

# Going Deeper – September 2024

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the September 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

#### Prayer for Elders

Our God and Creator,

We thank You for the wisdom, guidance, and leadership of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Elders. We are grateful for their faithfulness and the rich heritage they bring to the body of Christ.

We ask for Your protection over their lives and pray for their physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Grant them strength, peace, and comfort. If they face health challenges, we ask for Your healing touch.

Bless these Elders with the assurance of Your love and remind them of the lasting impact of their work. May they continue to inspire and mentor with wisdom and grace.

Amen.

#### Prayer for Emerging Leaders

Heavenly Father

We thank You for the emerging Indigenous Christian Leaders embracing new ministry opportunities. We are grateful for their courage, passion, and commitment.

Lord, pour out Your Spirit upon them. Fill them with wisdom and clarity as they grow in faith and leadership. Protect them from harm, strengthen them in challenges, and let them find refuge in You.

Bless their efforts to integrate their cultural heritage with their faith. Surround them with support, and may they inspire others to serve. Provide for their needs, empowering them to bear fruit for Your Kingdom.

May they know Your presence and purpose in their lives, bringing hope and healing to their community.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

## Indonesia

### Fiji Community Churches of Christ, David Reddy

#### Praise God:

- An old friend of mine has given his life to God. It's been only a week, and his life has completely turned around.

#### Pray For:

- Proper land and building for our church.

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## India

### Ashwood Memorial Hospital, Philemon Pawar

#### Praise God:

- Thank you for His support of the healing ministry at Ashwood Hospital.

#### Pray For:

- We need a committed Christian doctor to continue this hospital in future. Especially a gynaecologist would be preferred.
- We are planning to renovate the operating theatre and labour room. Pray for continued donations and a proper architect and engineer.
- Pray for the Management Board for wisdom and decisions.

### Hosanna Ministries, Danny Gaikwad

#### Praise God:

- One hundred girls who completed the tailoring course received sewing machines! Global Mission Partners COCOA helped achieve this. The machines will help them generate income for themselves and their families.
- We praise God that all our teachers and staff are in good health. Due to heavy monsoon rains, viral infections have spread more.

#### Pray For:

- Community members' mindsets will shift towards valuing education so that they recognise the significance of educating their children.
- On August 15, we celebrated our 78th Independence Day. Please pray that the people of our country experience the real meaning of Independence and Freedom in Christ.

## Indonesia

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

#### Pray For:

- There is a need to build a new dorm for CCTSI students.
- The people in the rural places on Sulawesi Island need to hear about Jesus and be born again.
- Pray for the unity among staff, students, lecturers, churches, and the Board in working creatively for God's kingdom.

## South Sudan

### LAID Foundation of South Sudan (LAFOSS), Santino Makol

#### Praise God:

- Praise God that the food distribution was done well and that all target groups of vulnerable people have received food assistance through the funds sent by Global Mission Partners.

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- Praise God for our partnership agreement, which was renewed in July 2024. May the Almighty keep the Global Mission Partners team good and healthy.

#### **Pray For:**

- Unity of the South Sudanese people - that God will give them a heart of unity.
- The South Sudanese election, which is coming on December 22. The South Sudanese will decide to choose their leaders, and they want them to rule them well.

## **Thailand**

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

#### **Praise God:**

- SDSU joined with McGilvary College of Divinity and Bangkok Christian Theological College to organise a seminar on “Gender and Ethnic Minority Equality”. In total, 78 people attended in July 2024.

#### **Pray For:**

- It is the 90th anniversary of the CCT. Several celebrations of thanksgiving to God will be held across the whole country. Activities celebrating 90 years of the Council of Churches in Thailand Units within the CCT fully participate in the planning. This includes a logo design contest and forming a national pastoral football competition. Alongside these activities are a more serious composition of new songs to praise God, drafting of sermons, the composition of church music and formation of choirs across the country.
- The General Assembly of the CCT meets every two years, this year in October. Approximately 500 representatives of churches throughout Thailand attend. Prayers are requested for the preparation of this time and for God’s presence to be authentic during the meetings. The prayer is that God's name is honoured in all that happens in these meetings and that all things are to his glory.
- As Thailand enters rainy and monsoon season, please pray for those who experience flooding, damages, and agricultural loss. Fifty provinces are considered to be at risk from flooding, and preparation and surveillance plans are in place.

## **Vanuatu**

### **Vanuatu Conference Churches of Christ (CCCV), Owen Banisu**

#### **Praise God:**

- We have a new registration with the Vanuatu Financial Service Commission (VFSC), expanding our sphere of work.

#### **Pray For:**

- The youth training will occur from September 28 to October 3. Two youth members from each Island Conference will attend, for a total of 42 participants. The event will be hosted at CCCV in Santo.
- Simultaneously, there will be a Christian women’s fellowship training in Villa, alongside the youth training.
- The conference committee will meet from October 15th to 18th, 2024.

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## Zimbabwe

### Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe (ACCZ), BJ Mpfu

#### Praise God:

- We had a very productive conference where attendees felt they had learned much.
- For a successful Pastor's retreat. The topic was "What it means to be a full-time minister in a church." BJ led the seminar and was assisted by Pastor Madzore and Pastor Watungwa

#### Pray For:

- Establishing church buildings in this challenging environment, even though people struggle to earn a living due to the country's drought. The churches are Mabwematema, Palawani, and Zvishavane Urban.
- Pray for Pastor Maseru, who started work on August 1 at Mururezi Church, our fast-growing new Church.

### Showers of Blessing (OSBT), Boniface Mpfu

#### Praise God:

- The plight of all Zimbabweans, both rural and urban. The ongoing drought and dry spells pose various food and water challenges. This, in turn, is raising prices for essential staple foods such as maize meal as the supply is decreasing, which drives prices higher. We pray that we do not end up like Samaria in 2 Kings 6:25, where a donkey's head sold for 80 shekels of silver.

#### Pray For:

- The onset of the rains. So that we may have relief from water shortages and a sturdy, reliable rainy season, which will allow for a season of replenishing crops and a good harvest.
- As we enter a new phase of borehole drilling, pray that we may have a 100 percent success rate. The need for water is dire in the current season, as many open water sources have dried up, and only reliable boreholes remain in use.

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