

## Ministry Story

### Holding the Ropes

Melanie, Malawi

“Thanks for holding on!

These are our heartfelt words to those supporting churches, individuals and groups who have willingly stepped up to partner with us in our calling to serve in Malawi. We shared our story and they believed in what God was doing, so much so that they promised to hold the ropes while we went over the edge.

It reminds me of abseiling, those who go over the edge and those who promise to hold the ropes. There is trust involved and long term reliance as we venture out.

Hanging over the edge as an intercultural team member brings vulnerability in all aspects of our lives. It is emotionally draining, physically taxing, spiritually exhausting and mentally challenging yet we go because of obedience and we do it because we know we are not doing it alone. There is a strength that comes from our vulnerability because the whole process is a miracle...*article continued online.*



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## Giving thanks for Jit

A collection of photos taken over Jit's decades of ministry.



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## News & Prayer

Thurs 12 Dec - Wed 25 Dec

*“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 12 Dec - Wed 25 Dec

12 T **Thailand** Two weeks ago we received sad news of the unexpected passing of **Jit Yawan**, one of our faithful Thailand Intercultural team members.

Jit served with Baptist Mission Australia for almost 40 years, joining our team when he and Jan married in 1985. Together, Jit and Jan worked tirelessly through Lanternlight Ministries, bringing practical support and hope to those with disabilities in their community. As well as his many ministry roles, Jit was known for his love of the Lord, his sense of fun and his generosity.

Join us in giving thanks for Jit's life of faithful service and fruitful ministry.

13 F **Thailand** Pray for **Jan, Anna and family** as they grieve Jit's passing. Pray that amidst their grief they will experience God's peace, comfort and love.

14 S **Thailand** It has been a challenging year for our **team** in Thailand with recent flooding, health challenges and Jit's passing. Pray for them and ask God to give them strength and rest.

15 S **Malawi** Pray for the Yawo believers involved in the **Cipula Camwenye initiative** in Malawi. As they establish income generating initiatives, pray they will be empowered to support themselves and their families.

16 M **Malawi** Pray for the **Yawo faith leaders** who visit villages in Malawi. May they embody Jesus as they share the message of the Gospel.

17 T **Vietnam** Give thanks for the **Global Exposure team** that visited in November. Praise God for all that the team was able to see and experience.

18 W **Vietnam** Pray for the new **daycare centre** at our partner organisation. Pray that it will be a place where parents and children feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

19 T **Vietnam** Pray that perception of disability in Vietnamese communities will continue to change. Pray that those living with disabilities will experience respect and opportunity.

20 F **South East Asia** Praise God that **Ando** received his work visa and was able to return to South East Asia. Pray for spiritual protection and maintained physical health as he serves.

21 S **South East Asia** Pray for the small group of local friends that **Ally** meets with. Some are followers of Jesus while others are wanting to know more. Pray that as the group reads the Bible and prays together, they will more fully sense God's love.

22 S **South East Asia** Bee shares, "Pray for our **team kids** everywhere. They regularly transition between Australia and the locations their families serve. Pray they will make strong friendships and thrive within another culture."

23 M **New Year** Give thanks for all the ways God has been at work through our ministry this year. As we look towards **2025**, we pray for rest, renewal and fresh passion to see more people experiencing and expressing the transforming love and hope of Jesus.

24 T **Christmas** Pray for **churches** across Australia as they reach out to their communities this Christmas. May people from around their neighbourhoods feel the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ as they encounter Christmas celebrations.

25 W **Christmas** Pray for our intercultural **team members** as they share the story of Jesus this Christmas season. Pray that those who hear the story of Jesus' birth will be curious to hear more about God. May this season lead to ongoing conversations as our teams head into 2025.