

New resources

Global Interaction has a range of resources that you can use to help you and your church engage in global mission.

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GLOBAL INTERACTION GUIDE 2012

Guide 2012

The Global Interaction Guide 2012 will be available in November with information about the people groups we serve, our cross-cultural workers, ways you can pray and projects you can support.

Contact your State Office to get your copy of the Global Interaction Guide 2012.

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GLOBAL MISSION HITS HOME

New Church Resource: Moved

This new church resource is thought-provoking, engaging and powerful. It'll inspire, energise your church and fuel your passion for mission.

The three-session package includes a church and small group DVD, small group study guide, sermon outlines, kids, youth and prayer resources.

Available in February 2012



SOUTH AUSTRALIA - NEWSLETTER **SPRING 2011**

empowering communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus

From the State Director



We can be proud, as Australian Baptists, of our commitment over the years to cross-cultural ministry.

This year, Global Interaction has represented Australian Baptists at the 60 year celebrations of the churches

among the Garo people in the northern Indian state of Assam, as well as at similar celebrations among the Enga people in the Western Highlands province of PNG. Keith Jobbens, General Director of Global Interaction, who attended the celebrations, remarked: **"I have been overwhelmed by the expressions of gratitude from these communities that Australian Baptists cared enough to send cross-cultural workers to share the good news of Jesus' love with them."**

As part of our ongoing commitment to global mission, I invite Baptists in South Australia to unite on the weekend of 14-16 October for **Just Prayer**: to gather and pray for the people groups which still have not heard the name of Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel,

Melinda Cousins
State Director SA



Baptist communities praying for the least-reached people groups of the world

There are still thousands of people groups around the world which haven't heard the message of Jesus due to cultural, political and linguistic barriers.

THOUSANDS! IS THIS JUST?

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAYER

For one weekend, 14-16 October, Baptist communities across Australia will join together to pray for the people groups that are still to know Jesus. Gather with your youth group, small group, in your church service or with a bunch of friends. Whether it's for the whole weekend, or just a few minutes, join our nation in prayer.

PRAYER RESOURCES

A great collection of resources is now online to help you and your community participate in the Just Prayer weekend. Resources include creative prayer ideas for churches, youth and children's activities, videos, powerpoints and people group information. www.globalinteraction.org.au

14-16 OCTOBER 2011

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Global Interaction projects

Our cross-cultural workers need and appreciate the regular financial and prayer support of faithful partners.

Supporting a project is another great way to partner with our teams and their ministry.

Your support of a project equips our cross-cultural workers to connect with their community and share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.

[click here](#)

To support a project

www.globalinteraction.org.au

Equipping leaders

South Asia



Each January, more than 200 local project workers meet together for two days. This conference gives workers the opportunity to raise common issues, share in recreational activities, receive teaching and join in times of prayer. The staff provide their own travel expenses and give up their own personal time to attend.

Project costs

For one person to stay for two nights costs \$37.50

Total fundraising target: \$9,000

Gifts to this project are tax deductible

Project code: *SAasy706*

It's not about ping pong

Pip, a Global Interaction worker in Cambodia, plays ping pong with a group of teenagers each week. Their "coach" is Chanty, a young Khmer lady who became a Christian a year ago while working part-time for Pip as a cook and cleaner.

Chanty and Pip set up three table tennis tables in a church building and almost thirty young people participate each week. They play ping pong for an hour and study bible stories. Chanty and Pip prepare the lessons together.

Most of the participants are in Grade 1-4, so the simple studies also improve their education. Chanty reads the story to them, reads it again with them, teaches about the story, asks questions and writes a short summary for the students to copy into their exercise books.

Recently Pip noticed a girl quietly pick up a whiteboard marker and scrawl on the board: "God is a good person" and "God is Lord". Then a couple of boys used the whiteboard to practice their addition. These are young people who have quit school, stay out late, experiment with drugs and alcohol and don't listen to their parents. **Pip wonders, "Maybe they just need something to do? Maybe they're just looking for someone who cares about them?"**

Chanty knows each one of these young people by name. She visits their homes and talks with their families. She listens to their struggles and their desire for their children to "turn out good". Their parents call Chanty, "teacher", but she readily confesses, "I'm not really a sports coach. I'm not an education specialist. I can't give you all the answers about how to raise your children...but I can tell you about Jesus."

Pip says: "It's not about the ping pong. It's really not about the ping pong."



Please pray

We are dependent on God for all that we do, and prayer forms the foundation of our work. For weekly prayer updates email hotline@globalinteraction.org.au

- Pray that there will be a revival among least-reached people groups as they discover Jesus.
- Pray for strength, encouragement and discernment for all the Global Interaction cross-cultural workers as they seek to speak the name of Jesus.
- Pray for more churches and individuals to partner with Global Interaction's work - through prayer, financial giving, and going.

In our churches

There are a few team members currently in South Australia who are keen to share their stories with you (profiled below). While many of our other South Australian cross-cultural staff can't physically come to your church (they're all hard at work overseas!) they are available to speak in Sunday services via skype. Why not take up the opportunity to see and hear them live from their cross-cultural setting? Contact the South Australian State Office (call 08 8357 1755) to arrange a time for a visit or skype chat.



Geoff and Amanda

Silk Road Area

Geoff and Amanda are from Aldgate Baptist Church. They are excited to be preparing to join the team in the Silk Road Area. Geoff is an engineer and Amanda is a financial advisor. They hope to be able to help the team in the Silk Road Area with administration tasks, as well as find meaningful ways to connect with those in their neighbourhood.



John and Karen

Cambodia

John and Karen have been part of the team in Cambodia for three years. As well as focussing on learning the language and culture of the Khmer people, John and Karen support and mentor emerging leaders from university and church settings. John and Karen will be in Australia from late 2011 to share their story with supporting churches and friends.

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