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As we draw near towards the end of 2022, we have so much to be thankful for at Baptist Mission Australia.

Scott Pilgrim is Baptist Mission Australia's Executive Director. He is passionate about seeing vibrant communities following Jesus in their own distinctive ways, in Australia and around the world.

Over recent weeks members of our Leadership Team have been connecting with our teams across the world and it has been wonderful to hear stories of changed lives and communities experiencing the love of Jesus in a myriad of practical ways.

From people in Mozambique yearning to hear God's Word on MP3 players to people meeting Jesus through creation care projects in South East Asia, we celebrate God at work across the globe!

And you – as a valued partner of Baptist Mission Australia – are a vital player in our big team, embracing God's gracious invitation to mission across the globe. Thank you for your unique contribution to our shared ministry in 2022.

This year I have had the privilege of visiting seven countries, connecting with some of our teams and leaders from across our global Baptist movement. It was great to finally get on the ground with intercultural team members in their unique contexts.

In this edition of Resonate we have a feature story from our team in Malawi. It was a joy to connect with local Yawo faith communities in August and to meet local leaders,

who are becoming passionate disciple makers in their own communities. Our team have a great story of God at work in Malawi.

While in Africa I also spent time in Zambia with Roger Kemp, one of the legends of our mission community. You can read more about Roger's vital leadership training ministry on pages 7-8 of this edition.

By 2060 it is expected 40% of followers of Jesus around the world will live in Africa, so investing in local leaders today is a very strategic ministry.

As we celebrate God at work in so many different ways in 2022, I am thankful for the launch of Walk the World in November. I am thankful for the hundreds of people across Australia who engaged in the event, praying for their local community and our teams across the world.

This edition of Resonate is our 40th and that's worth celebrating! I want to acknowledge the dedicated and creative work of our editor Teagan.

Enjoy reading this special edition and I look forward to partnering with you in 2023, as together we share God's love for the world.



Movement in Malawi



There's a new locally-led initiative in Malawi and our team is journeying alongside them. Tim and Melanie share the news.



Tim and Melanie have been passionately serving among the Yawo of Malawi since 2008. They share God's Word, equip local faith leaders, facilitate an adult education program and more.

There's no way to fast track history.

The work in Malawi has a long history. By now deep relationships have been established in many villages. Over years of ministry, local faith communities have emerged and Yawo leaders are discipling local believers.

These leaders have joined together to form a committee so they can make decisions in unity and with autonomy. From this committee a local not-for-profit company named Cipula Camwenya Ltd has been formed.

This is the next phase of ministry to enable the local people to join together through income generating initiatives, discipleship programs, children and youth groups, training and other activities.

This faith-based company holds the vision to empower communities to follow their own distinctive ways of following Jesus. They seek to empower believers to be free from poverty, free from dependency on hand-outs and able to share Jesus in a culturally appropriate way.

The Malawi team are partnering in this initiative. They are teaching, training, encouraging and Kingdom building. The local believers are taking the lead and we stand beside them.

We are now looking for other people with specific skills to join the team in Malawi on a short-term basis. The vision is to share Jesus' love, use our skills and do life together with the local Yawo team.



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We have recorded an audiobook style read through of this edition of Resonate.

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We embrace the Cipula Camwenye Project. It is a locally-led initiative that empowers believers to fund their own projects, their own ministries and create businesses that actually work.

The Cipula Camwenye Project has finished phase one of constructing a community centre and a locally run Nursery School has moved in.

We are excited about what this centre will create in the local community. We are looking towards phase two, setting up a coffee shop.

Today, Tim is up the mountain with a group of ten believers having a prayer day. They are asking God to give them direction for the year ahead, planning for the faith community and encouraging each other with accountability and honesty.

Please pray for this group of leaders and the faith communities they work in.

It's wonderful to share this update with you. Thank you for your faithful partnership with this ministry over so many years.

God's Word changes hearts

I (Tim) was out in a village with one of the faith communities. My mate Waindi, one of the local leaders (pictured pg 2), was teaching from Matthew 5. He was talking about being angry.

Waindi was sharing from the passage that if you bear a grudge against your neighbour, it will cause problems when you come before God. And right then and there, the village chief stood up and said, "Baba stop there." Then he pointed to two women and said, "See these two sisters, they have been fighting for years and they need to do something after this teaching."

