



BEL

Serving in South East Asia

Being a Jesus-follower was an “on-again-off-again” experience for Bel as a young person, as is the case for many who grow up in a church family and school. When 20 years old and “pretty down”, she was invited to go to a weekly study. Four years later she was ready to make a serious life-changing commitment.

When she sensed that God was calling her to go to college in preparation for cross-cultural work, she writes, “I thought people would think I was crazy or no way smart enough or good enough to do either.”

Then she learned that a friend was going on a cultural awareness trip to Africa, and asked if she could go along. The preparation and the visit itself expanded her views of service. Among many things she discovered that people can be used in ways that align with their distinctive personalities and gifts.

On returning to Australia, Bel studied in NSW, completing her degree in 2005.

Bel is fascinated by other cultures and languages, loves travel and describes herself as a ‘risk-taker’, enjoying change and spontaneous behaviour. These characteristics, along with her strong sense of humour, add to the contribution she makes in South East Asia.

For the first year or two, Bel will focus on language and cultural learning. Then she will be teaching university students to dive. The students are pursuing a variety of courses related to marine and environmental studies. Bel will have many opportunities for conversations – when they are not in the water.

For Bel, life is a fascinating journey in directions that will become clear as she steps out in faith.

