

Ministry Story

Authentic Relationships Mat and Shannon, Outback Australia

In an encouraging video update, Shannon and Mat share how they are joining with God in His transformative work each day.



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From Scott

Training Local Leaders

“One of the most urgent needs in the rapidly growing global south church is the in-situ training of missionally-focused pastors and leaders.

By 2030, it's estimated that 70% of followers of Jesus will live in the global south (the non-western world) and many of these people live, serve, and lead in impoverished communities where new approaches to leadership and pastoral training are required.

In many places across the world there is a need for relevant, cost-effective, in-situ training for local pastors, church leaders and emerging leaders. Many of these people do not have the financial resources or educational background to access traditional theological education, and many don't need tertiary qualifications to be effective in their local ministry. But they do yearn for relevant, recognised... *article continued online*



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News & Prayer

Thurs 18 April - Wed 1 May

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

Thank you for lifting up our ministry and teams in prayer! Your faithful prayers open Gospel opportunities and sustain our workers.

THANK YOU.

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Prayer and Praise

Thurs 18 April - Wed 1 May

- 18 T **Malawi** Pray for God to be powerfully at work among the Yawo, bringing His restoration and healing. Pray for our **team** to be attentive to the Spirit's promptings as they seek to live as co-menders who share God's love and hope in relevant ways.
- 19 F **Malawi** Pray for **David** as he works with the Yawo faith leaders in their Biblical training. The groups are going through a Biblical Prophets and Prophecy series, and a Foundational Bible series. Pray for the leaders to be equipped and empowered.
- 20 S **Malawi** Pray for **Gary and Shirley** as they prepare to return to Australia for a short Off-Location time. Before that, Gary will be teaching Pastoral Ethics in Zambia. Pray for the Bible college students in Malawi and Zambia as they do their best to learn in environments with limited resources.
- 21 S **Myanmar** Pray for **peace**. Pray for an end to the violence and brutal persecution of people groups such as the Chin, Kachin and Karen. Pray for children to be able to go to school, and for all to be able to live safely and thrive.
- 22 M **Myanmar** Pray for the millions of **displaced people**. Pray that the Good Shepherd would give people safe passage to secure places and shield them from violence.
- 23 T **Myanmar** Pray for **Baptist Mission Australia's** role as we seek to advocate, share resources and partner with Karen, Chin and Kachin communities in Australia, as they support friends and family back in Myanmar.
- 24 W **Cambodia** Pray for **Luke and Rachel** as they prepare to return to Australia, where Rachel will continue to serve through her project working with children with disabilities. Pray for God's hand to be on their transition.
- 25 T **Cambodia** Praise God for how He is at work in Cambodia. Pray for **Khmer people** who are curious about the Gospel to come into contact with our team. Pray for seekers to meet Jesus.
- 26 F **Papua New Guinea** Give thanks for the faithful **pastors and leaders** in PNG. Pray that they will be spurred on in their ministries as they walk in the step with the Spirit.
- 27 S **Papua New Guinea** Pray for the **youth conference** that is being held later this year. Pray for the team planning the conference, which has the objective of "Equipping, moulding, shaping and raising Christian leaders of tomorrow".
- 28 S **South East Asia** Give thanks for the amazing opportunities God is opening for our team to share the love of Jesus through the **Creation Care project**. Pray for the holistic impact of the practical and relationship building initiatives.
- 29 M **South East Asia** Caz is meeting with a small group of local women each week. Together they share deeply about their lives, faith and the challenges they face. Pray for God to be moving through their conversations and for mutual trust to continue to grow.
- 30 T **May Mission Month** Pray that God's Spirit will speak through the Mending! theme and **resources**. Pray for Baptist Mission Australia speakers as they share with churches and connect with supporters.
- 1 W **May Mission Month** Lift up **Australian church communities** as they explore what it means to live as co-menders with God in their neighbourhoods and beyond. Pray for people of all ages to grow their heart for our beautiful, broken world.