And then it just erupted! One of the women was having a shot at her sister, the other woman started talking back. We didn't know where it was going to go! But in the end there was repentance, confession and an exchange of apologies.

What we witnessed was God's Word being heard by someone and it cutting so deep that it changed their heart. **And that's now one of the testimonies of that village - that grudges that are carried for years can be changed, because God's Word changes people's hearts.**

Want to get involved?

There are opportunities to support the team and the locally-led initiative through short-term placements.

Contact the Baptist Mission Australia team to see how you can join with what God is doing in Malawi.



Since 2012 Gary and Shirley have invested in the training of local faith leaders in India, Zambia and Malawi. In 2021, they moved to Malawi to serve full-time at a theological seminary.

A day in our life...

Gary and Shirley take us through a typical day in their life serving at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Malawi.

5am We are woken by the call to prayer from the local mosque.

6am Exercise! We walk down the noisy, dusty, busy path alongside the main road where we are greeted by a growing array of new and old friends in the community who encourage (and correct!) us as we practise our Chichewa (the local language). Pang'ono, pang'ono (little by little) we are getting to know more about our new friends.

7am Breakfast, shower. Maybe chat with our adult children in Australia as they drive home from work.

7:30am Chapel commences with worship followed by a short sermon from a student or staff member. Today Gary is sharing from Ecclesiastes 4.

8am Lectures commence - Communication for Shirley and Old Testament for Gary. If we are not teaching, then we'll be marking or preparing lessons.

12pm Lunch. Unlike our students whose meals are prepared from scratch and cooked over a fire, we opt for sandwiches.

1:30pm More lectures. It's the hottest part of the day. With little electricity and no air conditioning, teaching (and learning) in the afternoon is hard work. Despite our best efforts students often nod off in the oppressive heat.

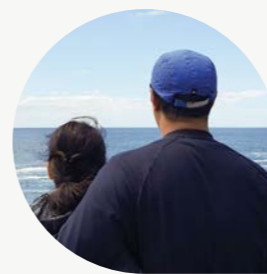
4:30 Walk the dogs around the campus in the cooler afternoon. Time to chat with students having a short break - a reminder that life on campus is also about community, pastoral care and relationships. This all takes time.

6pm Dusk - time to head inside away from the mozzies and prepare dinner.

7:30pm Chat about the day, spend time in prayer and revise our Chichewa. If the electricity and internet are working then there's time for TV.

9pm Read an e-book or catch up on the news before zzz.

EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE



Geoff Maddock is our VIC/TAS State Leader, and Simon and Widya are preparing to serve with our team in South East Asia.



Want to hear to the full conversation?

Head to:
www.baptistmissionaustralia/Missioning

For the Everywhere to Everywhere series of our Missioning podcast, Geoff Maddock sat down with Widya and Simon to discuss the power of multicultural teams, their unique experience as local team members and the diverse future of mission.

Here is an abridged version of their rich conversation.

Geoff: Widya and Simon, great to meet you! Can you tell me a bit about yourselves?

Widya: Hi Geoff! Simon and I were both born and raised in South East Asia. Separately, we came to Adelaide to study, and that's where we met.

Simon: My background is in business and management, while Widya's is in nursing education. We both grew up in Christian families and connected in with the Baptist Mission Australia team in South East Asia. Widya started working at the team's Education Foundation and then after a period of discernment, we decided to join the team... which is what we are preparing for now.

Geoff: Being from South East Asia, how do you see your experience being different to your teammates?

Simon: Our experience will be both easier and harder for us compared to our Aussie-born teammates. It will be easier in the sense that we do not need visas, which are a big hurdle for intercultural team members. Secondly, as locals we understand the language and culture, and so we can easily blend in.

Widya: Yes, we know the social rules, but this is one way that it will be harder for us. As locals, we have to follow the rules 100%. Whereas our Aussie-born teammates are given the benefit of the doubt. The locals assume that foreigners don't know any better and that all westerners are Christians anyway, so to a certain degree, foreigners can 'get away' with more than Simon and I can.

Geoff: Your team is quite multicultural, what do you see as the keys to working together across cultures?

