

Ministry Story

Outback Australia

In a recent newsletter to their partners, Shannon and Mat wrote, "Together. Jintangka. Working together and worshipping together are two of the blessings of our life.

We are so thankful that over Easter we were able to gather with our team and with believers from many central Australian communities and celebrate the good news that because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection we can be reunited with our creator God! *Is there any better news?*

While we were in Lajamanu, Mat was able to spend quite a bit of time with one of the gentlemen of the outback. He's an amazing man of faith and a strong Warlpiri man - we have so much to learn sitting down with him and he, in his humble, gracious way, tells us he... *[article continued online]*



Watch the team's update video by scanning the QR code or going to www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/OutbackAlongside

From Scott

Executive Director Message

It has been great to connect with Senior Pastors from across our Australian Baptist movement this week at their national gathering. I am thankful for the partnership we share with so many churches across the nation and the role pastors play in fostering these partnerships.

The theme of change was front and centre at the conference, as pastors considered the new environment we find ourselves in as a result of the pandemic and its related effects.

Let me encourage you to be praying for your pastor and for pastors across our movement as they lead and navigate congregations in this season of change.

There was also discussion at the conference... *[article continued online]*



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News & Prayer

Thurs 26 May - Tues 8 June

Following positive feedback to the format of the May Mission Month prayer guide, we are trialling the same format for regular editions of News & Prayer.

What do you think?

This format can be printed on one double-sided A4 page and folded in half to create an A5 booklet.

It's great that it fits on one page... however, containing it to one page means we can't include the full Ministry Story or Executive Director Message. To access the full articles, use the QR code or URL to view online.

To share your preference on the PDF format of News & Prayer contact Teagan on info@baptistmissionaustralia.org or 1800 329 165

As always, THANK YOU for lifting up our ministry and teams in prayer!

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Prayer and Praise

Thurs 26 May - Wed 8 June

26 T **National Reconciliation Week**

The 2022 theme for National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) is “Be Brave. Make Change.” Pray for courage for all Australians to face and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation.

27 F **National Reconciliation Week**

Pray for this focused week to spark new and ongoing opportunities for truth-telling conversations. Pray for the wider Australian community to listen to **First Nations people** with humble and soft hearts.

28 S **National Reconciliation Week**

Pray for wisdom for the new **Australian Government** as they listen and take action at a federal level. As a country with wounds to acknowledge and heal, pray for our leaders to take steps towards real change.

29 S **Outback Australia** Lift up our **team** walking alongside First Nations believers and church leaders. Pray for deep cultural understanding and sensitivity to the Spirit’s leading.

30 M **Outback Australia** Pray for Baptist Mission Australia’s **leaders and team members** as we intentionally seek to listen to the voices of First Nations people. Pray for wisdom as we seek to play our part in fostering reconciliation.

31 T **May Mission Month** Pray for God’s Spirit to be at work in the lives of people considering a call to intercultural mission service.

1 W **May Mission Month** Give thanks for the hundreds of **church communities** and thousands of **individuals** who faithfully and passionately partner with our teams and ministry. Praise God for their hearts to see the good news of Jesus shared around the world.

2 T **Papua** Pray for the **Theological Colleges** and training programs preparing local people for ministry leadership. Lift up the facilitators and students as they grow and learn together.

3 F **Papua New Guinea** Pray for the **Baptist Union of PNG** as they seek to train church leaders. Pray for God’s provision through the generosity of Australian believers to enable more people to complete this important training.

4 S **Zimbabwe** Pray for **children and young people** to grow up knowing their identity in Christ. Pray for God to raise up the next generation of faith leaders.

5 S **South East Asia** Praise God for the testimony of **local believer** Rivkah. Pray for God’s Spirit to continue to open opportunities for her to share Jesus with her friends and family.

6 M **South East Asia** Pat and Joy write, “Pray that as we take intentional and vulnerable steps to cross the street and meet people where they are at, we may have opportunities to live alongside people with the hope of Jesus.”

7 T **Central Asia** Pete and Nomes’ move to another city has been delayed by lockdowns. Pray with them that their visa will be processed so they can relocate soon. Pray also for patience as they wait on God to open the doors for their move.

8 W **Central Asia** Pete continues to read the Bible with an H friend, Mike. They are currently working through the Easter story. Pray for wisdom as Pete journeys with Mike through this powerful narrative.