

# RESONATE

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# ANDREW PALMIER



Having finished up with Baptist Youth Ministries, Andrew is the NKOTB in the NSW/ACT Global Interaction team. As State Director, he connects with pastors, teaches at Morling College, spends time with potential and current cross-cultural workers, leads the state team and loves to spread rumours of hope.

**You've just finished 20 years of youth ministry. What do you miss?**

The energy and wide-eyed idealism of working with youth. Sometimes we settle for mediocrity because we concentrate on the size of the task and forget how big our God is. Young people tend to punch that out of you quickly, and sometimes literally.

**What excites you about the current scene in NSW/ACT Baptist churches?**

Our churches want to see the Kingdom of God growing in their communities and around the world. Most are having a real crack at being genuine light, salt and yeast in the world. Do I always buy into their methods? Nope, but I'm humbled that God's call on our lives is primarily about availability and faithfulness. When people hold tight to these principles, God blesses their work.

**How would your family describe you?**

I'd like the kids (ages 10, 11, 14) to describe me as noble, super intelligent, incredibly gifted, handsome etc. I suspect they'd say funny, sometimes cranky, dumb (in a social sort of way), loving, adventurous, addicted to sport and snobby about coffee.

My wife, Cath, would say I'm risky and chaotic...and her partner in everything. When I met Cath she was preparing to head back to South East Asia where she'd grown up as an MK (missionary kid). Instead she married me, an Aussie Youth Pastor in the making. I reckon this new role with Global Interaction is a roundabout way of God honouring Cath for all those years of faithfulness (and late nights).

**What are the motivators and deterrents for Gen Y to get involved in cross-cultural mission?**

I reckon Gen Y-ers have bought into a lie that they're only really interested in simple solutions. Our culture skews to the trivial and we are fascinated (briefly) by fads. This can also be true in cross-cultural ministry where a short-term exposure trip is seen as 'ticking the mission box'.

The way around this dilemma is speaking into the values grid: when we tease out key gospel values of wholism, dignity, justice, grace, partnership etc, we begin to hook into a much deeper element of what it means to be human. When deep values get switched on, Gen X and Y get cracking. That's pretty exciting!

## ANDREW'S TIPS FOR DEVELOPING GREAT LEADERS

**1 / FOCUS ON THE END GOAL**

Aim to develop leaders that are better than us! Of course they'll make mistakes, but sometimes they will use new thinking for new outcomes. Great leaders aren't afraid of this; they actively pursue it.

**2 / HAND OVER REAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Leadership is all about learning risk and responsibility...and you can't learn this from a book! Hand over responsibility without taking it back...even when things go pear-shaped.

**3 / ENCOURAGE, ENCOURAGE, ENCOURAGE**

In a short letter that a Global Xposure trip participant wrote to me, she admitted that I rightly corrected the team for inappropriate attitudes or responses, yet she felt I was at times harsh. She wrote, "Make sure your criticism is sandwiched between two thick slices of encouragement." She was absolutely correct. Encouragement does exactly what it says: it gives courage.

MARINATE YOUR MIND

THE RESOURCE



SNAPSHOT SUMMARY

Global Interaction released this new resource in February, and it has everyone talking. It's thought provoking, engaging and powerful. It focuses on three themes over three sessions: Moved by God, Moved by Others and Moved by the Need. The package includes a church and small group DVD, small group study guide, sermon outlines, plus kids', youth and prayer resources. It's presented by Michael Frost, Marc Rader and Haylee Freudigmann and features cross-cultural workers in South East Asia. More than one hundred churches around Australia have used the resource in the last few months and the feedback has been fantastic.

RECOMMENDED FOR

Churches, small groups, schools, camps and individuals who dare to be moved as they understand more of God's work in the world, in their communities and in themselves.



– ADVENTURES WITH –

# THE BEECKS



Last edition, *Resonate* readers were introduced to Cam, Kath, Jack, Matilda and Sydney Beeck, a family from Perth who packed up shop and moved to Africa. As they settle into life in Mozambique and meet their Global Interaction teammates, Kath shares what the last few weeks have been like for her.