Simon: To harness the power of a multicultural team, Widya and I believe it is vital to have cultural intelligence and humility to navigate cultural boundaries. Without this, the differences in culture can become a weakness rather than a strength.

Widya: One strength that we've seen in a multicultural mission team is that we bring different perspectives when solving problems. Of course, any decision will take longer, but when it is done right, we've seen that our decisions are more complete.

Geoff: As you think about a future of mission where more diverse voices are embraced, what comes to mind?

Simon: The question for us is, when people from different cultural and religious backgrounds share their unique understanding of God, are we ready to listen to their stories? Are we open to learning from them? Having the humility to admit that we don't know everything about God is the start to harnessing the power of the polyvocal nature of polycentric mission.

Geoff: Let's finish with a big one... What is the future of mission?

Widya: In the future, we will see more multicultural teams where word and deed work side by side. We will see more 'disciples of Christ' rather than religious 'converts'.

Simon: We will see more business as mission ministry platforms as an identity to share the Gospel. We will see more people building authentic relationships as the foundation of Gospel sharing.

Geoff: A future we can all get excited about! Thank you Widya, thank you Simon.

Equipping leaders



Roger Kemp has an extraordinary legacy of service with Baptist Mission Australia over the past four (plus!) decades. He is passionate about building up local faith leaders and is the facilitator of our Scholarship Project. Here, he gives an update.

On my recent visit to Assam, India, I was reminded of the big difference that Australian Baptists are making to the development of the church in many places around the world. In this case it was Assam where I met four church leaders who have benefited from the scholarship fund of Baptist Mission Australia.

Let me tell you something of their story.

Stephen Mecemrai and Kiranjay Rabha

Stephen was the General Secretary of the Rabha Baptist Church Union (RBCU) when we offered him a scholarship to complete his Master of Christian Management in Bangalore, India. His scholarship amounted to \$6,000.

Stephen is now the regional pastor in West Bengal for the RBCU. However, his health hasn't been the best recently, so he has called upon a colleague – Mr Kiranjay Rabha – to help him. Kiranjay has also benefited from a scholarship – gaining his Bachelor of Divinity from Union Biblical Seminary at a cost of \$5,600.

Steven shares, “It is very helpful for Rabha people and the Rabha church to have leaders trained through the scholarship program. It is not possible for the churches to sponsor such leaders in their training.”

The Rabhas are very grateful to Baptist Mission Australia for their long partnership in the scholarship program.”

Muanpuii Mecemrai

Munapuii, Stephen's wife, also benefited from a scholarship. Muanpuii has been very active in the Rabha women's program, holding several offices.

One area that Muanpuii has excelled at is using the weaving skills of the Rabha women (who she has taught) to produce scarves and bags for sale. She has also taken women into West Bengal and used their weaving skills as a means of evangelism. It has proven very successful.

Ananta Rabha

Another recipient of a scholarship has been Ananta Rabha. Ananta has spent the last 15 years working with a group of helpers, translating the Bible into easily readable Rabha. It is now ready for printing. Ananta is pursuing a D.Min degree in Mizoram. He is a key church leader and teacher for Rabha churches.

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These are just four stories of many people who have benefited from Baptist Mission Australia scholarships over the years. Currently we have twenty church leaders who are in the scholarship program.

The annual cost of these scholarships is around \$21,000 with students coming from Malawi, Zambia and India. There are applications for scholarships that are on hold because there isn't the guarantee of funds to meet the need.

This is where we need your help.

In partnership, any amount makes a difference. Your gift helps spread the Gospel by helping train current and future church leaders.



To partner with this Scholarship Project visit: www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/Scholarships



Pictured (top to bottom): Ananta Rabha, Kiranjay Rabha and Stephen Mecemrai, Muanpuii Mecemrai, and Roger Kemp.



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Thank you for being on this journey with us - 40 editions of mission exploration, God seeking, question asking and wisdom sharing.

Let's wind back the clock with some quotes throughout the years...

