

May Mission Month

- 2020 -

MINISTRY AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

Ministry and development projects are key aspects of our cross-cultural teams' ministries and work towards meeting spiritual and physical needs of people in the communities our workers serve among.

Partnering with ministry and development projects, through a recurring or one-off gift, is a big encouragement to our cross-cultural teams and directly supports their ministry.

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Dear Australian Baptist Churches,

This May Mission Month is a great opportunity to look outside the current situation and explore mission in a new way. Let's celebrate all that God is doing among the least-reached, seek His leading as we partner with Him and deepen our commitment to mission both in our local communities and to the ends of the earth.

We know that this is a year that will look different for many of you and we recognise this is a difficult time for so many around our country. We thank you for standing with us and our teams around the world, we are all in this together!

The key themes for May Mission Month 2020 are about being in step with Jesus, others and God's mission.

We know that as a church, many of you are now meeting online and support may look very different but that you are striving to operate as normally as possible, while being a virtual faith community.

Please let us know what you hope to raise for your chosen projects. We recognise that this may be a greater challenge this year but please be assured that every amount helps as work continues for our teams overseas and candidates preparing to go.

You can contact us via phone on **(03) 9819 4944** or via email at **projects@globalinteraction.org.au** if you have any questions or to send in your project pledges. New projects and updates can be found at **www.globalinteraction.org.au/projects**.

This year, we are particularly encouraging online giving where possible. When you give online, please identify which church you are a part of in the comments section of the form so that it can be calculated as part of the church's overall project support (the church will be advised the total gifts, not who donated). By giving online, you will also directly receive your receipt.

While we continue to have projects available to partner with during May Mission Month as important building blocks for team ministries, this year we encourage you to first consider supporting our cross-cultural workers to ensure they can remain serving among the least-reached. In this difficult climate we are working hard to see our team and their ministries continue to thrive.

With the unique circumstances of this year and our encouragement to support our cross-cultural workers, we are absolutely still delighted to share our projects with you because the work does continue and these booklets (one for Support Projects and this one for Ministry and Development Projects) provide a beautiful window into their work.

Australian churches, through partnership with Global Interaction, have been branching out for over 135 years. Today there are pioneering ministries among least-reached people groups in Malawi, Mozambique, Cambodia, Thailand, Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia and the Silk Road Area. We also continue to support and equip established faith communities through our ongoing relationships in Outback Australia, Bangladesh, Thailand, India, Lebanon, Papua, Papua New Guinea, Indochina as well as Zambia and Zimbabwe. Together we have seen hundreds of thousands of lives transformed by Jesus. We praise God.

These projects are just part of our ministry story but they are important platforms our teams are involved in, all to bear much fruit for Christ. Thank you for your part in this continuing story, seeing lives eternally transformed.

In Christ,

Alison Nissley
PA to Cross-Cultural Director
and Ministry Projects Coordinator

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>> **The page numbers in the region titles refer to the 2020 Global Interaction Guide.** In the Guide, you can find more details on the cross-cultural teams' ministries, the workers involved and the people group they live and serve among.

To receive a copy of the Guide, please contact the National Office on (03) 9819 4944 or info@globalinteraction.org.au.

>> Each project item is a small part of a larger program of community transformation. The values listed are the best estimate we can provide of how much each item costs within the broader program. **If your selected project item is already fully funded when your gift arrives, we will allocate your gift to items that fulfil a similar purpose.** All care is taken to ensure project and gift information on this website is accurate and up-to-date. However, project information may change without notice.

If you wish to discuss your project choice, call the Ministry Projects Coordinator (03) 9819 4944 or email projects@globalinteraction.org.au.

YAWO OF MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE pg 11

Team Retreat

A team retreat was scheduled for the whole Yawo team this March. These once-a-year events provide space for the team to have a short break in a neutral and relaxing location and are intended to provide encouragement for the team. The focus was to identify areas of team and individual stress and support each person in that area. It was also to be a space to provide intentional rest, spiritual encouragement and rejuvenation for the whole team.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the retreat had to be postponed. The retreat is likely to go ahead next year instead and needs funds to cover expenses lost through the declaration of the pandemic and to provide funds for the rescheduled retreat.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team - Team Retreat	YWwh305	Nurturing Faith	\$4,400	Not tax deductible

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Ciyawo Bible Translation

The Malawi team continues to work with a broad team of local Yawo and cross-cultural workers to revise a Bible translation for Yawo people. The aim is to ensure there is a Ciyawo translation of the Bible that holds firm to the Word of God and is written using language and terminology the rural Yawo of Malawi can understand. As the project is heading into its sixth year, they are continuing to work together as a strong team, review Bible passages and have commenced the final stage of the project.