It was an epic journey with an eleven-hour flight followed by five days driving through four different countries. You might think that with three small kids it sounds like a nightmare, but we had fun! We were met with open arms by wonderful teammates in Johannesburg, showered with welcome gifts and guided through the unfamiliar territory of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. We got to see some amazing parts of Africa. It really was the perfect start.

After being asked every day by Matilda, “Mum, which country are we sleeping in tonight?”, it was wonderful to finally arrive in our new home. Our teammates had been working hard to prepare our home for us – including fresh paint and new pillows! They delivered dinner to our door every evening.

They helped arrange our work visas, gave tours of the town and showed us the best places to shop – it’s good to know where to get decent toilet paper. We even received text messages late in the evening just to check that we were doing okay.

Despite all of that, I’ve had moments

wondering what on earth we are doing here. Lying on my bed, sobbing, hating the place. Watching *Mary Poppins*, drinking tea and eating chocolate in bed with Tilly trying to pretend we’re not really in Mozambique.

Feeling angry at Cam for not putting a stop to my stupid ideas of moving to Africa earlier on. Regretting taking my kids away from all their family and friends. Being kind of angry with God. Feeling scared of the snakes, the noises, and the traffic. Feeling completely useless and incredibly ungrateful after everything everyone had done for me. Feeling like hiding inside the fence around our house, keeping busy but disengaging. Being overwhelmed by the small things that go wrong... a new black skirt in the mixed wash, a cracked toilet cistern, dodgy internet.

**After being asked every day by Matilda “Mum, which country are we sleeping in tonight?” it was wonderful to finally arrive in our new home.**

But, those moments are passing. As the weeks go on I’m starting to see more clearly the beauty of this place, the people, and God’s plan for the Yawo, the people group we are living among. If I lift up my eyes from the muddy, potholed road, I can see over the valley to a tree-lined, grassy

street in the middle of town. It is beautiful. If I lift up my eyes from the neighbourhood rubbish dump outside my front gate, I can see the most amazing sunset over the hills. It is beautiful. If I lift up my eyes from myself, I can see the giver of life. He is beautiful.



# SAME SAME *but different*

CAN I EXPECT TO SHARE MY FAITH  
OVERSEAS IF I DON'T DO IT AT HOME?





**Is experience in inviting others to follow Jesus a pre-requisite for cross-cultural mission workers? Is cross-cultural mission reserved for those who have the Gift of Evangelism? Susan Campbell gets inside the head of a 20-something on the verge of becoming a cross-cultural worker.**

I've done a short-term mission trip, talked with trusted people, prayed about it, read some books about it, and I've got a strong hunch that cross-cultural mission work will be the next line of my CV. I love other cultures, enjoy learning languages, am a good team player, have practical skills to offer and most importantly, I believe God loves the world and wants everyone to know him.

I've been told that filling in the application form is a helpful step in the discernment process, so I've decided to give it a go.

The Global Interaction long-term cross-cultural worker application is waiting in my inbox. I've scheduled a meeting with my laptop, settled myself in a quiet corner of my fave café and let the waiter know I'll be here all day.

**Name. Age. Nationality.** Too easy.

**Educational background. Theological training. Employment history.** Ya-da-ya-da-ya.

**Church affiliation. Conversion and spiritual life.** Done.

**Church ministry involvement. Community work.** I'm on a roll, order another coffee.

**Call to cross-cultural mission. Gifts and abilities. Choice of mission agency.** All good.

**Experience in sharing faith.** Ouch! Er... skip that for now.

**Medical report.** Fighting fit.

**References.** Check.

I'm finished, but for those annoying little questions: How do you normally (normally!) go about sharing your faith? Provide current examples (plural!). Describe your experience in leading a person to Jesus and discipling them?

I trawl back through my memory, skim read my journals, scroll through my Facebook friends, desperately trying to recall some

'God-conversations', hoping to dig up a fantastic example that could be the icing on the cake of my application.

I invited a friend to a youth group messy games night in grade nine. That's mission isn't it? Not quite current though...

I convinced a guy to watch Mel Gibson's *The Passion* on our second date. There wasn't a third.