"Resonate does not exist to ask for money, romanticise life on the mission field or bore you to death."
Edition 1 [Michelle Farrall]

"I don't want to say it has been easy - God requires an awful lot of us - but it's always with a promise. I'd encourage other Aussies to be a little more risky."
Edition 2 [Anthony]

"If you are acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with your God, consider yourself to have found the magical, the mythical, the frightening, but oh so delighting call of God."
Edition 8 [Caryn Rogers]

"In the economy of God, we are instructed not to store up, but to redistribute, to practice generosity, to give, to share. His alternative way dismantles the fundamental structures of wealth and power. In doing this, not only are the poor and vulnerable cared for, but the power of money does not enslave us."
Edition 16 [Marcus Curnow]

"Jesus repeatedly displays hospitality and shows us the importance of allowing outsiders to experience God's hospitality. There is no judgement - just meeting people where they are."
Edition 29 [Michael Smith]

"I want to encourage you to pray. Our teams around the world are seeking to share stories about Jesus in ways that people will truly understand. And yet our telling is not enough. Pray that people will hear."
Edition 35 [Mike]

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Spirit-led people



One of our ministry guiding statements is:

How? Through Spirit-led people and mission partners, humbly contextualising the good news of Jesus in every place.

Here, three team members share what it means for them to live as 'Spirit-led people'.

Ben | Silk Road Area



Sometimes being led by the Holy Spirit is easy. Prayers are obviously answered. A call is clearly discerned. This was the case in how my family ended up in the Silk Road Area.

Sometimes though it is really hard! This has been my experience recently. It was clear that the Holy Spirit was leading my family to change location from the village we had lived in for five years to the city. It was clear that doors were opening for my wife, Petra, to be involved in a ministry she has a heart for. But what about me?

In this season, I'm not sure what I'm meant to be doing. However, I am confident that God has a plan for my family, myself included! I know that the Holy Spirit has led us to this place and so I'm waiting; anxiously sometimes, prayerfully often, and trusting that in His time, I will know what ministry to step into next.

Bob | Brisbane



I have literally heard God's voice twice: both times as a teenager making important decisions which would significantly alter the direction of my life. God's words were simple, clear and reassuring, "Just trust me".

God's Spirit has not always led in such dramatic ways, but His direction has been just as clear. When my wife, Leanne, and I committed our lives to Christian vocation, Psalm 37 became a firm anchor. We have sought to be faithful to God's word (v 3-4) and committed our lives to Him in prayer (v 5). We found that having peace about the future has directed and influenced our decisions and confirmed His leading (v 23).

Ways have opened before us to serve God in diverse places and among very special people (v 7). At times life has not always been easy (v 24), but we have learned about Jesus (v 30-31), experienced great friendships, witnessed wonderful miracles, and seen God move in people's lives across the world (v 34).

Joy | South East Asia



Part of our journey of call came through a Global Exposure trip. Pat and I saw the intercultural team being ordinary people living ordinary lives, yet intentionally for Him.

We recognise our need to ask for God's Spirit's leading to live intentionally everyday here. To be open, to see the people and places He is at work and respond to how He is inviting us to partner with Him. Moving to South East Asia with a different language and culture has been humbling, and we are grateful for the way His Spirit prepares and leads us in our interactions.

As we step out and engage with local friends, we are humbled by the sense that we do not yet have the words to fully express ourselves in a meaningful way. So, in our conversations and everyday interactions, we seek His leading and know that He is working in His way.

There are many distractions. Many of them that are good, yet compete for our attention and can take us in directions God isn't leading. We set aside time each morning to spend with Him and seek His guidance for the day.

Outback Australia



The Context

The Outback Team operates in the Tanami Desert region of the Northern Territory, north-west of Alice Springs. Our team works in partnership with a number of churches in remote communities in this area, especially among the Warlpiri and Gurindji people.

Connection with country, maintaining traditional cultural rituals and dealing with the difficulties of remote area living are some of the challenges facing these communities. While relationship, family, honouring tradition, and love for country are key values.

Challenges in this context also include access to adequate healthcare, social dislocation and the need for local empowerment.

Yet God is at work in this challenging setting. Partnering with followers of Christ in these communities, we seek to support them as they develop authentic expressions of Christian faith, critically contextualising Biblical discipleship into distinctively Aboriginal modes of expression.

Some of our team's key priorities are developing new leaders and discipling believers.

