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# Global Interaction



At Global Interaction we believe God's greatest gift is a life-changing experience of Jesus, and our heart is to see this gift embraced by people around the world.

**There are still billions of people on planet Earth who have never had the chance to hear the name of Jesus, let alone his message of Life.**

Of the 16,000 people groups in the world, more than 6,000 are considered unreached. Less than 1% of people in these groups are believers. They do not have access to the gospel due to cultural, linguistic, political or other barriers. That's an awful lot of people who haven't heard the Good News.

**With deep compassion and cultural sensitivity, cross-cultural workers with Global Interaction are empowering communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus.**

We believe that global mission should be the concern of every follower of Jesus. During May, many churches have a concentrated focus on global mission. As an Australian Baptist, we hope that you will take your involvement in global mission seriously. Please pray, please give, please go.

Keith Jobberns  
**General Director**

## Project Profile

Bible translation and teaching material



The team in Malawi is translating the Bible into the language and terminology used by the local people, and printing various scripture booklets. This is really exciting work, having God's Word translated into a language it hasn't been seen in before for people who have not read it before.

Fundraising target: \$35,750

A gift of \$325 will subsidise the printing of 100 Bible teaching booklets.

*Project code: MLwh414*

To support this and other projects go to [www.globalinteraction.org.au](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au)

## From the **State Director**



Just having commenced in the role of Global Interaction State Director in South Australia, I am excited about all that is before me. One part of my role is to journey with people as they listen to God and discern His call for them, often into

cross-cultural service. I also have the privilege of working closely with churches in South Australia as they support and partner with those who are called overseas.

This is an enormous privilege, as candidates are linked with people in Australia who will become a source of inspiration and encouragement as they commence their cross-cultural placement.

Right now I am excited to be journeying with a number of people as they begin the journey. Dema and Carolyn have been seconded to Global Interaction from the Baptist Churches of Mizoram. They are currently in Australia, with their children Grace and Daniel, for partnership development and training. Then they will join the team in Thailand. Ron and Heather Coleman, along with Arthur Tzanakis, are all preparing to join the team in Cambodia.

**It excites me when people so eagerly and willing follow God's call to adventure.**

Can you and your church partner with Dema and Carolyn, Ron and Heather, or Arthur, supporting them prayerfully and financially? Or do you know someone (perhaps even yourself) who can respond in a similar way and join our cross-cultural teams?

Melinda Cousins

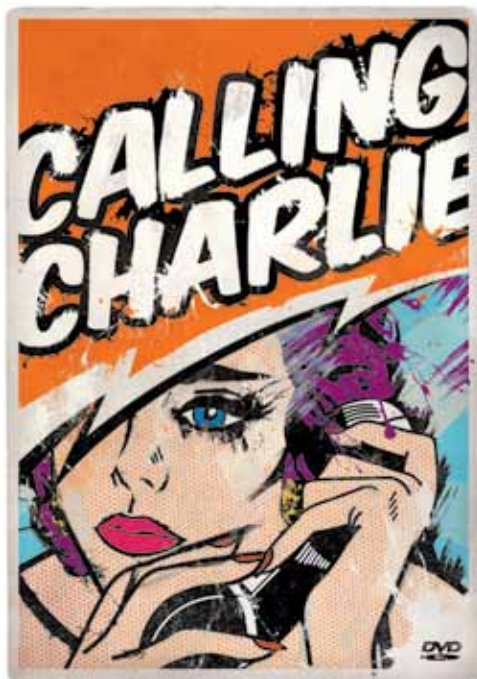
**State Director South Australia**

### **Global Interaction in South Australia**

(Melinda Cousins, State Director)

### **Global Interaction in the Northern Territory**

(Dianne Gronow, State Director, volunteer)



What happens when people take the call of God seriously?

Young adult pastors and leaders who are searching for entertaining, informative and thought-provoking resources that will confront cultural norms, challenge the status quo, push the boundaries and provide some real 'meat' for young adult discipleship – **Calling Charlie** is what you've been looking for.

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## Please Pray

We are dependent on God for all that we do, and prayer forms the foundation of our work. Each person who prays for the staff and ministry of Global Interaction is an important member of the Global Interaction family.

For weekly prayer updates email

**hotline@globalinteraction.org.au**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus.
- Ask God to raise up more people passionate about serving among unreached people groups.
- Pray for God's protection for all Global Interaction cross-cultural workers around the world: for safety in travel, good health, and positive relationships.

## In our churches

There are a number of candidates and cross-cultural workers currently in our churches who are keen to share their stories with you (some profiled below). Please contact your State Office to arrange a time for them to visit.



**Dema and Carolyn**  
with Grace and Daniel

Thailand

Dema and Carolyn are seconded to Global Interaction from the Baptist Churches of Mizoram. They are in Australia for a time of training and partnership development before joining the team in Thailand. Dema has experience teaching English and Carolyn is a dentist.



**Ron and Heather Coleman**

Cambodia

Ron and Heather have a long history with Global Interaction serving on the Board, as People Group Advocates and in various other roles. Now they're taking the step to join the cross-cultural team in Cambodia, where Heather will lead Christian Care for Cambodia.



**Arthur Tzanakis**

Cambodia

After visiting Cambodia in 2009, Arthur knew that God wanted him to return to the country long-term. He is excited about the journey ahead.