I've told my work colleagues that I go to church.

My soccer friends know I can't train on Wednesdays because I have small group.

I offered to pray for a friend who was going through a tough time.

I gave a Bible to a mate as a going away present.

But...you know what? To my surprise (probably more denial than surprise) I haven't actually shared the message of faith! I've never told anyone what being a follower of Jesus means to me! I've never read the Bible with a non-Christian, let alone disciples anyone in their relationship with Jesus.

Does it really matter? I don't just mean will anyone notice if I skip that question on the application form or change the subject in the interview. But, does it really matter to me as a follower of Jesus, let alone for my future career as a cross-cultural worker? Is it a deal breaker?

Karen Newnham leads the Global Interaction team that reads applications, interviews applicants and has the final say of who's in. She reflected that in eight years in the job, where she's interviewed more than fifty people, only two stand out as having significant experience in sharing their faith. The rest, well, some have had experience and others haven't. It's certainly not a deal breaker for the kind of ministry Global Interaction teams engage in, which is gentle, respectful and highly relational. What *is* a deal breaker, Karen says, "**is passion for others to come to know Jesus and a belief that God is calling them to cross-cultural work. Their own faith needs to be alive as they listen to God.** If they haven't shared the message of Jesus before, we can teach them ways that might be effective cross-culturally, and encourage them to gain some experience during preparation with the everyday relationships God has given them."

So that covers the application and preparation process. But what happens if I actually get on the plane? Will it be as hard to find or create opportunities to share my faith overseas as it is here? It might be easier, as many people in Eastern and African cultures are more open to about talking about spiritual things. And if the team is intentional, committed, and united in the ultimate goal of seeing a group of local believers form, it will be front and centre in their minds and

conversations. Not only that, they have a host of churches, family members and blog-readers back in Australia regularly praying for it.

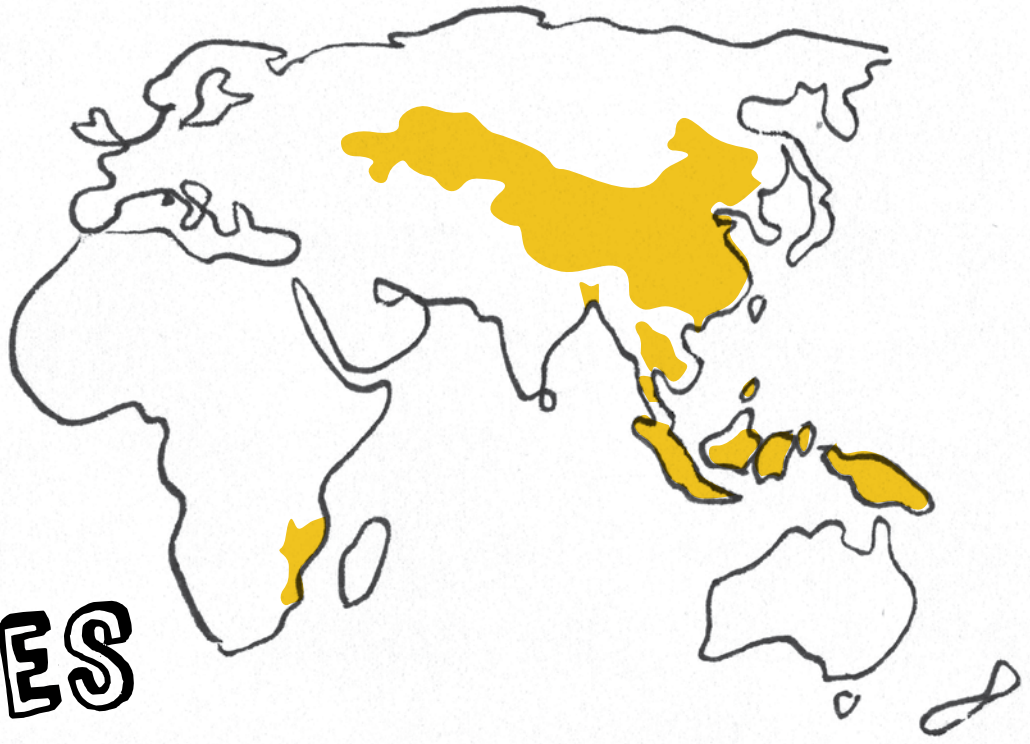
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**I've never told anyone what being a follower of Jesus means to me!**