Prayer and Praise

- » Pray for the team: Shannon and Mat (Elizabeth, Peter, Caleb and Samuel), Vivian, and Beth and Danny
- » Pray that God will raise up new full-time members of the team, especially to be placed at Yuendumu
- » Pray that a new generation of First Nations leaders will be identified, raised up and disciplined well in Jesus
- » Give thanks for faithful partners who support the team
- » Give thanks that the leadership training Bush Camps have started up again and pray for the training events planned for 2023



To find out more and partner with the ministry in Outback Australia, visit: www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/Outback

The Team and Ministry

Our intercultural team in Outback Australia (pictured right) is passionate about journeying alongside First Nations churches, believers and young people, as well as investing in the development of established and emerging faith leaders.

As an organisation, we are actively seeking greater partnership with First Nations people and groups as we seek to play our part in reconciliation.

Mat and Shannon are preparing to move to Kalkarindji after being based in Yuendumu for the past four years. They live life alongside First Nations brothers and sisters in community full-time.

Shannon and Mat write, "So much of what we do is in the inbetween times as our paths naturally cross with others. One day we may spend time praying with someone who is sick, another day doing homeschooling and school, and another day sitting and fishing with someone on country. We seek to show Christ's love in word and deed, no matter what we are doing."

Danny and Beth are based in Victoria, and build relationships through regular trips and communication with believers and church leaders in the communities.

They share, "During 2022 we spent three periods in Yuendumu, getting alongside leaders and building relationships. It has also been good to start some formal Warlpiri language learning. It was exciting to see the midyear Bush Camp training, which connected leaders from several communities, recommence in 2022."

Vivian, based in NSW, offers valuable ministry and pastoral support to the team as Team Leader.



Shannon and Mat, Elizabeth, Peter, Caleb and Samuel



Vivian



Beth and Danny

Partnership Opportunities

1. Pray!

The key way to engage with the team is to pray regularly for them. Encourage them by letting them know you are praying.

2. Practical Support

On occasion, there are practical ways that volunteers can support the team.

In the past, this has involved such things as working on facility maintenance, or joining the team for a short period to provide teaching and care support for children of staff. Subscribe to the team's newsletters to stay informed.

3. Join the Team

There is a need for people to join the team full-time. Could God be calling you to this? Get in touch with the Baptist Mission Australia team to discern and explore the opportunities.

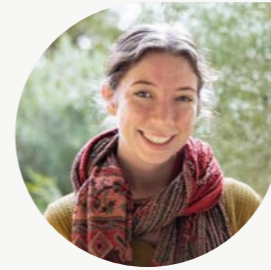


the inbetween-ness

of preparation



What does it feel like to prepare for intercultural work? Great question! Suzanne is getting ready to serve overseas, and here she explores what it feels like to live in the inbetween world of preparation.



Preparing for intercultural work is many things but very rarely boring! In a way, I've been doing it for the last 12 years, and yet new emotions, experiences and questions always find a way to appear.

I heard the call to mission when I was 16. On a Christian camp, I prayed a scary prayer. I said that my life was God's. If He told me what He wanted me to do with it, I would do it – no asterisk, no take-backs.

Suzanne is a wonderful young woman preparing to serve with the team in the Silk Road Area. Her heart is to see K people transformed by the good news of Jesus.

I'm 28 now. Each of those 12 years have been part of the preparation that eventually led me to Baptist Mission Australia and the Silk Road Area. And the preparation isn't finished yet!

Here's a snapshot of how I have felt while preparing:

Balance and Patience

When you're preparing, you live in the land of inbetweens.

Inbetween jobs and roles: Balancing the responsibilities of finishing my work as a teacher in Australia well, *while* starting to transition into a host of new opportunities, tasks and things to learn on the Silk Road.

Inbetween communities: Finding ways to cherish and value the time I have left face-to-face with loved ones before I go, *while* building friendships and getting to know new team members and people from my future host community.

Inbetween places: Boxing and donating the parts of my house I won't bring with me, *while* checking Silk Road weather forecasts and imagining cycling to the bazaar.

It's in the inbetween that I'm learning patience when I'm itching to finally join the team. My timing is not the same as God's and He is under no obligation to keep to my schedule!

Preparing is a whirlwind, but so is intercultural work! Above all else, I feel thankful that it's a journey we never have to walk alone, but hand-in-hand with the God who calls us.

Excitement and Grief

When you're preparing to serve interculturally, you're preparing to be welcomed into a range of new spaces and opportunities to share God's love. That's exciting!

