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From your State Director



Thank you for being part of our Global Interaction family – a family that stretches across Australia and around the world!

2017 has already proved to be a year of change of extraordinary geo-political shifts – the global landscape is becoming more fluid and unpredictable.

This reminds me of Jesus' astonishing call to Peter in Matthew 14:29, "step out of the boat and come to me"; a call to step from the relative safety of the boat to the relative danger of the water. It seemed (and still seems!) deeply counter-intuitive.

Of course, we must be mindful of this profound theological reality: that the very best place to be is exactly where Jesus is, so it follows that Jesus was actually commanding Peter to do a good thing. Scripture never promises an easy ride for believers, but what is certainly promised is that the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us.

Global Interaction's desire is to continue to 'step out of the boat', from the safety and security of our home culture into the deep mystery and unpredictability of global mission – and we invite you to continue to join us – because our firm conviction is this: that Jesus has called us to be where He is.

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News from our teams...

- *God is moving.*
- *We're so grateful for your partnership.*

LEAST-REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS >>

K people

Following an invitation over Christmas, opportunities have continued to grow for Eliza to share Bible stories with her friend and language nurturer, Zarina. She is open to using the Bible in their language lessons and next month they will begin to read from the Gospels together.

Yawo

After mentioning the idea of a Bible story group last year, the team was asked repeatedly by local men when the group would be starting. Not one but two groups have now started up - God is opening doors in the community for the Gospel to be shared!

Ethnic Thai

As Ba Kham is illiterate, her only access to God's word is through the faith communities and the MP3 programs she listens to. Ba Kham says, 'I am no longer afraid of spirits and ghosts because I know Jesus is more powerful.'

B people

On a recent trip, Morris was encouraged to hear a B man pray, 'Dear God, I thank you for what you have done in my life... that when I was sick and not expected to survive, I was prayed for in the name of Jesus and you healed me.'

B.I & S.I people

Increased spiritual conversations and questions about faith are occurring at the Café and Education Foundation as the team grows in their relationships with the local S.I and B.I staff.

H people

On Christmas day, Kevin had the opportunity to read from the Bible, share the story of Jesus' birth with around 20 students at a university gathering. It was an encouraging time and Kevin felt that God spoke to many who were there that night.

Khmer

Over many years, Catherine has been growing a friendship with Srey Nich, a Khmer woman. Recently, after she invited Catherine over to her home, Srey Nich asked if Catherine would pray for her and her family. Catherine was so encouraged and amazed by this request at it was the first time Srey Nich had asked for prayer.

ONGOING RELATIONSHIPS >>

Outback Australia

Bill and Pauline were recently involved in the funeral of a church-goer whose life had been very traumatic. Rather than living a life of anger and bitterness, the man's strong faith had led him to be generous and loving. He followed Jesus' example to love and forgive those who cause pain. Bill and Pauline continue to journey with his family.

Bangladesh

The ministry of the Bangladesh Baptist Christian Fellowship is growing and extending to people working in the factories nearby. Now every Sunday around 60 factory workers meet for discipleship and to share in communion.

Zambia

& Zimbabwe

Pastors and church leaders continue to be trained to teach local church leaders. Those leaders then in turn preach and teach local church congregations.

Hong Kong

Jane recently invited a friend, who had been away from church for some years, to come to a service. She enjoyed herself so much that she is now attending every week.

Lebanon

Milard, Joyce and their church are hosting evangelism events. Also a young adult ministry has begun and the youth group continues to grow with young people inviting their friends.

Thailand

Jit and Jan continue to support the church in Sangklaburi as well as work with Lanternlight Ministries, bringing practical support and the hope of Jesus to those with disabilities in the community.

Papua New Guinea

Progress is being made on the Kyaka Enga Bible revision with the team joining together in Australia to work on it. When completed, this Bible revision will ensure the Word of God is available and readable in the heart language of this generation of Kyaka Enga people.

Papua

Years ago, God gave a vision to Yason Yikwa to provide a safe place for at-risk Dani young people in Wamena. Yason continues to oversee a youth hostel on the outskirts of this provincial town that seeks to provide spiritual, educational and physical care for many of these marginalised youth.

Does your church have a website?

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Getting involved in 2017!



Come & Serve

There are still so many people that are yet to hear the life-changing message of Jesus. Could you share your faith overseas?

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Come & Learn

Global Interaction produces high-quality resources to equip, inspire and grow you and your church's understanding and passion for global mission.

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Come & Pray

Prayer sustains our workers and is a powerful way you can partner with what God is doing through our ministry.

www.globalinteraction.org.au/PRAY



Come & Give

Your financial support is essential for our ministry sharing the message of Jesus and empowering local believers to continue.

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May Mission Month

“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?’ ... Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony.”

Join us in May as we explore John 4 and discover how we can cross cultural boundaries to share God’s love.

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