

Dear GGC friends,

I hope you are all well and continuing to love and serve our Lord Jesus.
I hope you are strong in His grace. (2 Timothy 2:1)

Thank you for your patience. It's been too long since the first GGC newsletter. I will try to do better!

From Myanmar



I'm writing this from Yangon, Myanmar, where Jill and I are for 7 weeks visiting Christian friends and seeking to encourage and serve them and the gospel as best we can. It's week 3 and we are both excited and challenged in many ways. We've had many opportunities with believers here to read and learn from the Bible together. This last week we've met with a number of pastors to pursue the development of a project that aims to teach the Bible using an interactive drama to low-income oral culture Christians in developing countries delivered to them via their mobile phones. You can find out more at www.biblesoapopera.com

Please pray that God may give us wisdom in the many details that are needing to be worked through and that He may use our efforts for the growth in maturity of multitudes of Christians.

What's been happening?

In a nutshell, a lot of preparation for a number of speaking events, and being immersed (baptised?!) into the world of missions.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that I had opportunities to speak at Moore College, SMBC and at Manning Valley Reachout conference. These have all been challenging for me personally, stretching me in both content and presentation.



While at Taree for Manning Valley Reachout I had the privilege of preaching at Wingham Presbyterian Church. It was the first time I'd preached since concluding at NBC. It was delightful to be with this group of believers and for us all to be challenged by the unnamed woman in Mark 14 who did what she could to honour our Lord Jesus.

I've also attended a number of conferences as a delegate. All these events have provided me with many new and wonderful Christian friends who are committed to global mission. I am deeply impressed by the evident cooperation between the leaders of mission agencies. They see themselves as working together for the sake of the gospel, and not in competition with each other. It has been a delight to get to know them and to start seeing them as friends.

As a result of attending the Katoomba Reachout Conference I have found myself on its organising committee. The committee were looking for someone to develop the conference's connection with local churches. This seemed to fit very well with the work of GGC, so I applied and was accepted!

ReachOut



I have also been attending the State Leadership Team of Missions Interlink NSW. As I mentioned in the last newsletter [Missions Interlink](#) is a group of networks aiming to facilitate and resource mission agencies throughout Australia. This group continues to urge me on with the ministry that is GGC. I am very thankful for them.

Unfortunately the SMBC intensive course on local church and global mission that Jill and I were planning to attend was cancelled. I still need to grow in my understanding of many mission related topics.

Please pray that I read what is most helpful and be able to think well about it all.

The next step

After having had a general introduction to the world of global mission the next step it seems I need to take is to establish a small group or Board to which I am accountable and who can give wise advice about future directions and activities. I am thinking that I actually need two groups, one for the ministry side of things and the other for finances and governance. I would love to see this established early in the new year.

Please pray for wisdom to know who to ask to join these groups and for their willingness to do so.

Thank you again for your interest and your prayers.

Please pray particularly that the great news about Jesus continues to drive our churches to grow in their passion, skills and involvement in God's global mission.

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