

Ministry Story

Faith Over Fear - Dave, South East Asia

“Alice’ is one of the women we’ve been working with for many years now. She’s from a Muslim background and a few years ago she began to show an interest in following Jesus. We journeyed with her and after some time, she came to a point of committing her life to Jesus.

In the area where Alice lived, many people offer sacrifices to a powerful demonic spirit. But when Alice made her commitment to Jesus, she decided that she would no longer give offerings.

After a period of time the spirit actually appeared to her and threatened her and said, “*If you will not sacrifice to me, you and your children will suffer.*” But Alice said “*No, I will not do it.*” Sure enough, within a day or two she began to become very ill and so did her two sons.

In her distress, she contacted us and asked us to pray for her in the name of Jesus. We quickly began praying.

Her family told her that has had to sacrifice to this spiritual being, but she still refused. She and her sons continued to suffer for a few days. **Finally, the Lord Jesus stepped in and ended that period of suffering.**

After that period of opposition, her faith grew significantly. Not only that, but it had a huge impact on her family because they witnessed her suffering, and they couldn’t believe her level of commitment. **And praise God that over the years, she’s seen one family member after another come to faith in Jesus!**

Please continue to pray for Alice, her family and our team here.”

May Mission Month

May Mission Month is in full swing! We’d love to see photos of how you and your church are engaging! Send photos or updates to: info@baptistmissionaustralia.org.au

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Prayer Guide

Thurs 16 May - Wed 29 May

This special edition of News & Prayer is part two of the May Mission Month 2024 prayer guide.

Throughout this two part guide, there are prayer points for each Baptist Mission Australia ministry location as well as May Mission Month related prayer points for each Sunday.

Thank you for praying!

Your prayers sustain our teams and open doors for the Gospel to the shared.

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Prayer and Praise

Thurs 16 May - Wed 29 May

- 16 T **Silk Road Area** Pray for the three local staff who work at the team's **English centre**. Each week our team has the opportunity to explore Bible stories with them. Give thanks for their openness for these conversations and pray for God's Spirit to be at work through them.
- 17 F **Silk Road Area** Lift up **our team** as they faithfully learn culture and language, immerse themselves in the K community and seek to build authentic relationships. Pray for Gospel curiosity to grow in the hearts of their local friends.
- 18 S **Malawi** Give thanks for the emerging **Yawo faith leaders** who are being discipled and equipped. Pray for faith communities to grow as more and more people meet Jesus and experience His transforming love.
- 19 S **May Mission Month** As Baptist Mission Australia **speakers** share ministry stories with churches, pray for God to speak through them. Pray for congregations to be encouraged and spurred on in their partnership.
- 20 M **Malawi** Pray for **our team** to be attentive to the Spirit's leading as they live alongside their Yawo friends, witnessing the physical and economic challenges they face. Pray for wisdom as our team seeks to practically and lovingly respond.
- 21 T **Mozambique** Sally writes, "Pray for our **Yawo friends** as they meet with our team each week to read God's Word and pray. May our friends recognise God's truth, and experience His grace and love for them."
- 22 W **Mozambique** Give thanks for the Kingdom impact of **mp3 audio Bibles** and pray for God's provision so more devices can be purchased. Pray for God's Word to transform people's hearts.
- 23 T **Zambia & Zimbabwe** Pray for the training and equipping of **pastors and leaders**. Pray for passionate followers of Jesus to be equipped to lead churches in a way that resonates with their culture and context.
- 24 F **Australia** Pray for encouragement and protection for First Nations believers who are seeking to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Pray for our **Outback Australia team** as they join with our mending God in journeying alongside First Nations communities.
- 25 S **Australia** Pray for **Paul** as he serves among international students in Sydney, **Daniel** as he serves among First Nations communities in NSW, **Pip** as she connects with Khmer communities and Australian churches and **Tash** as she prepares to serve among Muslim women in Sydney. Pray for God's hand on each of their ministries.
- 26 S **May Mission Month** Give thanks for God's provision and the generosity of **Australian Baptists** over the past 150+ years of ministry. Give thanks for the opportunity to partner together in mission.
- 27 M **Australia** Give thanks for the doors God has opened up for Baptist Mission Australia to partner with ministry among the **Nepali community** in Hobart. Pray for discernment as new intercultural opportunities arise within Australia.
- 28 T **Papua New Guinea** Give thanks for the faithful activities of the **Baptist Union PNG**. Pray for God's strength, wisdom and provision as they minister and make decisions.
- 29 W **Papua** Pray for Baptist Mission Australia's ongoing **ministry partnership** in Papua. Ask for God's leading as we serve together and join with Him in what He is already doing.