

Ministry Story

Listeners - Ezzie and Max,
South East Asia

*Being an alonsider means
being a listener.*



Max and Ezzie write,
“It is a joy and a privilege to
come alongside the young
people who participate in
our free English conversation
club. Isabella* is a sweet,
outspoken and intelligent
member of the conversation
club. One day she called Ezzie
to ask if she could meet up
with her as she had something
she needed to talk with her
about.

This was an answer to prayer,
as we had been asking God
for opportunities to build
relationships with our friends
at the conversation club.

Ezzie met with Isabella and
listened to her share about her
struggles with her education.

She had just started her
Polytechnic studies and thinks
she made the wrong decision.

When asked what her parents
think about this, she told Ezzie
that her parents don't really
care. They are hardly at home
due to their jobs, and she has
no one to talk to or share her
struggles with. She mentioned
that she envies seeing how our
family play together and do
things together.

Isabella is one among many
people who are going through
the same thing... loneliness.
We are thankful that she
felt comfortable to share
with Ezzie. Pray for Ezzie
as she continues to journey
alongside her. Pray that this
is the beginning of deeper
conversations and relationship.

Ask that we would be a safe
space for people like Isabella
to come and share their hearts
as we listen, pray and share
the love of the Father.”

**Not her real name*



2023
May Mission Month

Prayer Guide

Thurs 18 May - Wed 31 May

**This special edition of News & Prayer is part two
of the May Mission Month 2023 prayer guide.**

Throughout this two part guide, there are
prayer points for each Baptist Mission Australia
ministry location as well as May Mission Month
related prayer points for each Sunday.

Thank you for praying!

Your prayers sustain our teams and open
doors for the Gospel to the shared.

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Prayer and Praise

Thurs 18 May - Wed 31 May

- 18 T **Outback Australia** Lift up our team as they journey alongside communities devastated by recent **floods**. Pray for wisdom as they offer practical and emotional support.
- 19 F **Outback Australia** Pray for First Nations **believers and church leaders**. Pray for them as they seek to demonstrate God's love, peace and hope with their communities.
- 20 S **Urban & Regional Australia** Praise God for the **new opportunities** He is opening up for our team to connect with diverse communities in NSW. Pray that the team will remain attentive to the Spirit's leading as they serve.
- 21 S **May Mission Month** As Baptist Mission Australia representatives speak in churches, pray for God to use their words to spark mission engagement and partnership.

- 22 M **Urban & Regional Australia** Pray for God to place **people of peace** in the lives of our team as they seek to live as alongsiders.
- 23 T **South East Asia** Pray for the team's Education Foundation, Cafe, Reading Garden and Creation Care **ministry initiatives**. Pray for God's love to be shared in practical, genuine and relevant ways through this work.
- 24 W **South East Asia** Lift up the **local believers** our team is journeying with. Give thanks that groups are gathering to explore the Bible. Pray for God's Kingdom to grow in this community, despite the barriers that hinder the gospel from being heard or understood.
- 25 T **Thailand** Pray for the Ethnic Thai faith communities. Pray for the **local leaders** as they grow more in step with Jesus and are equipped to lead the faith communities.

- 26 F **Thailand** Give thanks for our passionate and faithful **team**. Pray for them as they humbly contextualise the good news of Jesus, sharing the gospel in ways that make sense to their friends.
- 27 S **Cambodia** Pray for the newly established Therapy for Children with Disabilities project. Pray for **families** to be transformed as children begin to reach their full potential. Pray for trusting relationships to develop with the parents of the children.
- 28 S **May Mission Month** Give thanks that God is our generous Father who provides. Pray for **Australian Baptists** to reflect this generosity, as we partner together in God's mission.
- 29 M **Cambodia** Pray for **Khmer people** to experience the freedom of knowing Jesus. Pray for our team to be attentive to the Spirit's promptings as they live as alongsiders.

- 30 T **Zambia** Pray for the **Skills Training Facility** that is currently being built. Pray that the lives of vulnerable women and young people will be changed as they are upskilled and offered greater employment opportunities.
- 31 W **Papua New Guinea** Pray for the **National Pastor's Conference** that is taking place in July. Pray that it is fruitful time of teaching, discussion and decision making. Pray for the next generation of local pastors and leaders to be raised up.