Chris Barnden, Global Interaction's Director of Ministries, sheds some light on the comparison. He says, "It's true that in many cultures, you could easily talk about religion and spirituality til the cows come home, but there's got to be more. **The invitation for someone to discover Jesus personally must come from a genuine desire to engage with people at a deeper level. If you're not motivated to engage that way with people in Australia, you're not going to be able to magically do it there.**"

Well, this certainly has been an enlightening process for me, more like a wake up call... (or slap in the face?). I'll still send the application, but I'll take some extra time to think and live like a cross-cultural worker at home. I'll be more intentional about spending time with people who don't know God. I'll listen out for the opportunities in everyday conversations that have potential to go deeper. I'll invite others to pray for me. I won't pike because I don't know the list of kings from David to Zedekiah, I'll simply share about what Jesus means to me. No one can argue with that.

Imagine if we didn't view cross-cultural mission so differently from life here at home. Imagine if it was more Same Same than Different. Peter wrote that we *all* need to be ready to give a reason for the hope that's in us (1 Peter 3:15), wherever we are. **Imagine what might happen if all of us, not just the Gifted Evangelists, were equipped, intentional and passionate in sharing our faith with others, wherever we are?**



# DUMMIES GUIDE

## TO LEAST-REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

When Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations” he used the Greek word “ethne” meaning peoples or ethnic groups. In 2012 there are 196 nations in the world and over 16,000 distinct people groups<sup>1</sup>. 16,000!! We can see why it is known as the *Great Commission!*

### **What is a people group?**

A people group is a large grouping of individuals who are connected by shared language, religion, ethnicity, residence, occupation, class or caste, situation or a combination of these.

### **What makes a people group least-reached?**

Least-reached groups are those that have little or no access to the gospel in ways that makes sense to them. While Christianity has grown rapidly and continuously across all continents, there are places where it has encountered barriers, often caused by language, tradition, cultural, social and political differences. The least-reached have no indigenous community of believers. More than 99% of people in these communities go from birth to death without ever having an opportunity to hear the gospel.

### **Where are the least-reached people groups?**

Most of the least-reached people groups live in North Africa, the Middle East and Asia. They contain the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists.

### **How many least-reached people groups are there?**

7,000. That's about a third of the world's population. Sadly, less than 1% of all Christian resources are distributed among least-reached people groups, while over 96% are distributed among Christians.

### **What is Global Interaction's strategy?**

To address this injustice, we predominantly work among least-reached people groups. We thought trying to reach 7,000 groups was a tad ambitious, even for us Aussies, so we've chosen nine (coloured above)!

- Yawo of Malawi and Mozambique
- K\* of the Silk Road Area
- H\* of Central Asia
- B\* of South Asia
- Ethnic Thai of Thailand
- The Khmer of Cambodia
- B.I\*, R.I\* and S.I\* of South East Asia

If you are thinking that we build Baptist Churches, send Bibles and worship CDs – think again. We believe that God's greatest gift is a life-changing experience of Jesus. Due to language and cultural differences, political and social structures, we cannot simply replicate our Aussie way of doing things. Cross-cultural workers learn the language and culture, build relationships and share with local people. New believers share the gospel effectively within their own people group and develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus.

### **Want to know more?**

Interested in one of the people groups, intrigued by the \* and want to know who they are? We can tell you more, inspire you to pray and maybe send you off to find them...

<sup>1</sup> [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)

# DOING LIFE

## Together



R



B

R (the bloke) and B (the girl) belong to the Mizos, an ethnic group from North Eastern India. They also belong to us Aussies, as our churches have welcomed and supported them. They belong to the Global Interaction family, as cross-cultural workers living in Central Asia. And they belong to Jesus, being passionate followers of him. But here, we are convinced that they belong to each other.