From April 2020 the team will be doing final proof-reads, cross-checking all references and a final type-set in preparation for publication and distribution! The team hopes that the project will be complete by December 2020 so that the Word of God is accessible to all Malawi Yawo. It is a big but incredibly exciting task and we thank you for your support so far. Please keep the team in your prayers as there may be delays due to COVID-19.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Ciyawo Bible Translation	MLwh414	Nurturing Faith	\$20,000 - <i>amount to complete the project by December 2020!</i>	Not tax deductible

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Ciyawo English Dictionary

The English to Ciyawo side is complete and the first edition was printed and continues to be distributed! The team were on track for the Ciyawo to English side to be complete by July 2020, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be some delays. The hope is still for it to be published and distributed early in 2021.

We are delighted that, with your partnership, sufficient funds have been raised to cover the running costs of this project. Thank you!

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Ian – Ciyawo English Dictionary	MLdi413	Education & Training	\$0!	Tax deductible

Malaria Medication for Jonno and Heather

Jonno and Heather, and their family, have been serving among the Yawo for many years and had to deal with the debilitating effects of Malaria, until they started taking a Malaria prophylaxis called Malarone. Since this project started and they've been able to access a regular supply of Malarone, one of the most effective Malaria prophylaxes on the market, they have not had Malaria again! This has given them so much more energy for daily life and ministry.

Thank you for your part in this! We hope to raise funds for them to purchase enough for their needs next year – they are well stocked for 2020.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Jonno & Heather – Malaria Medication	MLcr302	Living Expenses	\$3,600 - <i>per year (or \$300 per month)</i>	Not tax deductible

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Power for Jonno and Heather's Home – *Final Stages!*

Thank you to everyone who has been raising funds for this project - we're almost at the finish line! Jonno and Heather have been able to set up solar panels and an inverter, which has meant they now have more power in their home throughout the day. However, they still have a little more battery power to purchase that is no longer sufficiently covered by current funds due to the rapidly decreased value of the Australian dollar.

Help us fulfil this final amount to see Jonno and Heather have access to electricity 24 hours per day to help that both for practical needs of running a home as well as security needs at their home at night!

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Jonno & Heather – Power for the Home	MLcr105	Living Expenses	\$2,200 - <i>total to complete project</i>	Not tax deductible

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Mozambique Oral Bible Translation – *New for 2020!*

Communicating in a person’s heart language, in a way that is meaningful to them, is at the core of all we do. Our teams spend years focusing on culture and language learning to build authentic relationships and contextually share God’s love and hope with communities they live among.

Due to socio-cultural and linguistic differences between Malawi and Mozambique, the team realised that there needs to be a linguistically distinct translation of the Bible in Ciyawo accessible to Mozambican Yawo. For the greatest access to the Bible, this means that the most effective translation will not just be written in Mozambican Ciyawo but will be an oral translation.

Accessible and linguistically appropriate Scripture is vital for community movements to Jesus and that is what Tobias and the team are passionate about and seeking to do through this new project.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Mozambique Oral Bible Translation	MZwh415	Nurturing Faith	\$39,500 - cost for 2020	Not tax deductible

K PEOPLE OF THE SILK ROAD AREA pg 13

English Teaching and Friendship

The team is actively engaged in providing English language lessons to local students and young adults in their rural community. The project is addressing a key education need in the region and is so sought after that there are waiting lists for students. The team and local staff offer subsidised beginner, conversational and advanced academic English classes as well as homework clubs.

Your support has enabled the project to grow throughout the years, move into a new, more suitable building to run classes year-round, hire two local teachers and offer more subsidised class options to the community. The team is so encouraged and excited for the growing opportunities that this platform offers in connecting to the local community.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – English Teaching and Friendship	KSwh412	Education & Training	\$26,400	Tax deductible

H PEOPLE OF CENTRAL ASIA pg 15

No new team projects at this time – please see our support projects information to support the team’s work.

