



News & Prayer

Prayer and Praise

Thurs 24 Nov - Wed 7 Dec

- 24 T **Board** As the Board meets today (24/11), pray for God's guidance, presence and vision as they serve and lead Baptist Mission Australia. Pray for **Beth Jackson** in her pivotal role of Chairperson.
- 25 F **Board** Praise God for the willingness of the Board to invest in the ministry and serve on the Board. Give thanks for **Beth, Surette, Hany, Trevor and Scott**. Pray that God will enable them to use their expertise, time and gifts to bring good governance to our organisation.
- 26 S **South East Asia** We give thanks that our team is safe following the 5.6 magnitude **earthquake** in the region. Pray for all those who have been impacted through injury, loved ones being killed or property being destroyed.
- 27 S **South East Asia** Pray for the **team** as they journey with friends through the ongoing emotional and physical trauma of the earthquake. Pray that they can offer meaningful support.
- 28 M **South East Asia** Give thanks that **Mike** has received his visa which means he can begin teaching English at the team's Education Foundation. Pray for him to teach well and build good relationships with local staff and students.
- 29 T **Mozambique** The **Hospital Toilets** project is underway, with toilets starting to be built for patients and visitors to use. Give thanks for this opportunity to practically share God's love and pray for the full funds needed to be received.
- 30 W **Mozambique** Pray for **Kath and Cam** as they prepare for their upcoming home assignment. Pray for good farewells and God's protection in travel.
- 1 T **Mozambique** Pray for **Kath and Ben** who were appointed as co-Team Leaders of the Mozambique team this year. Pray for good cooperation and understanding between them as they lead together. And pray that they will be mature, wise, humble and godly leaders.
- 2 F **India** The Intercultural Mission training in October was a rich and Spirit-filled time of learning, equipping, and fellowship. **Rema** shared, "The participants expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the unique training program. They saw it as a potential life and ministry changing experience."
- 3 S **India** Pray for the **Rabha Baptists** as they discern their next missional steps following the training. Pray for God's Spirit to continue to open the doors for engagement with their new neighbours of another faith background.
- 4 S **Thailand** We give thanks with the team that two Ethnic Thai believers were recently baptised. Pray for these women as they navigate the potential negative social impact of baptism. **Muana and Villy** write, "Pray that their walk with the Lord will bring joy, hope, peace and blessings."
- 5 M **Thailand** Pray for each team member to be attentive to where God is already at work and be ready to join in.
- 6 T **Thailand** Pray for **Margaret** as she continues to settle into life in Thailand. Pray for encouragements each day as she lives outside of her comfort zone.
- 7 W **Thailand** Pray for **Glenn's** relationship with his local culture and language nurturer. Pray that he will find opportunities to share more deeply about the hope he has in Jesus.



Ministry Story

General Store Classes

Liz and Glenn, Thailand

“The opening of Baan Sawang English Language Centre has been a wonderful experience and we are very excited to see how God is working in that space.

Glenn and I have opened our home, backyard and the school and we are loving having people come, but we felt a leading by God to not rely on this. That while an open home was great, we also needed to be looking for more opportunities to ‘cross the street’.

After prayer about what this could look like we were excited when an opportunity arose to start an English/Thai exchange class in our local general store/nursery. Aunty Nu asked if I would be willing to teach her English. She asked how much I charged per hour, and when I told her I would be willing to teach her for free she seemed a little taken a back.

So, I suggested that if I taught her English for an hour, she could tell me stories in Thai afterwards and that would help me with my Thai. She seemed please with this idea.

Then, because it wasn’t going to cost, she asked if I would be willing to come and do it in her store and if I would be OK if she invited others. Being in the general store, I also got to introduce myself and meet a hand full of locals that I had never met.

A perfect answer to our prayers!

On our second meeting, at the end of our class the women started asking questions about my family. They wanted to know why I was kind and happy to teach them for free, and why my husband was so happy and nice to everyone. I took the opportunity to share with them that Glenn was kind because he loves Jesus.

Please pray that as these relationships develop, I will find ways to show God’s love to these women. And pray that there will be more opportunities to share about Jesus with them.”

From Scott

Faith or Fear?

As you read this latest ED Update, we are moving through a big week as a mission community. On Monday our Team Leaders from around the world came together online to celebrate God at work through their teams in 2022. It was wonderful to hear stories of lives and communities being transformed by the hope of Jesus.

Today our National Team has been together from across Australia. It is an opportunity to be sharpened in our service together, grow in community, pray and look to our strategic priorities in 2023. And tomorrow, our Board meets for the last time this year. There is a full agenda, but at the heart of our discussions will be discerning where we see God’s Spirit leading us as a mission community.

One of our themes for 2022 has been ‘Come Holy Spirit’. We yearn to be an organisation that, as Paul writes in Galatians, “keeps in step with the Spirit”.

The Spirit fosters many Christ-like attitudes and actions in our lives, including giving us a spirit of freedom and building faith in our lives. Every day in our lives we are faced with choices. We make many decisions and there are different paths we can walk down.

One of these stark choices is do I choose faith, or fear?

I know the reality of this choice in my life and leadership and appreciate the vital need for the Holy Spirit to be at work within me fostering faith and trust in God. Fostering faith over fear is life-giving and opens our lives, relationships, teams and ministries for God to be at work in new and exciting ways.

In a short video, I have reflected on this daily choice of ‘faith or fear’. I trust it’s an encouragement to you.

Watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/767182730/a9813c7d05>



The Holy Spirit also wants to shape and grow us as missional people.

Our world is rapidly changing, and we are experiencing a global shift in intercultural mission. As we consider this shift, like many other changes we have encountered as a mission community in the past, we seek the Spirit's leading for "such a time as this".

We realise there are no simple answers, but we do want to play our part in the future of mission, where believers from everywhere are sent everywhere.

But what does this mean? What will it look like? What are the unique, complex challenges that this model of mission brings up? And what are the keys to thriving multicultural teams? **These are some of the great questions that Geoff Maddock asks in our latest Missioning podcast series, Everywhere to Everywhere.**

Can I highly recommend that everyone connected with our mission community listen to the latest series so we can be on this journey of learning and discovery together.

You can find out more and listen here:
www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/Missioning

Let me again thank you for your great support of Baptist Mission Australia in 2022. I am going into hospital for spinal surgery next week and will be on leave for a few months. Our team will be capably led by Susan Campbell over this time. Let me encourage you to be praying for Suse.

I look forward to connecting with you again in 2023.

Grace and peace
Scott

Events

UNITE Prayer Event

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer. It is only with the sustaining prayers of Australian partners like you, that our Baptist Mission Australia intercultural teams can continue sharing the good news of Jesus in challenging places.

On Thursday 1 Dec, 7-8:15 (AEDT) join us online for UNITE. Together, we will pray and hear stories from around the world.

Register to receive the Zoom link:
www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/UNITE

Thank You!

What an wonderfully encouraging year one to Walk the World!

Thank you for getting involved and praying. Our prayers make a Kingdom impact!

Walk the World will be held next year from 10-12 November.