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AUSTRALIAN BAPTISTS TOGETHER IN GLOBAL MISSION

May Mission Month

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- Information about financial support and project giving
- Children's activities
- Bible passages, linked to sermon outlines with discussion questions for services, groups or individual reflection

Within this leaflet you will find:

Whether you have one week or five join us in exploring Luke 10 and learning more about Jesus' identity, His mission and the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us.

With a third of the world still reeched, this year again we invite you and your church to focus on cross-cultural mission and share in impacting these communities with the message of Jesus. By uniting together we can raise up workers, undrting the mission in prayer and provide the much need funds to share the gift of Christ with those who are yet to hear about Him and know Him. Together, your local church can have a global impact.

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## THEME FOR 2016:

# Luke 10:1-16

### The Harvest is Plentiful

1 WEEK Luke 10:1-3

**APPLICATION**

**MISSION IS:**

- about Jesus
- to all the world
- for all believers
- best done in community
- costly

There is a desperate need for more workers

Join the 10:02 prayer campaign

**RESPONSE**

David gives an insight into working among the harvest in South East Asia.

**WATCH VIDEO**

Ask someone in your congregation that has experience in being a worker for the Lord to share their story. What was their experience in being sent out into the harvest? What were the challenges for them as they served God in this way?

**INSIDER STORY**

Ask someone in your congregation to share about how they stay focused on Jesus and the tasks He asks of them. What kind of things have they had to put aside in order to be a worker in the harvest?

**RESPONSE**

- look for people of peace who will welcome our message
- bring the peace of God into to others' lives
- be culturally flexible

**As Believers we are to:**

Mark helps us to understand how to find a person of peace among other cultures.

**RESPONSE**

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Give to an organisation, such as Global Interaction or a person that helps share the Good News to people who do not yet know Jesus.

**WATCH VIDEO**

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**RESPONSE**

- Be attentive to where God may be at work
- Acknowledge it will be costly and difficult
- Be good news
- Trust in God
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**INSIDER STORY**

Play with another person in your congregation about how both you and they can share the message of the Kingdom with someone else. Ask someone in your church to share his or her story of coming to faith which involved the involvement of another believer.

Full notes and video clips are available at [www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM)

### Travel Lightly

2 WEEK Luke 10:4

**APPLICATION**

**Traveling lightly in mission allows us to:**

- focus on the call not the finances, trusting God and the church will provide
- be free from anything that holds us back
- build authentic relationships
- make space for God to move and have time to respond

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**INSIDER STORY**

What is distracting you from being involved in God's harvest? Talk to someone who can help you be involved in ministry in your neighbourhood more easily.

**RESPONSE**

Write down three things in your life that is holding you up in your relationship with Jesus. Lift them up in prayer and give them over to God during the service.

**WATCH VIDEO**

Kiiana shares the importance of traveling lightly when entering a new community.

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### The Kingdom of God is Near

4 WEEK Luke 10:9-11

**APPLICATION**

**Followers of Jesus:**

- bear witness to the Kingdom of God through their words authentically by their actions
- participate intentionally in activities outside of church
- should expect people to reject Jesus of the Kingdom?
- need to be resilient and keep going

Hold an evangelism Q&A session to equip people to share their faith in words and actions and to help them build a repository of discerned stories.

**WATCH VIDEO**

Mort's unpacks practicing the Kingdom of God whilst serving cross-culturally.

**RESPONSE**

How could you be more intentional about your relationships and weekly activities for the work of the Kingdom?

**INSIDER STORY**

Ask someone who has a mission connection at your church to share how they went about sharing the Good News with others about Jesus. How did they know whether to continue in certain relationships, or when they were to walk away?

