

# IN PARTNERSHIP

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## Building Connections with Churches All Over Australia

I have now been in my role as National Church Relationships Manager for one year. I can't believe how fast the year has gone; at the same time, it feels like I have been in this role forever. A large part of the reason why, is due to the kindness and care of our church partners.

Over the past twelve months, I have met with about 180 ministers and leaders. I have spoken about Global Mission Partners at about 16 churches, preaching at least once a month, sometimes twice. I have travelled so many kilometres—I don't even know! I do know that I have driven all over Victoria, even six hours all the way up to Red Cliffs and Mildura on the border. I have flown to QLD, NSW, and SA and even got to visit Bribie Island!

Each church that I have visited has been uniquely different from the one before; however, there is something about our Church of Christ churches that makes them feel like home. I am so grateful to everyone who has invited me in, welcomed me like family and showered me with hospitality.

One of my favourite values of Global Mission Partners is that everything we do is Gospel-Centered, and our partnerships are focused on sharing the love of Christ through both word and deed.

I am so inspired by the missional heart of each church. From their long-term support of our COCOA Christmas Offering, to walking alongside of our International Church Partnerships. Our Australian Churches of Christ churches have a heart for those on the margins, and they are incredibly generous when it comes to mission. Both locally and overseas.

Global Mission Partners works hard to connect with faithful churches across Australia. My theme for this year has been 'connection'. We want to build relationships, show our thanks and appreciation for your support, and highlight just how much can be done when we work together.

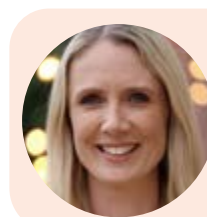
I have loved preaching at each of the churches, especially on connection and the verses found in John 15 about the vine and the branches. What a blessing it is to see God at work in the world, and a privilege to partner in that work together. When we abide in him, He produces such good fruit through us!

Thank you for sharing your stories and inspiring me to keep actively living out those verses. To love as He has loved me.

Thank you for your encouragement and partnership in mission. Twelve



months later, I can't believe how lucky I am to have this opportunity to share with so many churches. I can't wait for the next twelve months!



Carly Cassidy,  
National Church  
Relationships  
Manager.

### Safe Water September

Thank you for taking the Safe Water September challenge! Thank you for your generous donations. So far, over 168,000 has been raised for clean water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, and Vanuatu. There is still time to give before October 31.

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# BJ and Chipo Mpofu Visit Australia this November



It's not uncommon in Zvishavane to see a local pastor arrive on the back of a motorbike in a cloud of dust. Pastors and evangelists speed off through the drought-ridden Zimbabwean landscape to minister to communities each Sunday.

BJ Mpofu has seen the gospel arrive in rural communities by motorbike countless times over the 30 years he's been a key leader in the Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe. He was one of the pioneers behind the Motorbike Evangelists ministry.

Global Mission Partners are hosting BJ and Chipo Mpofu in Australia from November 8th–24th to share about these unique ministries and how God's love is transforming

communities in Zimbabwe with the help of his many friends and supporters in Australia.

This is an opportunity to hear from the Mpofu's about the transformational ministries in Zimbabwe and to reconnect with them. Australian churches support eight evangelists through Global Mission Partners and 28 pastors who use motorcycles to serve communities.

With BJ's support and guidance, along with other Christian leaders, over 77 churches have been planted, and over three thousand people have committed their lives to Christ. This year alone, the churches have baptised over 195 people.

On top of these achievements, BJ is a gifted preacher, pastor and mentor who has shaped many Christian leaders to go out and make disciples (Matt 28:16-20). He shared, "I seek to raise effective leaders who can bring the good news of Jesus to people in Zimbabwe."

BJ will be preaching at churches across Australia and sharing stories from the churches in Zimbabwe. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about his years in ministry, during which he has seen God's love transform communities.

