

Mission Video

Practical Love - Tasmania



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In Hobart over the last five years, the Nepalese population has grown from 600 to more than 10,000, creating a pool of many needs for this new community in Tasmania.

So what has the Citywide Baptist Church community done? They've come alongside the Nepalese people. They've seen their need. They've responded to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Hobart Nepali Church, now a congregation of Citywide Baptist Church, has established a driving school so Nepalese people can learn to drive to get a better chance of employment.

Together, they're helping people with community integration and participation. They're helping people connect with local services and facilities. They're helping with the support of health and other basic needs. And they're seeing people come to faith.

It's a beautiful story of partnership. It's a beautiful story of a local church saying "yes" to love in action.

What's true in Hobart is true for each of our communities around Australia. We're all called to be people who pursue shalom. We're all called to be alongsiders who model the heart of Jesus, who are attentive, who see the needs of brokenness around us and who do something.

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This video connects with the May Mission Month Alongsiders theme of 'People of Love'.

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2023
May Mission Month

Prayer Guide

Thurs 4 May - Wed 17 May

This special edition of News & Prayer is part one 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 4 May - Wed 17 May

- 4 T **Silk Road Area** Lift up our team's **ministry initiatives** - the English Centre, the workshop and the professional support of children with disabilities. Pray for Spirit-led connections and conversations with K community members.
- 5 F **Silk Road Area** Pray for our team as they are invited into the lives of their local **K friends**. Pray for opportunities to share stories from the Bible and an increasing openness from their local friends to explore who Jesus is.
- 6 S **South Asia** Pray for **B families** who are living in poverty. Pray that they receive the support they need to help themselves and offer a better future to their children. Give thanks for the incredible impact of our partner NGO as they train, educate and empower vulnerable B people.
- 7 S **May Mission Month** On this first Sunday of May Mission Month (7/5), pray for May to be rich time of engagement and partnership with global mission. Pray for a renewed commitment to pray for our teams and our world all year around.
- 8 M **South Asia** Pray for the group of **B believers** our team is journeying with. Pray for Bible studies to get to the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus in this context and community.
- 9 T **Indochina** Pray for God's Spirit to be powerfully at work among in Indochina, drawing people to Himself and connecting **seekers** with believers. Pray for followers of Jesus to be deep listeners and loving witnesses of the Son.
- 10 W **Indochina** Give thanks for **Mark and Ngoc's** heart to serve God in Indochina. Pray that they will be attentive to the Spirit's leading as they build relationships and share God's love through word and deed.
- 11 T **India** Pray for Boro, Garo, Rabha and Adivasi **church communities** in India. Pray for new opportunities to arise as they actively seek to reach out to their neighbours and share the hope of Jesus in relevant ways.
- 12 F **India** Rema is journeying alongside some **new believers** in North-East India from another religious background. Pray for their ongoing discipleship. And pray for Rema as he develops practical discipleship material for different contexts.
- 13 S **Malawi** Praise God that **Yawo faith leaders** are being equipped to teach and lead. As they study God's Word, pray for God to open their eyes afresh and give them new understanding about His love and Kingdom.
- 14 S **May Mission Month** Pray for **Australian Baptist communities** to grow as alongsiders in their local neighbourhoods.
- 15 M **Malawi** Pray for our **team** as they live as alongsiders, meeting their Yawo friends where they are and responding to daily challenges and joys with love and compassion.
- 16 T **Mozambique** Give thanks for the small groups of **Yawo men and women** who are gathering to read the Bible. Pray for God's Spirit to guide them as they seek to put their faith in action and follow Jesus in distinctively Yawo ways.
- 17 W **Mozambique** As opportunities arise for our team to practically demonstrate God's love, pray for relationships to grow and mutual trust to be built. Praise God for the faithful and generous **partners** who are enabling our team to serve.