

## The Yawo people of Malawi and Mozambique

### **The People Group**

There are approximately 3 million Yawo living in Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania. They are predominantly agricultural people living in rural villages under traditional headmen. Daily challenges include accessing safe water to drink, food to eat, healthcare and education.

Due to their involvement with the slave and ivory trades with Arab merchants the Yawo are primarily Muslim. Their rituals and practices are heavily influenced by their traditional African and animistic beliefs.

### **Global Interaction team among the Yawo**

The cross-cultural teams live among the Yawo villages; shopping at the local market, sitting and chatting in Ciyawo, praying for the sick, attending funerals and initiation celebrations, tending the maize fields and sharing their lives with the people they meet. Individual relationship nurturing is the teams' highest priority. They are dedicated to learning the local culture and Ciyawo language as well as Portuguese (in Mozambique) in order to build relationships with the people they meet.

The teams work with the local Yawo to improve their quality of life through health and adult education. Working with a group of Yawo men and women, the teams also help facilitate translation of the Bible into Ciyawo so that the Yawo have the opportunity to read God's story in their own language. They encourage the growing groups of believers through prayer, teaching and leadership training. Our cross-cultural workers continue to see these groups grow into relevant and active communities within their culture.

### **Prayer Needs**

- As the team are invited to share in community life, opportunities would arise to build connections and deepen friendships
- God's wisdom for new Yawo believers as they discern how to live as a follower of Jesus within their Muslim culture
- Yawo people would be open to sharing stories with our team that will give them the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus
- Australian Baptists would respond to God's call and commit to serving among the Yawo

### **Pray for the Team Members**

#### **MALAWI**

Andy and Rachel (candidates)

Ian (based in Australia)

Jean-Claude and Joyce (candidates)

Jonno (team leader) and Heather

Tim and Mel

#### **MOZAMBIQUE**

Ben and Sam

Cam and Kath

Sally

Scott and Rebekah

Tobias and Heather

## Stories of Hope from Malawi and Mozambique

### Whole Communities

Mr G is a Yawo believer in Mozambique. Within his village there are very few others who follow Jesus. Keen to spend time talking about and learning from the Bible, Mr G began meeting with team member Scott to study the Bible and pray. However, it wasn't enough for just him to have the opportunity to grow in his faith and understanding of God, Mr G's heart was burdened for his community to know freedom in Christ too. So earlier this year, Mr G gathered a group of Yawo men to regularly meet with Scott and Cam so they too could have the opportunity to hear stories from the Bible and have spiritual discussions.

There are real challenges for Mr G as he seeks to live out his faith and remain within his community and culture. His wife and family are having difficulty understanding his decision to follow Jesus.

As the team journey with Yawo people, their prayer is that whole communities will respond to the message of Jesus, not only individuals. Pray with the team that others will join Mr G, forming a faith community of Yawo believers and seekers in the village.

### Testimonies of God's Goodness

Cross-cultural worker Tim, along with a Yawo believer Waindi, recently visited a village group of believers. While there, a woman asked if we could pray for her sick friend who after visiting the hospital and local witchdoctor, had not improved. Waindi boldly asked her, "Why have you come here today?" Her answer was equally forceful. "I have heard God does miracles in this group!" Waindi explained to the woman how God gave power to Jesus, and through Him, we may have life. He also asked others who were listening to share how Jesus has helped them. In their gentle yet powerful way, about seven people offered testimonies of the power of God in their lives. Yawo people are from an oral society so they are master storytellers!

For the next 45 minutes, they heard story after story of God's goodness. Real life testimonies of sicknesses healed, relationships restored, evil spirits cast out and renewed peace - the peace that transcends understanding. If that wasn't amazing enough, the group leader then expressed that he thought a few of them could visit the surrounding four villages and share some of these stories. He said, "God hasn't given us these stories just for ourselves. They need to be told!"

Praise God for the growing group of believers and the way they are recognising God's power in their lives. Pray for God to be revealing Himself to them and strengthening their faith as they seek to share what they believe with Yawo people in surrounding villages.

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## The K people of the Silk Road Area

### **The People Group**

K people are warm and hospitable and tightly connected to their family and community. They are strong and resilient people, traditionally nomadic, living in a large country on the ancient Silk Road trade route between the Middle East and China. Their cultural roots are still strongly rural.