**R / We first met at a church where B's grandpa was a pastor. We were actively involved in the youth group, a bunch of people really passionate about mission. Looking back, it was the best place and situation to meet a life partner.**

B has a gentleness that people are drawn to and sensitivity to things that I miss. For instance, when I explain things to people (picture me teaching my mother how to use a smart phone!), I get ahead of myself and leave people confused and gaping in my wake. B comes in and gently reminds me that I should simplify and go slower. This annoys me initially but I know she's right. She makes people comfortable as she recognises their often-unexpressed needs.

I appreciate B's gentle yet firm conviction. I've seen her face life-threatening situations and challenges with quiet strength and courage. She's also very generous and considerate and has a big heart for people less fortunate. On a regular basis she gathers up clothes, books and gadgets we have not used for a while to pass on to people who could use them. She rejoices in giving and sharing what God has provided us with.

She's a perfectionist, which is not always easy to put up with, but in the end I know that whatever she does, it will be done in the best way possible. One thing that should never be overlooked is her culinary skills, I am spoiled!

We are content and confident in our relationship that started with God. We have a strong conviction that we can only grow closer together as we draw closer to God.

**B / We have learned a lot about each other by talking through issues together. We discuss many issues in English, our second language, which probably gives us an excuse to say, "I didn't really mean to say that!"**

I appreciate R's passionate nature and various talents. His deep-rooted faith in God brings things into the right perspective. His capacity to love and care for others always amazes me. R has a unique gift of connecting well with people. He is a great communicator and a listener too. He's a realist and trouble-shooter. With the convenience of the technology, he's been able to help people halfway across the world. He sometimes receives calls from other expats who are out shopping or travelling and need help and advice. R interprets and negotiates on the phone on their behalf.

R is driven by a desire to serve God and to show his love for God by serving others. It comes from the realisation and appreciation of what God has done for him. There had been invitations to do other roles, often with seemingly better prospects that would mean a more comfortable lifestyle. Nothing really appeals to him than to be where God called him.

We love to simply do life together, as it is. We also love sharing Jesus with those who haven't heard and lending a helping hand to those who need it.

Because of security concerns about where we live, people refer to us as R&B. Like rhythm and blues, we go together.

# GOD, ARE YOU

## BORED YET?

ONE MAN'S JOURNEY OF WRITING,  
TALKING, LISTENING, KNEELING,  
BREATHING AND BEING WITH GOD.



Prayer. I find it so hard. My prayer journey over the decades has been fraught with difficulties and failures, but at the same time has opened some fascinating and marvelous experiences. Ever since I was a kid, I have been encouraged to pray and have been taught the deep value of prayer. I can remember my dad buying me a little notebook when I was in primary school. He sat down with me at the kitchen table to divide the pages into seven sections, one for each day of the week. We then went through and assigned people, groups, and world needs to each of the days. I used this book to guide my prayers each morning or evening, starting with praise, then thanksgiving, then requests. I recorded answers to my prayers at the back of the book. This method instilled in me discipline, but it required so many words from me. Words, words, words! **If prayer was so important, why was it so hard?**

When I was young we had an unspoken motto in our family: if the church opened its doors, we were there. This included the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. I was usually the only kid among a bunch of adults. The prayers seemed to go on and on for hours – so much talking I had trouble staying awake. More words! **I often wondered if God was mad that I got bored.**

**In my more daring moments I wondered if God got bored too. Why didn't God sit down with me and have a normal two-way conversation?**

Since then, more than four decades have passed, I'm older and balder and bolder. My prayer journey has had many twists and turns; healing prayers for people with no access to doctors, liturgical prayers for parishioners after a hectic work week, prayers with and for my own kids with candles and music, prayer retreats with my wife when we were seeking guidance about the next step in our journey... A little while ago I came to live and work in South-East Asia.

