

Going Deeper – August 2024

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), Nick Wight

Praise God:

- Thanks to God for the work of the Dareton Youth and Community leadership team, especially Clinton Waters, Ilker and Peter Waters, who are helping steer the process of incorporation for the Centre, a major milestone in its growth and development
- Thanks to God for the recent On Country cultural immersion trip with Emmanuel College and the dhiiyaan community at their Dalby property in QLD. It was an incredible time of learning, connection and reflection (as well as fun).Port Hedland

Pray For:

- John Lamerton's upcoming time with the leaders of the Bunbury Church in WA. For fruitful and gracious meetings.
- Pray for Ps Jongil Kim and the board of the Melbourne Indigenous Church as they continue to reconnect with CCVT and plan for the future.

Indonesia

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

Praise God:

- God keeps working miraculously by bringing people to Christ every month.

Pray For:

- This year, new students have started. We hope that more workers will be willing to be equipped at CCTSI. Give them courage and boldness to go far from home for God's Kingdom.
- Indonesian churches would teach sound doctrines, teach people the truth based on the Bible and help them live according to it.
- Economic stability will be maintained during the changing government personnel and the implementation of new regulations.

Asia Pacific International (API), Gideon Tanbunaan

Praise God:

- Three baptisms in various locations across Indonesia.
- Two new church plants during June and July.

Pray For:

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- Motorbikes are needed for ministry work. Pray for the growth and development of various congregations, financial support for construction projects, and the health of individuals and families.

Thailand

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

Praise God:

- SDSU collaborated with other missionary organisations and the Karen church group to assist 300 displaced families in the border areas of Thailand and Myanmar. Working with a relief NGO, survival boxes containing essential items were provided to help these families cope with the imminent rains. This project aimed to offer temporary relief until more permanent solutions can be implemented.
- SDSU partnered with the McGilvary Institute of Theology and Bangkok Christian Theological College to organise a seminar on Gender and Ethnic Minority Equality (July 26-29.)

Pray For:

- The Thai government has updated marriage laws to include all genders. Religious groups are adapting to these changes, and a seminar on LGBTQ+ ministry is scheduled for August 14th. Prayers are requested for the seminar attendees and the church as they navigate these

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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

Zimbabwe

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

Praise God:

- Local pastors share stories of people who love God and enthusiastically praise his name.
- The June convention in Bulawayo was well attended, and it was a special time of meeting many people and hearing inspiring speakers share God's Word with us.

Pray For:

- The economy in Zimbabwe is teetering on collapse, and people are struggling to make ends meet. Pray for peace to prevail, as our people have much unease.
- We are experiencing a difficult period due to last year's severe drought. Many families haven't had enough to eat, and it's sad when people talk of having a meal a day and, at times, nothing.