K people are predominantly Muslim, while those surrounding them practice Orthodox Christianity. Their Muslim faith is intertwined with traditional animistic beliefs relating to ancestors and shamanism. While the number of believers is growing in the cities, still less than 1% of their ethnic group are Christian. While they are transitioning into a globalised world, the cultural differences make it difficult for K people to connect with Western or Orthodox style churches.

### **Global Interaction team among the K People**

Our cross-cultural team lives much like the K people do, spending Sundays at the local bazaar, celebrating family milestones and national events and building friendships over a cup of tea. In a K community it is culturally important to have an open home, inviting people in to share your space, food and life. Our team regularly hosts people in their homes and visits the homes of their friends.

Our team continues to learn culture and language from local K people and engages with the community more widely through the English language programs. It also continues to pray that as friendships grow, so too will the K people's interest in hearing more about the life giving message of Jesus.

### **Prayer Needs**

- God to be revealing Himself to K people
- K people whose hearts are open to responding to the Good News will connect with our team and explore faith together
- Continued culture and language lessons will enable the team to grow in their ability to share the Gospel in a way that makes sense to their K friends
- Ease in obtaining visas to allow the team to live among the K people
- Those stirred to serve among the K people will act on God's promptings

### **Pray for the Team Member**

Walt (team leader based in USA) and Jeanine

Ben and Petra

David and Eliza

## Stories of Hope from the Silk Road Area

### **Making Opportunities**

The team in the Silk Road have been involved in English teaching for many years. This year they have relocated into a larger space following the conversion of a house into the new English teaching and community centre. There was much excitement about the centre with local people taking a keen interest in the developments of the conversion and asking the team about their plans for the centre.

Increasing the English proficiency of the K people is a key priority of the government and this centre is an excellent way for the team to be visibly contributing to the community. With the conversion complete, English classes have begun and the team is excited to consider the other ways they could use the centre to contribute, such as Occupational Therapy sessions and a Kids' club.

Importantly, this centre offers a wonderful and natural platform for the team to meet local people and build genuine friendships with them. As these relationships deepen, the team are looking for ways to talk about Jesus and have meaningful spiritual conversations.

Pray that the team would be sensitive to the Spirit as they connect with K people through the centre and seek to share the Gospel.

### **Invitation of Friendship**

In K culture, the youngest daughter-in-law is expected to carry out all the housework, meal preparation and child-rearing duties. For four young mums on the Silk Road, they support each other by heading to a cafe once a month to eat lagman noodles, salad and drink Pepsi and milky tea. They chat about their husbands, parenting and life sharing how they are feeling for a couple of fleeting hours away from the burdens and expectation of family duties.

Recently they invited cross-cultural worker Eliza along to their special tea-time where they shared their experiences of being mothers and supported each other in life's challenges. Pray with Eliza, that as her friendships with these K women deepen, she will be able to share the source of her strength and hope with them.

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## The H people of Central Asia

### **The People Group**

The third largest of over 50 people groups in Central Asia are the H people, numbering over 13 million people. They live across the region in rural areas working as farmers and merchants as well as in towns where they work in shops, restaurants and factories. Most H people are direct descendants of Persian and Arab traders who intermarried with locals and converted them to Islam. The H people predominantly identify themselves as Sunni Muslim and their mosques are the centre of their community life. With the influence of Eastern religions there are many expressions of Islam across the region although the more devout followers are found in rural areas.

Only about 500 H people are known to be following Jesus. While the number of believers is growing in many parts of the region very few have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. There are still cultural and geographical challenges impacting the sharing of the Gospel and growth of a sustainable faith community.

### **Global Interaction team among the H People**

Our cross-cultural team continues to form significant friendships within the H community. Our team also works hard to develop good professional connections as formal relationships and a good reputation are vital to the H people.

Like in many other cultures, spending time with people over a good cup of tea and a hearty meal helps break down barriers and build meaningful friendships where faith, hope and love can be shared freely.

### **Prayer Needs**

- God to continue to work in the lives of H people, preparing their hearts to hear the Gospel
- H people seeking knowledge about God will connect with the team or an H believer
- Friendships between H people and the team will deepen and faith conversations will occur
- More people to commit to serving among the H people and learning culture and language so they can effectively communicate the message of Jesus

### **Pray for the Team Members (secure names used)**

Kevin

Pete and Nomes (candidates)

## Stories of Hope from Central Asia

### **Searching for Meaning**

Kevin reconnected with an H friend who he had known as a student. When Kevin first met him, the H man was going through a challenging time related to his studies. Kevin encouraged him that he didn't need to take on life's worries by himself as God cares and wants to journey with us through our difficulties.

