



News & Prayer

Prayer and Praise

Thurs 2 May - Wed 15 May

- 2 T **Thailand** Praise God for the emerging **faith communities** who are using their new ministry house for hospitality and Bible studies. Pray that God's Spirit will continue to grow their hearts to share their faith in Jesus with others.
- 3 F **Thailand** Pray for our team as they disciple the Ethnic Thai believers and equip leaders. Pray for God to open up new opportunities for them to join with Him in His mending work.
- 4 S **Cambodia** Pray for **Khmer people** to hear the Gospel in a way that makes sense to them. Pray for God's Spirit to be powerfully at work, drawing people to Jesus.
- 5 S **May Mission Month** Pray for Baptist Mission Australia **team members** who are speaking in churches. Pray for God's Spirit to use their words to speak into people's hearts.
- 6 M **Cambodia** Pray for the various Khmer groups and families that **our team** is journeying alongside. Give thanks for these growing relationships and pray for opportunities to share stories from God's Word.
- 7 T **Myanmar** Pray for peace and safety for all people in Myanmar. Lift up our partner, **Sharing Hope**, as they lovingly and practically respond to the great needs of displaced people.
- 8 W **Indochina** Pray for our partner organisation as they train, employ and empower **people with disabilities**. Pray for people's lives to be transformed and for attitudes towards people with disabilities in Indochina to change.
- 9 T **Indochina** Lift up **Mark and Ngoc** as they share God's love through word and deed. Pray for the people of peace who they are building relationships with. Pray that they will be able to share the good news of Jesus in relevant and contextual ways.
- 10 F **South Asia** Pray for our team as they step out and join with God in mending a beautiful, broken world. Pray that they will experience God's peace, renewal and healing, as they seek to share it with others.
- 11 S **South Asia** Give thanks for the B women who have engaged with **our partner organisation** and are now able to read and write, better able to support their families and advocate for their rights, and whose children are now staying in school longer. Praise God for this empowering work and pray that the impact will be multiplied.
- 12 S **May Mission Month** Pray for **Church communities** to be inspired, encouraged and prompted by the Mending! theme and resources. Pray for generosity and a refreshed heart to engage in God's global mission.
- 13 M **South East Asia** Praise God for the holistic impact of the team's **Creation Care** ministry. Pray for the lives of impoverished families to be improved as they engage with the income generating, health and education opportunities offered by the team. Pray for God to speak through His Word as families gather to study the Bible.
- 14 T **South East Asia** Give thanks for the increasing openness of some of the **local friends** our team is journeying alongside. Pray for the continuous work of the Holy Spirit and for many to choose to follow Jesus.
- 15 W **India** Pray for the Intercultural Mission training that is being run by **Rema** and others. Pray for local believers to be equipped and encouraged to reach out to others with the love of Jesus.



Ministry Story

All Aspects of Life

Cam and Kath, Mozambique



In an engaging video, Kath and Cam share how joining with God in mending a beautiful, broken world, means getting alongside people in all aspects of life.

In the video, Cam reflects, “We get to share deeply with people. We get to share in the deep needs, and share the love of Jesus through prayer, friendship and in practical ways.”



Watch the video by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/AllAspectsOfLife

From Scott

Co-Menders

Today marks the commencement of May Mission Month 2024 – a very special time in the annual calendar of Baptist Mission Australia. We look forward to engaging with churches across the country, celebrating and exploring our ‘Mending!’ theme.

This month we focus on God’s beautiful, restorative vision for the world and our privilege of serving as co-menders in local communities – across the street, across the globe.

As we kick off May Mission Month today, here’s a wonderful story from our South East Asia team. It powerfully reminds us of God’s mending activity - one life at a time!

Frank had lost hope. His wife had recently died. He was left with two young children. He couldn’t find adequate employment to care for his children. Earning minimal income through casual work, he and his children ate only twice a day – usually just rice.

One of the local leaders in the education foundation heard about Frank and his difficult situation from her sister. She contacted Frank and invited him to apply for a job as a caretaker at one of our education sites. He now earns enough to provide nutritious food for his children and pay for their school needs. He now has medical insurance through the foundation and a retirement fund.

When Frank received his first work pay, the team told me he literally fell to the ground weeping and expressing gratitude over and over. Born into the majority faith group, he now participates in a weekly small group that learns from God’s Word. His life is being radically changed.

The local staff recently surprised him with a birthday cake. It was the first time in his life anyone had ever celebrated his birthday. Frank broke into tears again! Let’s be praying as God’s Spirit works in Frank’s life, the foundation staff and our South East Asia team.



Frank is loved by our mending God, and I pray for his continuing journey towards Jesus and understanding the good news in ways that make sense to him. Across the globe today and in Australia we're privileged to serve together as co-menders – living the good news by the word and deed – in hurting and needy communities.

I am reminded at the start of May Mission Month 2024 that God's mending activity begins in my own heart and mind – as God's Spirit beckons me to courageously co-operate with His renewing, cultivating work. The Spirit desires to shape all of us into people who more and more, look, live, lead and love like Jesus. This way we become more authentic and credible witnesses for Jesus in the places we are called to serve.

And what a privilege it is – to rub shoulders with others – seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus, being used by our mending God to bring love, hope, care and kindness to others – to people like Frank, yearning for change in their lives!

I was in Perth last weekend for an early start to May Mission Month and I'm looking forward to engaging with churches, pastors and supporters in five states over the next month. A very big thank you to everyone from our mission community and all our supporting churches who will play their part in this special season.

This month we are encouraged and challenged to pray, be generous and take action in supporting all that God's Spirit is doing across the world through our teams and partners.

We need your faithful prayers. We need your generous financial support. We need people to actively stand alongside us as passionate partners in the good news! We only exist at Baptist Mission Australia with the support of churches and individuals from across our movement.

If our team can assist you and your church in any way this month then please be in touch.

Thank you to everyone who shares in the Baptist Mission Australia faith story. Please join us and make the most of May Mission Month 2024. Check out the wonderful suite of Mending! resources here: www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/MMMresources

My prayers are with you as you embrace God's co-mending vision in your life and local community. Go well!

Grace and peace

Scott

Resources

May Mission Month



Watch the Welcome to May Mission Month video: www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/MMMresources

Everything to you to engage with May Mission Month is on the website. There's resources for all ages to get involved in Mending! theme.

Across the street, and across the world - God is at work, renewing, restoring and mending. And incredibly... He invites us to join with Him as co-menders!

This May Mission Month, let's join together in prayer, generosity and active partnership. Let's join our God in mending a beautiful, broken world.