has been damaged by termites and is unsafe, so must be demolished. Pray that the budget can be found to rebuild this church.
- The election of a new Prime Minister, with the Thai Parliament meeting on June 5. Pray for wisdom and compassion in this time of change.

Zimbabwe

Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV), Vimbai Vuma

Praise God:

- For the good health of our children despite the cold weather, since we are now in winter.
- That Felix Tinotenda Masenyama and Petros Masikati successfully completed their degrees at university, and that one of them has already secured a job. We pray that the other also finds employment soon.

Pray for:

- Economic stability in Zimbabwe.
- The KCV staff, and the Board, to press on towards achieving KCV's objectives.

Showers of Blessing, Boniface Mpofu

Pray for:

- Zimbabwe as we are facing tough economic times. Inflation is causing a hike in price of fuel, which in turn has more than tripled the prices of basic commodities. Meanwhile wages are still low and in a lot of cases companies have scaled down, and people have lost jobs altogether and do not have stable incomes.
- Our leaders and those that govern over the land. May God grant them the wisdom and aptitude to handle the economy and business of government responsibly and lead the nation to being the “Bread basket” of Africa once again.
- Zimbabwe as the country faces food and water shortages due to the economic situation and the drought. Please pray for more funding so we can help more communities with the much needed water. It is needed not only for drinking and household needs but helps families improve the nutrition for children through the establishment of vegetable gardens.
- God continue to bless our partners at GMP, Australian AID and various others, who facilitate the work that we do for the communities to continue to make an impact in multitudes of lives. It is indeed more blessed to give than to receive.