Kevin's friend recently made contact with Kevin to meet up again. Though he had now graduated and received a good job, it soon became clear to Kevin that everything was not well for his friend. His friend opened up about his concerns and the challenges he was facing. After listening, Kevin had the opportunity to pray with him, asking God for a solution.

Pray with Kevin for this young H man to not only find a solution, but more importantly, to encounter Jesus as the one who can give true meaning to his life.

### **Seeing God in Answered Prayer**

Through the university where he studies the H language, Kevin has many opportunities to connect with local students. Recently, a student asked Kevin for help with what she felt was a problem with no solution. She was feeling incredibly pressured by an assignment and Kevin sensed she was in a very negative frame of mind. Kevin prayed with her, asking God to help her find the solution to this problem that was causing her significant stress.

How exciting for Kevin to later receive a text from this student saying, 'I think God has heard my trouble. He has helped me!'

Praise God that He placed Kevin in this position to connect with this student and encourage her faith. Pray that Kevin will remain open to God's leading as he relates with H students and looks for opportunities to share about Jesus.

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## B People of South Asia

### **The People Group**

The B people live in one of the most densely populated areas of the world and most people are involved in farming or fishing. They have a rich culture based on the influences of many communities entering the region over the centuries; Sri Lankan, Mediterranean, Arab, Turkish and Persian. Nearly all B people identify as Sunni Muslim with less than 1% following Christ.

While there are places of natural beauty, the region struggles to support such a large population. B people continue to face many political, economic, social and environmental challenges including political instability, poverty, illness and flooding. Low levels of literacy also contribute to the cycle of poverty.

### **Global Interaction team among the B people**

The cross-cultural team helps in the day-to-day running of the locally-led development organisation. Through the work of this organisation women are accessing income generation projects, men and women are taking part in vocational training and basic needs are being met in many communities.

The team focuses on bringing transformation to all areas of the B peoples' life. This year, a translation of the Bible will be available in the B peoples' own language. This translation is literal, contemporary and easy to read. The prayer of the team is that more people will now be able to access and understand the Bible in a way that makes sense to them.

### **Prayer Needs**

- The updated translation of the Bible for B people will encourage believers and be read by those in the community who are seeking to know Jesus
- The Holy Spirit to create safe opportunities for B people to hear the Good News and accept Jesus
- Through our partner NGO's projects, B people will experience God's love and want to know more
- Protection over the small faith communities who meet to study the Bible
- More committed people to join the team, sharing their skills and the life-transforming message of Jesus

### **Pray for the Team Members**

Morris (team leader based in Australia)

Graeme (short-term visitor based in Australia)

Graeme and Pat (short-term visitor based in Australia)

Phil

## Stories of Hope from South Asia

### **The Way of Grace**

Joe came to faith a few years ago and was active in telling others of his new faith in Jesus. However, his wife remained aligned to her Muslim beliefs. They have a great relationship and love one another but their faith differences were becoming a concern. She thought that he was on the road to punishment and he wanted her to experience God's grace and forgiveness. So they reached an impasse.

She said to him, "I can't bear the thought of us being separated in eternity." He said to her, "If you are right, I will be in Hell and you in Heaven and if I am right then vice versa." They discussed the basis on which they believed one goes to Heaven. He said, "By God's grace shown through the death and resurrection of Jesus." She said, "By keeping the rules of Islam." He asked her, "Are you keeping fully the rules of the religion?" After a few days, she said to him, "I realise that I do not keep all the rules of religion and you say that it is by grace. I don't want to be separated from you in life or death, so tell me the way of grace."

### **Leaving Law, Accepting Grace**

Joseph is a B man who had strong misgivings about anyone who called themselves a Christian or a follower of Jesus. However, he met our workers and began to ask questions about his faith and Scripture. Within the development organisation, Joseph would listen to people from a similar faith background to him share about their understanding of the Bible and the difference that this understanding had made in their lives. Joseph was able to have deep and meaningful conversations about Scripture with people who spoke his language and understood his world view.

In time, a fellow B believer helped Joseph find answers to his many questions about God and faith. Through this experience, Joseph moved away from the rules and law that governed his earlier beliefs and experienced for the first time, the grace and mercy of God. Joseph has come to faith and been baptised. He seeks to share his transformation with others in authentic and culturally appropriate ways.

