

Outback Australia

The People Group

Indigenous Australians represent 3% of Australia's population. There are a large number of tribal and language groups which means there is a wide variety of diversity within cultural practices. People in remote communities continue to face challenges relating to health, education and employment.

Global Interaction has had a long history of service among the Gurindji and Warlpiri people in Outback Australia. Our team continues to support the faith communities as they discern God's plan for their future and live as disciples of Jesus in ways that are relevant and meaningful within their culture.

The Global Interaction team in Outback Australia

Respect, time and the demonstration of genuine care are the foundation for authentic relationships where faith and life can be shared. The team spends time meeting with local people, chatting over a coffee and investing in everyday moments of friendship.

Today our team is serving alongside local faith leaders in five indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. Bible teaching, encouragement, leadership training and empowering one another to share the Gospel with the broader community is the ongoing and growing ministry.

Prayer Needs

- For local faith community leaders to be strengthened and equipped to lead their own people
- That the believers will demonstrate Jesus' love within their communities through their actions and words
- For the cross-cultural team to disciple and journey with believers well
- That local believers will reach out to their communities, investing in authentic relationships and sharing the message of Jesus

Pray for the Team Members

Bill and Pauline
Mat and Shannon

Stories of Hope from Outback Australia

God in the Everyday

Through opening up their home and baking with Indigenous girls in two Outback communities, Pauline is developing good relationships with them. During this relaxed and fun time of messy flour, licking the spoon and watching the cake rise, Pauline finds that conversations about God and life take place. Many of the girls have some knowledge of Bible stories. In this safe space, they chat about the Bible stories, ask questions and grow their understanding of what it means for them.

Thank God for this opportunity for Pauline to build relationships with these girls and positively input into their lives. Pray for growing trust as they share honestly about their lives and grow in their understanding of God's Word.

A Heart for his People

Despite chronic illness, Patrick has risen as a local church leader, sowing into his faith community in Outback Australia for many years. Since coming into a relationship with Jesus in 2012, Patrick has passionately pursued a deeper relationship with Jesus and is an inspiration to many. As a gifted encourager, not only in his church but in the broader community, Patrick is a witness to the love of Jesus for his people.

In Patrick's own words, we find our prayer for his people, "I want to encourage people to follow Ngaji (God), learn more about how to live for the Lord, then encourage people to get involved and not be shy."

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