Please be in prayer for the team in light of COVID-19 with neither family currently able to return to the region. Pray that they can return when borders open and especially for the provision of visas for R&B.

B PEOPLE OF SOUTH ASIA pg 15

Strategic Conference

The annual Strategic Conference is the most significant event on our partner organisation's calendar. This project enables the 170+ staff and their families to come together in a relaxed environment to celebrate their achievements and encourage each other in their work. Many will have the opportunity to spend time reading the Bible and prayerfully seeking guidance for the year ahead as they go out to serve among those most vulnerable in their communities.

This is an investment into the lives of the local staff emotionally and spiritually, and enables them to celebrate all that God is doing through them and the NGO.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Strategic Conference	MZwh703	Community Development & Nurturing Faith	\$22,000 <i>Annual cost</i>	Not tax deductible

B PEOPLE OF SOUTH ASIA pg 15

Rural Income Generation

Revised and renewed for three more years, this project continues to transform the lives of B people through practically improving food production, sustainable livestock rearing and farming initiatives. Improving these techniques leads to increased income for families, transforming their future and that of their children and generations to come.

Meetings are held with community-based organisations who identify participants and the types of programs needed in their area, then those that are able are included in training sessions throughout each year, creating long-term sustainable change.

This project empowers and equips the B people, enabling them to experience wholistic changes in their families and local communities in South Asia – to-date, more than 18,000 B people have been positively impacted through these rural income generation initiatives that you have helped support!

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team - Rural Income Generation	SAsy707	Community Development & Education	\$37,700 <i>Annual cost</i>	Tax deductible

B PEOPLE OF SOUTH ASIA pg 15

Continuing the Relationship

Graeme and Pat are passionate about continuing their relationships with local B people through offering skills training at our partner NGO. Although they are now based in Australia, Graeme and Pat are committed to returning to South Asia at least once a year for up to four weeks (limited by visas) to provide support through ongoing mechanical training, driving school work, building maintenance as needed, English teaching and support in other vocational projects as required.

This project covers the practical, but necessary, aspects of their trips to South Asia.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Graeme & Pat – Continuing the Relationship	SAsy101	Education & Training	\$7,700 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Tax deductible

ETHNIC THAI OF THAILAND pg 19

Equipping and Empowering Leaders

Our team empowers Ethnic Thai believers and local leaders in rural and emerging urban faith communities through training and discipleship. Through this project, Ethnic Thai believers are strengthened and equipped to share the Good News with their families and friends. To encourage believers to grow and mature in faith, new resources are being developed to provide meaningful Gospel tools for rural communities that often have very limited literacy.

Our team strives to see Ethnic Thai believers grow in capacity and empowered for their respective ministries so that the communities of faith continue to multiply.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Equipping and Empowering Leaders	TMwh306	Nurturing Faith	\$12,980	Not tax deductible

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Home-School Teachers

Our team in Thailand has focused work in a new rural area that does not have any suitable schooling for children of our cross-cultural workers. Home-schooling is the only viable option for families who work in regional areas. To make long-term ministry in these areas possible, it is critical that families get the required education support.

This project seeks to cover the basic living expenses in Thailand for our team to host self-funded volunteers who go and provide important home-schooling assistance. By going, or supporting this project, you are releasing Luke and Belle to focus on their ministry among Ethnic Thai people.

If you know anyone that might be interested in being a volunteer home-school teacher, please contact your local state office.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Home-School Teachers	TMwh207	Education & Priority Ministry Initiatives	\$13,200 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

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Team Retreat

A team retreat is an important part of the spiritual care for our teams. This project helps enable the Ethnic Thai team intentionally come together over a couple of days for spiritual reflection and refreshment. It is key in encouraging and unifying the team in friendship and fellowship as they seek to serve God among the Ethnic Thai and share the Good News of Jesus in a culturally meaningful way.

A team retreat is run every second year. The team is currently planning for their next retreat in early 2021.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Thailand Team Retreat	TMwh305	Nurturing Faith	\$6,000 - <i>Every second year</i>	Not tax deductible

Gospelising Opportunities and Giving a Voice

From his years of contextual experience among Buddhist communities in Thailand and surrounding countries, Paul provides resources and coaching to faith communities that Global Interaction is connected with in Thailand and neighbouring locations.