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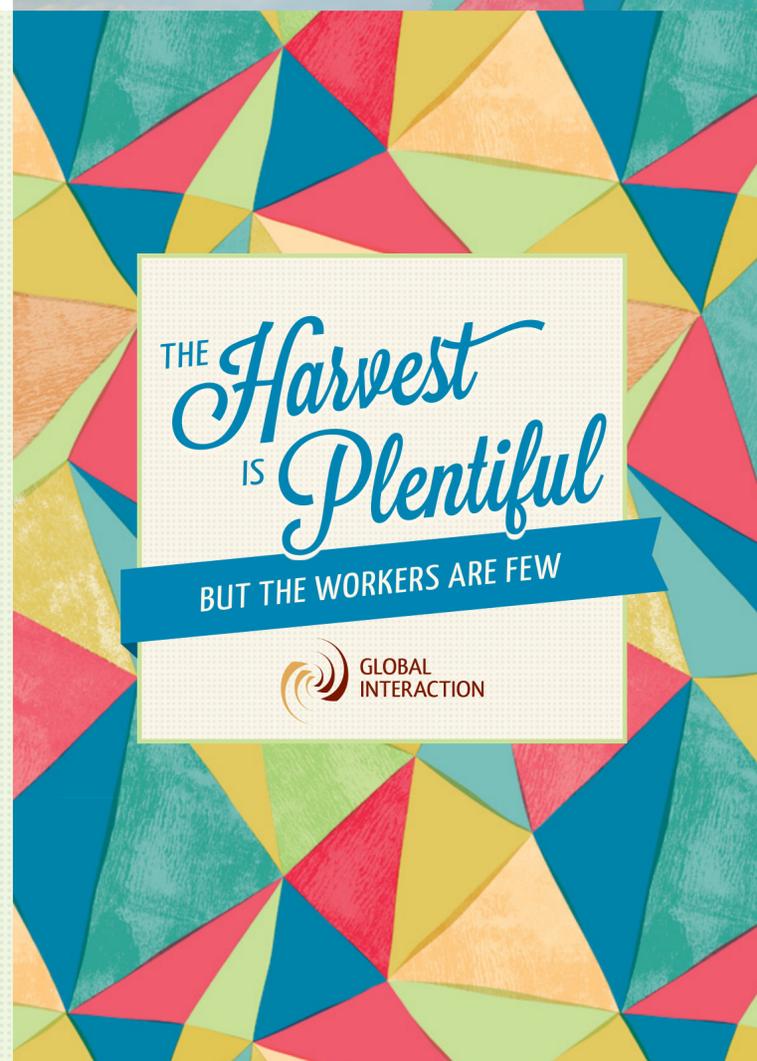
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## 3 PERSON OF PEACE

**MEMORY VERSE**  
Luke 10:7 (NIV) "Do not move around from house to house."

**ACTIVITIES**  
Stay or Go?, What Are You Looking For?, Another way

**PRAYER**  
Jesus thank you for loving me. Please help me to share your love with people in a kind, respectful and peaceful way.

**TAKE HOME**  
Is there someone you would like to get to know more? Could you spend some more time with them – maybe eat some lunch together?  
Try doing/eating something different this week!

## 4 SHARING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**KEY MESSAGE**  
We are to tell people about Jesus and the love, peace, hope and joy He offers. We are also to show people that we follow Jesus by our actions.

**MEMORY VERSE**  
Matthew 6:10 "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

**ACTIVITIES**  
Kingdom Cards, Kingdom Characters, Do It Again

**PRAYER**  
Thank you God that your love, peace, and joy is for all people. Help me to share it with my words and actions.

**TAKE HOME**  
Remind yourself of this phrase; If at first you don't succeed – try again!  
Collect stamps or coins to support a cross-cultural worker or project which is helping to share Jesus through words and actions all across the world.

## 5 BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION

**KEY MESSAGE**  
The problem is that there aren't enough people sharing the Good News of Jesus with the people on the earth. How can we be part of the solution? We need to be a worker so that when people meet us they get to meet Jesus.

**MEMORY VERSE**  
Matthew 5:16 "Let your good deeds shine out for all to see"

**ACTIVITIES**  
Copycat, Problem Solver, Bright Light

**PRAYER**  
Thank you God for creating a beautiful world and wonderful people. Please help me to make good decisions so that I can help this world be a better place.