"Allahu Akbar Ash-hadu an-la ilaha illa Allah..." The call to prayer reverberates out from the mosques five times a day. It is a constant reminder that people surrendered to God have a life that is centered on prayer, time with God. **Listening to the call (there is nowhere here where you can miss it!) is slowly working towards a change in me. Five times a day I am reminded that I must continually surrender to God if I am to have any influence here as a follower of Jesus.**

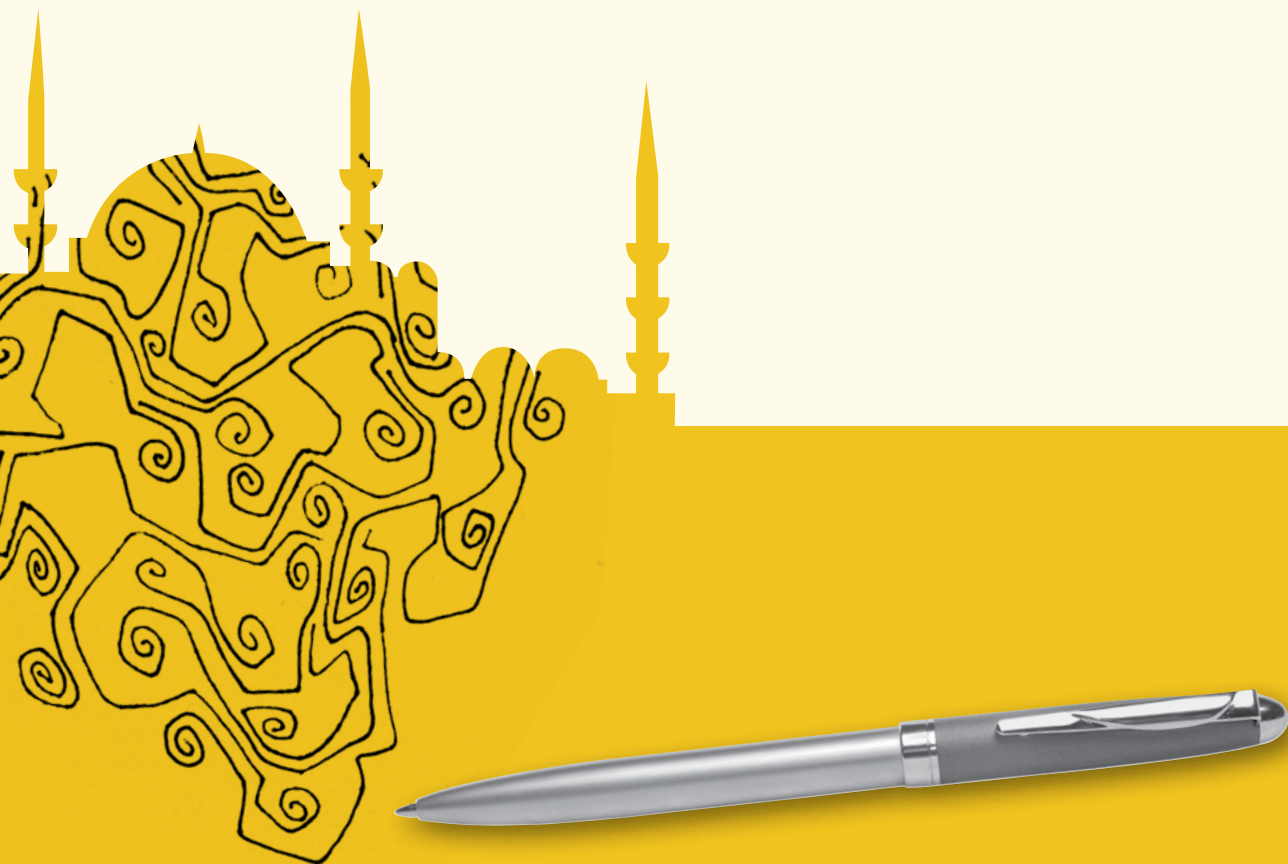
How does my prayer journey move forward in this context? What expressions of prayer can explore and discover?

In Australia, bowing my head and closing my eyes are considered the appropriate use of my body in prayer. Here, people kneel and bow by touching their head to the floor. They also extend their hands in an attitude of surrender and then gather God's blessing in by raising their hands to their face. In my prayer space – a small room with carpet and cushions on the floor – I am practicing saying the Lord's Prayer as I kneel and touch my head to the floor. When finished, I raise my open hands to my face signifying that I accept the blessings of God. **My body now joins my heart as I pray.**

I am also trying to incorporate more stillness and silence. Although my words and requests are still important, I try to balance them with being motionless and quiet before God. No talking. No agenda. No lists. Just being in God's presence.