To do this, he does combined trips to Thailand and these nearby countries, two to four times a year for the purpose of increasing the capacity of local faith communities to do contextual theology within their own communities. During COVID-19 restrictions he is staying in touch with contacts where possible.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Paul – Gospelising Opportunities and Giving a Voice	TMgr101	Education and Training & Nurturing Faith	\$52,700 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

KHMER OF CAMBODIA pg 21

Currently no ministry or development projects are available but please watch this space as the team continues to establish their ministry strategy as a newer and growing team.

In the meantime, there are many on the team still needing support and you can support them [here](#) >>

B.I AND S.I PEOPLE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA pg 23

Café – *Newly Revised for 2020!*

The purpose of the café is to run a sustainable business with a thriving team of local staff from lower socio-economic backgrounds who are well-trained professionally and personally. This year the project is focusing on team building and increasing staff training so that staff are not only better equipped professionally for café operations but also personally as they learn new skills in marketing, business and managing their own finances. This better provides for their families now and in the future. The team is also looking to finalise the renovations and equipment upgrades to continue running the business sustainably.

In light of COVID-19, the project has been adjusted to also raise funds to provide crucial wage and healthcare assistance to provide the best care possible for the staff in this currently uncertain pandemic situation.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Café	SEAwH605	Hospitality	\$31,900 - special target for 2020	Not tax deductible

B.I AND S.I PEOPLE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA pg 23

Education Foundation

The Education Foundation now officially runs three branches, which offer education and training opportunities to local people from low-socio-economic backgrounds. The newest branch opened in 2019! As the team and Education Foundation become increasingly trusted, partnerships and opportunities are growing.

The team at the Education Foundation has partnered with some schools to support and assist them with their language programs as well as using the foundation to assist team members with their own culture and language acquisition. The project provides English training programs, language nurturer training, an IT program, an aged care training program and has a library.

Supporting this project enables programs to be developed that specifically address the local needs, see individuals develop skills in the community and build lasting relationships for the team with individuals – both staff and students. The target cost of this project fluctuates due to an ever-changing exchange rate.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – Education Foundation	SEAwH601	Education & Training	\$77,700 Annual Cost	Not tax deductible

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On the Road Again

Mat and Shannon along with their four children live in a small, rural community about 300kms North West of Alice Springs. They travel thousands of kilometres throughout the year in varying road conditions, between local communities, providing support and encouragement and being a tangible presence of God's love through good and difficult times. They also travel back and forth to Alice Springs for their own supplies and to attend to medical needs.

This project helps keep their vehicle on the road as they serve God among Indigenous Australians.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Team – On the Road Again	ABwh411	Travel & Vehicle	\$9,000 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

Home Finishing Touches – *New for 2020!*

Mat and Shannon and their family desire to live and serve among their remote community for the long-term but this commitment comes with some obstacles. Security of property is an ongoing challenge and one way they've identified to minimise this risk is by installing security mesh screens for the windows, as others have done in the town.

This project covers the cost of purchasing and installing these screens to minimise the risk of opportunistic break-ins.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Mat & Shannon – Home Finishing Touches	ABan701	Building Renovations & Living Expenses	\$5,900	Not tax deductible

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Leading and Supporting the Team – *New for 2020!*

As an organisation, we are committed to teams and we strive to see our teams well supported and cared for, growing and thriving as they serve God cross-culturally. Each member is a vital part of the team and the Outback Team now has their very own Team Leader as Vivian generously agreed to take on this role. He will support and encourage the team with regular online meetings and two to four visits per year.

Part of this role includes him being a representative for Australian Baptist Ministries (ABM) and connecting further with the Baptist Union of the Northern Territory (BUNT) as each of our organisations further deepen and strengthen our long-term partnership. Together we strive to better support Indigenous Baptist churches.

We are excited for this new opportunity for the team and the wider Indigenous Baptist community in the Northern Territory.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Vivian – Leading and Supporting the Team	ABgr101	Nurturing Faith	\$11,110 <i>Annual cost</i>	Not tax deductible

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Lanternlight Ministries – Community Based Rehabilitation

Located in Sangklaburi, Thailand, Jit and Jan have been working with others to make sure over 220 people with disabilities living in the local district are cared for. Group and community activities, family support, advocacy and the provision of appropriate equipment all add to quality of life.

