

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.

Moved

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



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empowering communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus

From the State Director



I am delighted to have joined the Global Interaction team as the State Director for VIC/TAS. It has been a privilege to meet some of the cross-cultural teams when I visited both South Asia and Outback Australia. I look forward to connecting with all our staff across Africa and Asia. 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 Jobberns, 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 Victoria and Tasmania 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,

Craig Wright
State Director VIC/TAS

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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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- Annual Global Interaction Guide

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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: *SAsy706*

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.

We need you

We need people who can build relationships, get to know others, and share life and faith in authentic ways. We need people in all areas (some specific needs are listed). Do you know someone who can get involved?

- Church planters
- TESOL teachers
- Vocational trainers
- Teachers for team children
- Administrators

For more information about these and other opportunities, contact Craig Wright on 03 9880 6161 or cwright@globalinteraction.org.au

In our churches

There are a number of team members currently in VIC/TAS who are keen to share their stories with you (some profiled below). Please contact your State Office (call 03 9880 6161) to arrange a time for them to visit.



Elizabeth

Malawi

Elizabeth is preparing to live among the Yawo people of Malawi for 1-2 years as part of the Gi6pro program. With a degree in Agricultural Science she is hoping her skills in this field might be useful. Elizabeth looks forward to the privilege and challenge of building relationships with people while she lives and works alongside them.



David

South Asia

David is preparing to live among the people of South Asia for two years as part of the Gi6pro program. He looks forward to the challenges of living in another culture, learning a new language and making new friends. He hopes to use his IT skills to train local staff. He can't wait to join in with what God is doing in South Asia.



Phil

South Asia

Phil grew up in South Asia when his parents, Graeme and Pat, were serving with Global Interaction. He now plans to return there to minister long-term. He hopes to use his skills to support the local staff in improving their capacity in writing reports and proposals.

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