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## The Ethnic Thai of Thailand

### **The People Group**

Thailand continues to be influenced by globalisation, urbanisation and alternative spiritualities. Half of the population lives and works in rural areas but the numbers moving to the cities continue to grow. While the majority of Ethnic Thai people identify as Buddhist their religious practices are influenced by animism, Thai folklore and Hinduism. Christianity is growing among Thailand's minority people but is yet to significantly impact the ethnically Thai.

### **Global Interaction team among the Ethnic Thai**

Our work among the Ethnic Thai takes place in two settings, urban and rural.

This ministry is marked by a commitment of the cross-cultural workers to following Jesus in all aspects of their lives and inviting others to do the same. To do the latter, the team continually learns about Ethnic Thai culture and language, fosters relationships with its neighbours and shares God's Word to those who will listen.

There are a number of Ethnic Thai faith communities meeting together regularly and the team seek to disciple these believers to follow Jesus in a way that is deeply linked to their cultural identity. They empower future leaders and facilitate training to equip them to become faithful witnesses and grow their faith communities.

### **Prayer Needs**

- Ethnic Thai people to come to know the power of Jesus and His offer of freedom from fear
- As the team looks for new ways to connect with the community, pray that they will encounter people who are open to exploring faith in Jesus
- Faith communities to be a good witness to their communities, prompting curiosity and interest from those around them
- Ethnic Thai leaders will be well equipped to lead the faith communities
- More people to commit to long-term cross-cultural work among the Ethnic Thai

### **Pray for the Team Members**

Muana (team leader) and Villy

Dema and Carolyn

Glenn and Liz

Luke and Belle

Paul (Short-term visitor based in Australia)

Petina

## Stories of Hope from Thailand

### **Following the Same God**

Last year one of the Ethnic Thai faith community leaders, Long, married Min. It had been his prayer for several years to be married and the team joined him in this prayer. Min and Long's wedding was a significant event as it was the first wedding of a believer from the faith community. While Min was on her own spiritual journey and supportive of Long's faith, she had not made a decision towards Jesus when they got married. She had grown up in a village where she had heard the name of Jesus, but had never had the opportunity to understand who He was.

Over the past year, Min has formed good relationships with the team and they have taken many opportunities to share the message of Jesus with her and show His love to her. Recently she came to faith and made the decision to follow the same God as Long and be baptised. It's amazing to hear her share how her life holds more meaning now that she knows Jesus.

Pray for Long and Min as they lead a faith community in Thailand and that many more will take a journey to experience the transforming power of Jesus.

### **Slowly Faith Grows**

Over time, the team serving among the Ethnic Thai have developed a good friendship with Mrs B. Although she was very friendly and generous towards the team and other believers in the community, she initially told them that she was not interested in Jesus. She began allowing her granddaughter to be involved with the faith community, though she did not take part herself. Each week, she seemed interested to hear about what her granddaughter was involved in at the faith community.

Team member Petina previously lived next door to Mrs B and her granddaughter. After spending time in Australia on Home Assignment, Petina was extremely excited to find out that now both Mrs B and her granddaughter are regularly involved in the faith community.

Thank God for the way He is opening up Mrs B's heart to learn more about Him and using the team to share His love with her and her granddaughter. Pray that the team will be sensitive to the Spirit's leading as they build friendships within the community.

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## The Khmer of Cambodia

### **The People Group**

Cambodia is the second poorest South East Asian country, with 80% of the 15 million Khmer people living in rural regions, primarily as subsistence farmers. Nearly three decades of war and genocide have left the nation broken and economically stagnant, with the resulting population being predominantly under 30 years of age. However, this emerging youthful generation is beginning to engage with the modern world and as a result is finding a voice as it seeks to construct a better future.

Today the Khmer people hold to a culturally Buddhist worldview but within that remains many animistic beliefs that influence their daily life. Less than 1% of the population profess to follow Jesus and those that do live with a constant tension of maintaining traditional responsibilities to their parents along with being influenced by a rising Western influence.

### **Global Interaction team among the Khmer**

Living in the North West region of Cambodia, the team engages with communities struggling with poor health, low literacy rates and high unemployment. Currently the team is working to build on relationships it has formed through sports ministry and from travelling to remote villages to learn from local Khmer people. As the team grows there will be increasing opportunities to share life and faith with the Khmer. This year the team plans to spend more time in the rural areas, sharing the message of Jesus with those who would otherwise not have the chance to hear it.

