

Going Deeper – July 2024

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the July edition of Going Deeper. Thank you for your prayers and support for our partners. It is greatly appreciated.

Australia

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), Remy Sese (Western Australia)

Praise God:

Bunbury

- Praise God for strong leaders over many years and the renewal among the young and new people coming to the church. Pray all acknowledge God as the ultimate shepherd and, in humility, unite so he can build his Church.

Port Hedland

- Thank God for Multicultural Australia, which puts aside ethnicities, comes and grows together in Christ Jesus, encouraging and building an Indigenous church as it is in Port Hedland!

Norseman

- Praise God and pray for the birthplace of Churches of Christ Indigenous ministry in Norseman and its current beginnings of growth in the two fellowship groups.

Pray For:

Esperance

- God's relentless pursuit of the Aboriginal people will be continually upheld, and, by faith, trust him for the possibility of building a church they feel a sense of belonging.

Fiji

Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

Praise God:

- I have been praying for P for a while now for her healing. Recently, she had some complications after her surgery, and the surgeon advised her for another surgery. Her recent tests came in, and it was clear. She has been healed by the power of God.
- A and F have recently been appointed as committee members. They are of Muslim background and have given their lives to Christ for the last two years. They are very faithful.

Pray For:

- The future location of the church building.
- I started encouraging a new couple. Please pray that they will give their life to God and accept Jesus as their saviour.

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India

Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

Praise God:

- For His protection around all our children and staff members during this extreme summer heat and the timely arrival of monsoon showers.
- We praise God that all our projects are running very well and that more and more youths are enrolling in our skills training program.

Pray For:

- As the new school year begins, kindly pray that more children from our slum community get access to schools and that their parents understand the importance of education and a bright future for their children.
- Pray that some of the younger girls in Prakash Tekadi who had to drop out of school after their primary education due to family situations are now willing to write the grade 10 board examination.

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- For the graduation on June 26. Now, students can do good work in God's Kingdom.

Pray For:

- New students and the recruitment for next semester.
- That more unreached people group come to Jesus by working together as one body of Christ all over Indonesia

South Sudan

Christian Mercy International (CMI), Paulino Malou

Praise God:

- For rain this year, which gives positive expectations for harvesting by the end of the year. This will enable our projects for agriculture to succeed.
- Two schools are now registered for school food for education FFE under the government. Marolbuol Community Primary School and Taraliet Christian Academy. This is good news after Paulino Malou approached the state minister regarding the partnership.
- Return Rain Projects went well in some of the schools and health facilities in Aweil West County Nyamlel. We appreciate your positive efforts in supporting environmental protection in South Sudan and Aweil, in particular.
- Praise God for the continued partnership with COCOA support and ICP support in our four projects. COCOA support funds projects are education, Return Rain Projects and agriculture projects. ICP supports projects in discipleship and leadership training in South Sudan, Aweil Bible College programs, and student training in Kenya and Uganda.

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- We are a part of the working group building capacity and reducing health vulnerabilities among the ethnic population. This is one of 20 sub-projects addressing the major issues of health promotion and chronic health problems in the community. Church leaders, community leaders and school principals are participating in the project.

Pray For:

- New Staff. The CCT council has approved the resolution to appoint new staff to SDSU to replace several personnel who resigned. Pray for successful applications.
- International Day of the World's Indigenous People. Every first Sunday of August, the day is recognised for consideration of Christian ethnic tribes in Thailand. In line with the UN, August 9 is the day. SDSU plans to hold a worship service with all groups. Pray for open opportunities.
- Project Development. 2024 is the year that many of the major donors of SDSU complete three-year projects and invite new proposals and extensive report summaries of previous projects. Pray for wisdom in planning forward for successful evaluation of progress, and the humility to learn from challenges.

Vietnam

Churches of Christ

Praise God:

- 170 people have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Hallelujah.

Pray For:

- The leadership in local churches to have the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- That God will help the next generation to desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Zimbabwe

Showers of Blessing (OSBT), Boniface Mpofo

Praise God:

- For seeing us through many challenges—mainly the lack of adequate rainwater and the snowball effect of the ongoing drought.

Pray For:

- Relief for the ongoing drought and economic hardships makes individuals' daily lives extremely difficult. Families are finding it difficult to make ends meet and to have enough sustenance to keep their households afloat.
- Pray for our leaders as they oversee the nation. That their efforts may again make us the “land of milk and honey”.