My breathing is important. Not only are there physical benefits of slowing and deepening my breathing but it also helps centre me in the present moment. I sometimes whisper a single word over and over, one that flows with my breathing - the first syllable on my breath in and the second on my breath out. "Je-sus" or "Fa-ther". This is helpful because my mind is like a sparrow flitting from spot to spot, never coming to stillness.





A prayer word is a constant reminder, a magnet that draws me back to attentiveness to God.

But it is still hard. My mind is an insatiable rebel, mind videos play over and over, and they are incessant.

They sometimes make my quietness and silence seem a joke, a complete waste of time. One of the wonderful things I am learning is that God always precedes me. I come to South-East Asia and God is already here. I speak to a person, any person, and God is already at work in their life. So it is with my distractions. Even there, in every involuntary feeling and thought, God is present. I have only to trust that God never leaves me.

Sounds a little hard (it is) and a little strange (yes), so why persevere? Well, there is a hint of something happening. It's hard to explain but this practice is gently and slowly, so very slowly, changing my day. St Teresa, a Christian mystic from 16th century, says it like this, "the water is for the flowers".

The water that God gives from this practice is not for drinking or savouring during the quietness and silence, although this sometimes happens. It is for watering the flowers, or fruit, of the Spirit in a person's life. What is beginning to change my day will, over time, change my life.

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After a lifetime of so many words, this new mode is a real challenge for me. But I am discovering that prayer is morphing from changing things to changing me. If I am to be Jesus to the people I meet (that's the mission!), I certainly need some changing.

God's call on my life is to be the presence of the Kingdom among those with whom I live. Effective mission is watered by a deep spirituality and a deep spirituality is watered, nurtured and maintained through time and growth in prayer. The journey continues.

**Interested in learning more about silence and other contemplative approaches to prayer? Check out these resources:**

*The Sacred Way: Spiritual practices for everyday life*, Tony Jones

*Into the silent land: A guide to the Christian practice of contemplation*, Martin Laird

*The Way of the Heart: The spirituality of the desert fathers and mothers*, Henri Nouwen

[www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org)

[www.ccel.org](http://www.ccel.org)

# LISTEN IN



Are the prayers you hear at church or small group each week beginning to sound the same? Listen in to prayers of some followers of Jesus from different cultures and circumstances. Unlike hearing someone's phone convo on the train, listening in to these prayers could change your perspective, and your prayer life.

God, you are great. Please help me feed my children. Please keep the robbers away at night. Please God send me more children. As I lie awake at night during the storm, please keep the thatch thick over my head so the drips will not keep me and the children awake. God you are powerful. I have known your power before. God you are great.

Asante, Mozambique.

God, I know that it's unlikely my family will accept the same path to follow you that I have taken, so I pray for them. They have a huge burden of debt to cover my university fees, I pray that their situation will improve. God, please pave for me a successful job, so that I can pour all my earnings back to my family.

Norrie, China.



When I am out in my orchard I feel close to you, God. I am reminded of your creating power, how everything was good. I pick fruit and catch fish in my orchard and I provide for my family. I go to my cornfields and I remember how you restored my land after it had fallen into the hands of another. You restored me and my family to yourself.

Nuek, Thailand.

I used to spend a lot of time alone as my husband goes out to work to provide for us. I can't work because I'm crippled with gout. Now I know you and can pray, I'm not alone, I'm not angry, I'm not worried. Jesus, you are with me. You have changed me. I have peace and joy.

Bua Kaew, Thailand.



It's late afternoon on another warm day. I am sitting outside watching the women coming down the dusty road for women's prayer time. We sit in a circle, catch up on the day's events and bring before Wapirra (God) the needs of our community. Feeling God's presence, everyone joins in. Community life goes on around us – cars, children, dogs, shouting – but us girls are looking to Jesus. Each week we come knowing that there is much prayer needed for our families and friends in this place.