### **Prayer Needs**

- God's Spirit to be prompting Khmer people to seek an understanding of Jesus and God's plan for humanity
- The team's visits to rural villages will deepen connections and open opportunities to share faith
- Bible studies with Khmer tennis coaches would spark deep spiritual conversations
- Strong partnership teams to form to support the candidates preparing to serve with the team

### **Pray for the Team Members**

Catherine

Craig and Kim (candidates)

Luke and Rachel (candidates)

Marc and Rachel (candidates)

Paul and Lydia (candidates)

Rob and Deb

Scott and Janelle

Tristan and Megan (candidates)

## Stories of Hope from Cambodia

### **Changing the Rules**

Through the tennis program, the team works closely with Khmer coaches and players. As the players train hard, persevere and encourage each other, the team is witnessing a transformation. From underprivileged youth lacking confidence, the team is now seeing young people who are starting to thrive as they realise their potential. Beyond just developing tennis and life skills, the team also has many opportunities to share the Gospel with the young Khmer players.

Life changing transformations are also slowly taking place with the coaches. The weekly coaches meeting begins with a Bible study. Recently they looked at the story in Mark 2 of the paralysed man who was lowered through the roof to meet Jesus. The Buddhist background coaches have the understanding that blessings only come through good works and attaining merit. Reading the story of the paralysed man prompted an insightful discussion from the coaches about how Jesus came to 'change the rules.'

Thank God that He is opening the Khmer coaches' eyes to the unexpected truth of His Word and pray that they would remain curious to find out more.

### **Faith Grows in the Midst of Challenges**

Scott and Janelle regularly visit their Khmer friends Mr D and Mrs S who live in a nearby rural area. Both Mr D and Mrs S have professed faith in Jesus. Scott and Janelle continue to journey with them as Mr D and Mrs S seek to learn more about God and grow in their faith. Scott and Janelle pray with them, encouraging Mr D and Mrs S to trust in God and look to Him for their hope. As they go about their day, Mr D and Mrs S both enjoy listening to the Bible and worship songs.

Mrs S has recurrent episodes of illness with her mental and physical health fluctuating. When unwell, Mrs S is unable to get out of bed. On these days, she chooses to use her time reading the Bible and singing songs of praise.

Thank God that Mr D and Mrs S have chosen to follow Jesus and pray that their faith will continue to grow. Pray also for complete healing for Mrs S and boldness as they share their newfound faith with their family and community.

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## The B.I people of South East Asia

### **The People Group**

The B.I are scattered over a number of small islands, many of which are accessible only by small boats. They are composed of several ethnic and linguistic groups that were once ruled by a single powerful leader. There are approximately 600,000 B.I people, most of whom still live in small fishing villages (sometimes built on stilts over the sea) or in remote farming communities located on the fringes of jungles.

They have a strong cultural identity and affinity for their ancestral homes, which binds them together in highly communal societies that are resistant to change. While they are overwhelmingly Muslim, their animistic beliefs remain influential in daily life. Entrenched spiritual allegiances keep them blinded to the Good News. Only a handful of the B.I are followers of Jesus.

### **Global Interaction team among the B.I people**

The team has established creative and productive ways to work among the S.I people, including through the Education Foundation, hospitality and an environmental project. S.I people are being empowered in their everyday lives, while also engaging in spiritual conversations. God often communicates with the local people through dreams and visions of Jesus and they are excited to witness and participate in the way that God is moving in their lives. There is a growing group of people who meet for Bible study and discipleship and the team is hopeful that many more will be added to its number.

### **Prayer Needs**

- Local B.I staff at the Education Foundation would remain open to conversations about Jesus and studying the Bible
- Spiritual breakthroughs within the communities we serve among
- Deep cultural understanding and good language skills for the team, enabling them to effectively communicate the Gospel with B.I neighbours and friends
- Visas to be received easily and quickly so the team can remain in South East Asia
- The team to grow, with more committed people joining for long-term cross-cultural service

### **Pray for the Team Members (secure names used)**

Dave (team leader) and Caz

Dave and Edwina

Maz and Ezzie

Mick and Tara

## Story of Hope from South East Asia

### **It Takes Time**

Max and Ezzie are involved in the Education Foundation, with their language skills allowing them to communicate well and build friendships with the IB. Ezzie has enjoyed getting to know Mrs N. She is a Muslim woman who has been friends with Marg, a team member who recently returned to Australia, for many years. It is through this long connection with Marg, that Mrs N feels comfortable to have conversation about faith with Ezzie.

