



## KEITH JOBBERNS

*General Director*

“I understand my life mission to be about helping people discover the wonder of God's gracious love for them. Jesus is Lord, and all people have a right to hear the Good News of the love of God in Christ Jesus in the context of their own language and culture.”

### **God's call to ministry with Global Interaction – on two occasions**

In 1983, Keith and Marilyn Jobberns joined the Global Interaction family when they began cross-cultural ministry in Indonesia. They worked there for eight years, primarily with the Fellowship of Baptist Churches of Papua (at that time known as Irian Jaya), training pastors who were students at the Baptist Theological College at Kotaraja.

Keith and Marilyn, with their two children Belinda and Ben, returned to Australia in 1990. In 1991 they moved to Sydney's northwest to pastor the Dural Baptist Church, where they participated in a remarkable movement of God that touched both the church and the community.

### **Back to Global Interaction**

In 2003, after several months of prayerful deliberation and with a strong conviction of God's leading, Keith accepted the role of General Director of Global Interaction. Board members, staff and many others strongly affirmed that this new direction for Keith and Marilyn was God-initiated. Keith's gifts, experience, leadership ability and passion for global mission suit him well for this exciting though demanding position.

### **A challenging and diverse role – with the empowerment of God**

As Keith took up the role of General Director, he and Marilyn were confident that the God who first called them to mission service in Indonesia was the same God who had called them back to Global Interaction. Just as God had empowered them for the challenges of that time, he would do so now in this new opportunity for cross-cultural ministry.

As General Director, Keith is responsible for providing spiritual leadership and strategic direction in relation to the work and staff of Global Interaction. He exercises a pastoral ministry to many: staff in Australia, cross-cultural personnel and candidates in training. This involves regular visits to areas of ministry both in Australia and overseas.

He undertakes speaking engagements at assemblies, conventions and other forums that provide opportunities to inform and inspire people in the advancement of God's purposes through Global Interaction.