**TAKE HOME**  
This week try and copy one of Jesus' characteristics such as being kind or fair.

## Children's Resources

The following pages will give you an overview to the themes and the activities. Full details and solutions can be found at [www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM/children](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM/children)

### 1 THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL

**KEY MESSAGE**  
As Jesus and His disciples walked through a town they saw crowds of people. Jesus compared the huge numbers of people to a harvest. A harvest is the time when crops are ready to be gathered in.

Jesus sent the disciples to go to the people and to share God's love, gathering them into His wonderful Kingdom. However it wasn't going to be easy - there was only 72 of them, the adventure was dangerous and they may be treated unkindly.

In our towns there are also many people who need to hear and experience God's love. Jesus also asks us to tell others about His love and to pray that God will send more people to tell others.

**MEMORY VERSE**  
Luke 10:2 (NIV) The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

**ACTIVITIES**  
Harvest Collection, Wolf and Sheep, Mazes

**PRAYER**  
Thank you Jesus that you care for all people. Please help me to be a good worker sharing your love with all the people I know. I ask that you will encourage others to join in the harvest adventure.

**TAKE HOME**  
Where is your harvest?  
Share some ideas with your family about how you can be God's special worker this week.  
Join the 10:02 prayer.

### 2 TRAVEL LIGHTLY

**KEY MESSAGE**  
Jesus tells His disciples to travel lightly. This is because the trip was urgent and they must not be held back or distracted by anything. Arriving in a new place without their baggage meant that they could make good friendships with the local people. Also they were to learn to rely on God to provide all they needed.

**MEMORY VERSE**  
Luke 10:4 (The Message) "Travel light... and no extra luggage."

**ACTIVITIES**  
Stuffing a Suitcase, Bag Race, Who You Are

**PRAYER**  
Thank you God that you provide air so that I can breathe, water so I can be refreshed and food so that I am healthy. Help me to stay focused on sharing your love with my friends and being the best friend I can.

**TAKE HOME**  
Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the way He has created you and provides for you.  
What do you need to let go of that stops you from making good friendships or knowing God more?  
What ways can you become a better friend?  
What can you do that would show your friends that Jesus loves them?

## BE INVOLVED THIS MAY

**GO**

Share your gifts and love for people with us. There are opportunities for you to serve short or long-term in Africa, Asia or Outback Australia.

**PRAY**

In Luke 10:2 Jesus tells us to pray to God to ask Him to send more workers to share the Good News. Let's do it! Set an alarm at 10:02 am/pm to remind you to join us in prayer for 1 minute every day in May.

**GIVE**

Partner with a worker or a project and directly impact the ministry of our teams.

**LEARN**

Study Luke 10 and tease out what it says to us about Jesus, His mission and ultimately our mission as local churches that are seeking to make an impact both across the street and across the globe.

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## Giving

Donating is easy, you can either:



use the giving envelopes

OR



go online to [www.globalinteraction.org.au/donate](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/donate)

Please consider which ministry you'd like to donate to. You can:

- Give to the [ministry of Global Interaction](#) (not tax deductible)
- Give to the [SFI Overseas Aid Fund](#) (for a tax deductible donation)
- Support a [cross-cultural worker](#) or
- Support a [project](#)

Supporting a project is a tangible way for your church to engage with global mission and partner with our ministry during May Mission Month. Your church members can learn about, pray for, encourage and financially support a vital aspect of Global Interaction's work.

**This year we have approximately 60 projects for churches or individuals to support that are directly related to our ministry.**

All details can be found at [www.globalinteraction.org.au/projects](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/projects)

You can download a spreadsheet at [www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM/treasurer](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM/treasurer) to assist you in preparing details of donations that you are forwarding to Global Interaction.

Tax receipts can only be issued for the 2016 tax year, for monies that are actually received by Global Interaction on or before the 30th June 2016. If your church has individuals that require a tax receipt and have donated via the church, then the church will have to ensure that the donation is received by Global Interaction before June 30 in order for a 2016 tax receipt to be issued to the individual. If it assists you multiple remittances may be made.