It can certainly take many years of relationship building and sharing about faith, for someone to make a decision to follow Jesus. For Mrs N, her journey is still going and Ezzie is intentionally seeking ways to invest in the friendship and deepen their conversations. Pray for Mrs N to not only be open to conversations but also open to being transformed by the hope of Jesus.

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## The R.I people of South East Asia

### **The People Group**

The R.I people live on the picturesque and cool slopes of a mountain range that runs along the coast of a large island. Their main source of income is farming, with the predominant crops being rice, tobacco and coffee, along with local silver and gold mines.

They number around 3 million but there are few known followers of Jesus. The overwhelming majority of R.I people profess to follow Islam. However, animism is an integral part of their daily lives and beliefs.

### **Global Interaction team among the R.I people**

New team members are needed to pioneer the work in this area. The Global Interaction team has the capability to open a branch of the Education Foundation among the R.I people. People with skills in teaching or training can be employed through the Education Foundation, which will provide the opportunity to develop relationships and share the love of Jesus in a wholistic way with staff and the wider community.

### **Prayer Needs**

- God would continue to use dreams and visions to point R.I people to Jesus
- The hearts of R.I people to be softened to hear the message of Jesus
- Team members to pioneer new work among R.I people

## The S.I people of South East Asia

### **The People Group**

Around 45 million S.I people live in one of the most densely populated regions on earth. While growing numbers migrate to mega-cities of momentous influence and massive urban problems, the majority still live in rural areas and earn a living through farming. Divorce rates and broken homes are on the rise.

Almost all S.I people are Muslims. They comprise one of the largest least-reached people groups on Earth. Their communal solidarity and strict social codes have served as barriers to the Good News. Followers of Jesus are a small minority but there is a growing openness and willingness to learn about Him.

### **Global Interaction team among the S.I people**

The team has established creative and productive ways to work among the S.I people, including through the Education Foundation, hospitality and an environmental project. S.I people are being empowered in their everyday lives, while also engaging in spiritual conversations. God often communicates with the local people through dreams and visions of Jesus and they are excited to witness and participate in the way that God is moving in their lives. There is a growing group of people who meet for Bible study and discipleship and the team is hopeful that many more will be added to its number.

### **Prayer Needs**

- God's Spirit to be opening the hearts of S.I people who come into contact with the team, to hear the Gospel and respond
- Sensitivity to the Spirit's leading for the team as they build friendships and seek to share the Good News through the Education Foundation, Cafe and Creation Care initiatives
- Protection over S.I believers and courage as they fear opposition from their families and communities
- Doors to open enabling the team to receive their necessary visas in a smooth and timely manner
- More godly people passionate about using their skills and sharing the Gospel to join the team

### **Pray for the Team Members (secure names used)**

Dave (team leader) and Caz

Allie (candidate)

Andy and Wanda

Daz and Bee (candidates)

## Stories of Hope from South East Asia

### **Holding Strong to Faith**

Rieka is a language nurturer at the Education Foundation and has formed good friendships with our workers. She comes from a Muslim background and is not aware of any followers of Jesus within her family or neighbourhood community. When she began attending the weekly Bible devotions at the foundation she was deeply suspicious. However, over time, she found the Scriptures were speaking into her heart and soon she was avidly taking notes.

After several months, Jesus appeared to Rieka in a dream. She identified who He was and began praying in His name. Her faith grew and she made the decision to be baptised. Despite this decision having the potential to cause conflict in her family and community repercussions, she is holding strong to her faith. Her desire is to share with others the Good News that she now has... no matter the cost.

Thank God for her faith and pray for her family and community to also come to follow Jesus.

### **Spiritual Conversations**

One of the team's ministries among the S.I people of South East Asia is a cafe. This is run to offer employment and skills training to S.I people. Cross-cultural worker Wanda is forming connections through the cafe with local staff and is increasingly having spiritual conversations with them.

Miss I is 21 years old and joined the cafe staff last November in a role of cashier/waitress. She is a very pleasant girl and diligent in her Muslim faith. Over time, she has become comfortable to chat with Wanda and initiate conversations related to faith. A couple of months ago she asked about getting to Heaven. Wanda followed up this conversation at a later time, seeking to deepen the conversation.

Recently she had a motorbike accident on the way home from work so Wanda visited her at home and met her parents. Join Wanda in praying that Miss I will be open to hearing about Jesus and Wanda will be sensitive to the Spirit and be used to speak into her life.

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