## BJ will be at three supporter events and sharing during church services in the following cities in November:

### Perth:

#### Supporter Event:

Saturday 9th, 2.30pm-4pm,  
Subi Church, Subiaco



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Sunday 10th, 10 am  
True North Church (Merriwa)

Sunday 10th, 6 pm  
Bassendean Church of Christ

### Sydney:

Wednesday 13th to  
Friday 15th,  
BJ will attend the  
NSW/ACT Collective

### Melbourne:

#### Supporter Event:

Sunday 17th, 2 pm  
One. Church



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Sunday 17th, 10 am  
One. Church

### Adelaide:

#### Supporter Event:

Saturday 23rd, 10am  
Brooklyn Park Church of Christ



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Sunday, Nov 24,  
9 am & 10:45 am.  
Elizabeth Church of Christ

For more information, please contact Carly Cassidy, National Church Relationships Manager, [carly@gmp.org.au](mailto:carly@gmp.org.au)

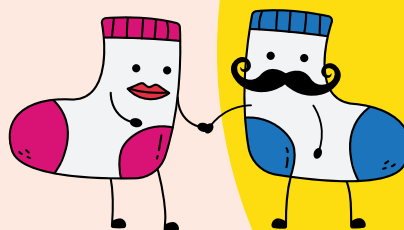
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## Training Teachers for Success

Anthony never completed his high school education. However, he accepted a position teaching primary students in a classroom in South Sudan. For Anthony, it was just a way to make ends meet. Without completing his education, he didn't realise the full impact he could have on his students.

The literacy rate in South Sudan is below fifty percent. Nearly 46% of primary school teachers have not completed their high school education. Quality education is challenged by the country's instability and frequent interruptions from conflict, flooding, and strikes resulting from delayed teacher salary payments.

Each teacher has a class of approximately 50 students, a 1:50 ratio. Significant challenges include few learning resources, a lack of textbooks, and infrastructure.

Anthony needs more support as a teacher to make a difference for the children.

Our Relief and Development partner, Christian Mercy International (CMI), works in a selection of primary schools each year to provide teachers like Anthony with scholarships to complete their high school education.

With assistance from CMI, Anthony completed his high school education!

Anthony is now a passionate and dedicated teacher. Along with receiving new skills and knowledge, completing his education renewed his sense of purpose for teaching. Completing his education enhanced the quality of the education he provides.

"My teaching style has completely changed. I have increased my knowledge and now know how to be a good teacher who is always well-prepared with the scheme of work and lesson plans. Now I can deliver my lessons well with good presentations," Anthony shared.



World Teachers' Day (October 5) celebrates how teachers transform education and reflects on the support they need to use their talent fully. Thanks to your support, Anthony completed his high school education. Now, he can better teach the students who look to him for guidance.

When you help train a teacher, students will have a better education, increasing their opportunities and ability to contribute positively to changing their country's future.

You can support teachers like Anthony when you support our Partner, Christian Mercy International, in South Sudan.

## Preachers Graduate from New Training

At the beginning of October 2023, BJ Mpofu from Zimbabwe initiated a new twelve-month training program for younger church members to learn how to preach. "So that when the Evangelist is not available to preach at a particular church, the congregation can get good messages each week through this training program," he said.

BJ has facilitated the program on Fridays and Saturdays with assistance from Sydney Mavodza, Principal of Central Africa Christian College (formerly Zimbabwe Christian College). The twenty-two students focus on learning foundations in biblical studies and preaching.

The students graduated on September 29 and received a certificate. They represent twelve newly established churches and will use their training to support their local church ministry. "These are programs that are bound to raise the standard of preaching in our churches," BJ explained.

BJ has also been training Mr Maxwell Watungwa, who will continue facilitating the program into 2025. Ten of his students will graduate in October. "Please pray for us as we run these programs that are bound to build God's Church in our country," asks BJ.



BJ will preach at churches across Australia during November and share more stories like this one from the churches in Zimbabwe. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about his 30 years in ministry, during which he has seen God's love transform many communities.