**Thank you and your church for the generous donations made during May Mission Month.**

## Projects 2016

### PRIORITY MINISTRY INITIATIVES

Global Interaction cross-cultural workers serve in teams among least-reached people groups and funding their ministry is our greatest financial need. Contact us or visit our website for information about supporting our workers. These projects represent key ministry priorities for 2016.

**Culture and Language learning** – training teams to effectively communicate with local people

**Medical cover** – covering regular health checks and emergencies in all locations

**Schooling** – ensuring appropriate education is provided for the children of our cross-cultural workers

### NURTURING FAITH COMMUNITIES

Global Interaction desires to see established faith groups flourish through their own Indigenous leaders.

**Making Disciples & Maturing Partners** – This project will encourage, equip and empower believers who left the city and returned to their communities located in various regions of Thailand. It includes discipleship and training of local leaders so that they are able to disciple believers and witness in their surrounding communities. It also will provide resources to keep them growing in their faith and can be utilised in their own Gospel sharing.

**Thailand**  
(Code 1Mwh307)  
Not tax deductible \$5,200

**Training Church Leaders** – One of the most effective teaching methods used in the Outback is training camps where church leaders 'head out bush'. By sitting with leaders of the communities and discussing issues, teaching and encouraging discussion on various Biblical themes, Bill and Pauline are able to empower the leaders to teach in their own language and in their own distinctive ways.

**Outback Australia**  
(Code ABwh502)  
Not tax deductible \$4,000

**Kyaka Enga Bible Revision** – The Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea (BUPNG), along with a team of Baptists in the Highlands of PNG and some Australian consultants, are undertaking a project to revise the Kyaka Enga Bible translation. The current translation was completed over 30 years ago and there are no remaining copies available. This project aims to ensure that the current Kyaka Enga Bible is updated to be linguistically accurate for this generation of Kyaka Enga people of PNG, providing access to the Word of God in their own heart language.

**Papua New Guinea**  
(Code Pgbu415)  
Not tax deductible \$65,000

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Global Interaction is working in rural settings where there is a lack of education and technical skills training. These projects assist people to practically provide for their families, further their employment opportunities and be equipped for their roles.

**Education Plus** – Our team, working with our partner NGO, in South Asia facilitate skills training for Bengali people so that they can gain education qualifications they otherwise could not afford. The project seeks to increase their employment options, improve their quality of life and help lift families out of poverty.

**South Asia**  
(Code SAsy701)  
Tax deductible \$36,190

**English Teaching and Friendship** – The team provides English language lessons to local students in their rural community. These skills will improve further education and employment prospects of the local K people while also providing the opportunity for the team to build trusting relationships in the local community.

**Silk Road Area**  
(Code KSw412)  
Tax deductible \$5,500

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Global Interaction teams live in communities with least-reached people and focus on bringing whole-of-life transformation.

**Lanternlight Ministries: Community Based Rehabilitation** – This project works with over 150 people with disabilities living in on the Thai/Myanmar border providing support, rehabilitation and the love of Jesus. Jit and Jan partner with local believers to develop a sense of responsibility towards those in need in their communities.

**Thailand**  
(Code T0ya412)  
Not tax deductible \$8,690

**Community Environmental Improvement** – With a passion for caring about creation and long-term sustainability of our world, the South-East Asia team is pioneering a not-for-profit organisation which will encourage local community action for environmental care. Programs include targeted environmental rehabilitation projects, community composting programs and community rubbish clean-up events to best look after the local environment for future generations.

**South East Asia**  
(Code 1Sw705)  
Tax deductible \$50,000



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This May join us in exploring Luke 10 and learning from Jesus' sending of the 72 followers to share the Gospel.

May Mission Month is an opportunity to unite with thousands of others in:



prayer



learning



sending



giving

Your partnership is essential to make an impact on the least-reached people who have yet to hear the life-transforming message of Jesus.

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