The Lanternlight Ministries team provides life-changing practical assistance and shares the Gospel in a way that is meaningful and transformative among these communities.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Jit & Jan – Lanternlight Ministries – Community Based Rehabilitation	TOya412	Community Development & Nurturing Faith	\$17,200 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

INDOCHINA pg 28

There are currently no ministry or development projects available in Indochina. Please watch this space while Mark and Ngoc establish their ministry strategy as they commence service in Indochina.

In the meantime, please consider supporting them here. >>

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Scholarship Fund

Through this project, we aim to see leaders better equipped to strengthen Baptist churches and Bible colleges among our ongoing relationships. This is an incredible opportunity to invest in the global church, enabling leaders to be trained to teach and build faith communities among their own regions. The project provides scholarship funds to assist leaders to receive further education in countries such as Bangladesh, India, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

There are currently 13 study scholarships we are looking to cover in 2020:

- 2 scholarship in ZAMBIA
- 10 scholarships in INDIA
- 1 scholarship in MALAWI

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Scholarship Fund	SFke205	Education and Training & Nurturing Faith	\$16,300 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

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Empowering the Adivasi – *New for 2020!*

In a remote district of Assam in India, is a people group who we long to see empowered and enabled to gain reliable access to food, clean water, healthcare and education. This project supports our ongoing partnership with the Boro Baptist Church Association (BBCA) in Assam who are striving to meet these needs but cannot do it alone.

They regularly provide vocational skills training classes such as tailoring or carpentry, they provide health education classes which cover general health, maternal wellbeing and nutrition for families, literacy classes are provided and last but certainly not least, they provide Bible classes to share the Good News and support the community in their faith journey.

We desire to see basic needs being met and social, educational and economic empowerment established now and passed on to future generations of the Adivasi. This is a five-year partnership.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Empowering the Adivasi	INbc701	Education and Training & Nurturing Faith	\$22,000 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

BANGLADESH pg 29

There are currently no available projects in Bangladesh but if you have a specific interest in this area please contact us as there may be project options in the future.

LEBANON pg 29

There are currently no available projects in Lebanon but Milard and Joyce are on Home Assignment and you can support them here. >>

PAPUA pg 30

There are currently no available projects in Papua but if you have a specific interest in this area please contact us as there may be project options in the future.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA pg 30

Equipping Local Leaders – *Final Year!*

There are many pastors in PNG enrolling for leadership training courses through the Christian Leaders Training College or a program called ‘Training for Trainers’, facilitated through the Baptist Union of PNG (BUPNG). There are courses available at Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor and Masters levels; however, the cost of these courses can be challenging for them to meet.

Fewer than 20 emerging PNG Baptist church leaders have been trained at a degree level but we hope to see this number grow. This project subsidises their fees, so they are able to take the opportunities these training courses present.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Equipping Local Leaders	PGbu501	Education and Training & Nurturing Faith	\$5,390 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

PAPUA NEW GUINEA pg 30

Supporting PNG Ministry Leaders – *Final Year!*

Developing and equipping pastors and leaders are huge but worthwhile tasks. This project is in partnership with BUPNG to support key leaders within BUPNG to be able to carrying out core ministry roles and equip local Baptist churches around the country.

There are over 60,000 Baptists in more than 400 local congregations. BUPNG's vision is to transform the lives of people in PNG in their relationships with God, one another and their environment. To do this, there are a team of people we seek to support financially to ensure their ability to continue this important ministry. We have a commitment with BUPNG until December 2020.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Supporting PNG Ministry Leaders	PGBu505	Education and Training & Nurturing Faith	\$31,460 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE pg 30

Church Leader Training

Christian resources in Zambia and Zimbabwe are very limited and there is little regular teaching or preaching available, so the local Baptist church is struggling. To address this significant need, Global Consultant Roger Kemp and others have come up with training programs for church leaders in areas of our ongoing relationships - Honde Valley and Bulawayo (Zimbabwe), and Fiwale Hill and Kabwe (Zambia) so that we can once again see the local church thrive.

Project Title	Code	Type	Target	Tax Deductibility
Church Leader Training	ZZke205	Nurturing Faith	\$12,100 <i>Annual Cost</i>	Not tax deductible

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