I pray for and anticipate the friends I'll make, the adventures that await, and the feeling of finally reaching the destination and starting the new chapter!

The other side of the coin, though, is that I am keenly aware of how much I'll be saying goodbye to, even just for a few years.

My Bible study group, bushwalks, seeing the first class I taught graduate, family dinners, getting to hug a friend or sing Christmas carols in the town centre – these small blessings will be a lot further away next year.

So even as I feel excited, I am grieving a little too. Grief isn't a bad thing. It grows gratitude for all that God has given and trust in all He is yet to give.

Suzanne is seeking individuals and churches to partner with her prayerfully and financially. Could this be you?

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Partnership tapestry



Nat is one of our amazing supporters. She faithfully partners with Suzanne who is preparing to join the Silk Road Area team.

In this piece, Nat shares her thoughts on the interlocking nature of Kingdom partnership.

On committing to partner

As someone who has served interculturally and learned to speak another language, I know firsthand the isolation that can come from it.

I remember feeling like nothing made sense. Especially in the early stages, communication with locals is very difficult. So I know the incredible encouragement of having people pray, write and call. That's why I choose to actively partner with people like Suzanne.

On Senders and Go-ers

The relationship between the sender and go-er is very important. I know how challenging moving into an intercultural environment is. There are language and cultural barriers, as well as different outlooks on life.

This can be an extremely daunting experience for the go-er. And so knowing there are people who are praying for them, encouraging them and supporting them is vital. Even when they spend time back in their home country.

As a sender, it's my privilege to pray, encourage, write and call so the go-er knows - in a tangible way - that they are not alone. **We are all part of the wider family of God.**

It's a beautiful weaving of sending and going, partnership and call - we're woven together in God's mission and story.

On Kingdom Partnership

For me, partnership in God's mission means using what God has given me for Him. It means investing in ministries that allow people to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.

God has given us so much! Our finances, skills, abilities, time and more. Everything God has given us is an opportunity to invest in Kingdom work.

My motivation in using my gifts to partner in God's mission, is to encourage others who are sharing His love.

On Giving

I give to support others as they share God's Word with people, particularly those who have not had the opportunity to hear it before. Or who need encouragement and discipleship to grow in their faith in God.

This enables the go-er to work in the place God is sending them, and to devote their whole time to their ministry.

I like to pray and ask God whom He is asking me to support and how much. There are so many good causes out there, but to me, it is important that people have the opportunity to hear God's Word in their own heart language.

I believe that God provides all our needs. And so if God has put a cause on my heart, then I can trust Him to supply my needs as I give.

On Prayer

There are many challenges serving interculturally, even more so when sharing the Gospel. Prayer is vital.

Prayer also encourages the go-er as they know that they are not the only ones lifting their requests to God. There is power in followers of Jesus agreeing together in prayer. And God delights in answering these prayers.

A Lasting Difference

We praise God for all who partner with us in mission. Today we particularly honour **Francis Mawby, Noel Allwood, Les Merrin, and Geoffrey and Jessie Blackburn** - all faithful followers of Jesus who have passed away and left a gift in their Will for Baptist Mission Australia. Their generous contributions will invest in ongoing Kingdom work.



Francis went to New Guinea in 1963 with Baptist Mission Australia to support local communities. He faithfully supported Baptist Mission Australia from that point.



Noel's late wife Doreen served in Papua New Guinea for 11 years with Baptist Mission Australia. Noel has been involved in many ministries, most recently at Maroubra Aged Care.



Les and Val spent much of their life in service for the Baptist church. They served God both here, and in Thailand. Les was always learning and spending time with his Heavenly Father.



Jessie and Geoffrey visited many of the locations intercultural team members serve in and were a loving presence on their trips. They continued their faithful partnership in mission all their lives.

A fuller version of this article can be found at: www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/LastingDifference



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»» We're Jesus followers, good news sharers and people lovers. »» We're go-ers, risk-takers, adventurers and senders. »» We're the teams on the ground, and the people partnering with them. »» We're for relationships, building bridges and finding common ground. »» We're about word and deed. »» We're all of us working together, embracing God's gracious invitation to mission. »» Listeners, learners, alongsiders. »» Ordinary people with the mission of God in our hands.

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