Lynette, Lajamanu Community, Northern Territory.

The wooden cross stands so strong on the hill looking over our town. Sitting at the cross, I pray Ngaji (God) forgive me. I pray for our community, sick people, children and for Christians all over the world. I feel peace and see beauty as the sun is going down. My house has so many family living in it but up here, I feel quiet and close to you.

Judith, Kalkaringi Community, Northern Territory.

## JUST PRAYER

19-21 October

There are still thousands of people groups around the world who haven't yet heard the message of Jesus due to cultural, political and linguistic barriers. Thousands! Is this just?

We invite you to prayer.

It's not just prayer. It's prayer for justice.

For one weekend, Baptist communities across Australia will join together to pray for the people groups that are still to know Jesus. Gather with your youth group, small group, church community or with a bunch of friends. Whether it's for the whole weekend, or just a few minutes, join with thousands of people across our nation to pray.

For resources and to sign up, see [www.globalinteraction.org.au](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Your Kingdom come, your will be done..."

We've heard these words of Jesus a thousand times before, but what do they mean to you? Each edition of *Resonate*, we take this question to a different person. This time it's Michael Smith, a Global Interaction cross-cultural worker in Thailand.

As I have mused over this phrase one word keeps coming to mind - hope. The biggest difference between me and my friends who don't yet know Jesus is the have and have-not of hope. I am thankful that this hope sets me free from the burdens of life in this world. When life is tough, hope gets me through. It is this hope that I long to share with others.

I am challenged by Jesus' words, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight

for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." As a follower of Jesus, I desire to share this Good News with others in practical ways that they might hear, experience and share the hope I have. A small gift of fruit or rice, helping a fish raising project, or simply baking a birthday cake present opportunities to speak words of peace and hope. My prayer is that my presence in Thailand will in some small way enable people to participate in God's Kingdom here on earth and subsequently in Heaven.

COOKING

CULTURALLY



## CREAMY CARROT SOUP

**Thailand**

Serves 4

### **Buy it**

2 cups chicken stock  
500 grams carrots, peeled and chopped  
1 medium onion, diced  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
2 teaspoons ginger, finely grated  
1-2 teaspoons Thai red curry paste  
salt and cracked pepper  
185 grams silken tofu, drained  
(alternatively, replace with a small tin  
of coconut milk)  
1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped

### **Do it**

place stock in large saucepan with carrots,  
onion, garlic and ginger. Bring to the boil  
cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or  
until carrots are tender  
stir in curry paste and season to taste  
with salt and pepper. Simmer, stirring for  
1 minute to blend flavours. Remove from  
heat and set aside to cool  
add tofu and puree in batches until smooth  
stir through mint



# We want **YOU!**

Spending a year working overseas is definitely the flavour of the 2000's! There is no shortage of opportunities to use your hard-earned skills in countries around the world for a short period with plenty of perks along the way. However, Global Interaction is seeking people who are willing to go the long-haul and share life, faith and skills with the H people\* in Central Asia.

Global Interaction's mission is to empower communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus. We are looking for people who are willing to live with the H\* people (a least-reached people group) so that they may come to an understanding of Jesus while using your professional skills to train and equip the local community.

## **THIS IS NOT JUST A JOB...**

but a commitment to an authentic presence among the H people. Together we are working to see God use your skills to add value to the community, both spiritually and professionally.

## **LIVING CONDITIONS**

Imagining a ramshackle hut with no running water and electricity? Think again. You can look forward to clean, heated apartments, reliable public transport and a variety of foods.

Once you arrive, there will be a focus on learning the language so that you will be able to speak and develop relationships in the H people's own language.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

- ◆ A bachelor's degree in engineering, agriculture, sports, medical/paramedical administration and business management, IT... (we could keep going but you get the picture).
- ◆ A willingness to train others in your area of expertise.

## **GETTING THERE**

As a cross-cultural worker you'll take part in training, building a partnership team and learning a language with the help of the Global Interaction team.

To start your discussion, contact your State director:

QLD .....	07 3354 5603
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