

December/ 2020

Pray... Give... Go...



A note from the OSM Director

Rev Stanley Harvey



We greet you in the lovely name of Jesus.

Well, we've made it to the end of 2020 and it is astounding to think about how our lives, Churches and ministries have been profoundly affected this year. We give thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ that in our own nation, we have been spared some of the harsher impacts of the pandemic. One of the main reasons we are grateful for is that despite the various restrictions, the Church of God was able to continue connecting remotely online. We could still worship together and hear the ministry of the Word from the comforts of our own homes and that's been a ministry that has been thrust upon every local Church.

We are also thankful for your support with your pledges and prayers. Though we have been limited in our movements, we've been able to continue the work of Overseas Missions via the various communication platforms and we've also been able to send much needed funds to our brethren in our mission fields. As you will see in this newsletter, much work has continued to progress in Timor-Leste, Indonesia and in the Pacific.

Our appeal this year is simply to Pray, Give and Go. While prayer and giving is still readily available to us (and we beseech you for your commitment in this), going into the field in the new year is yet to be determined. However, we are believing that our missionaries Br & Sis Perry will be able to go into the field at some point in 2021 but we also want to appeal to the Australian Church for more missionaries to put up their hand for short and long term missions endeavours.

We are calling upon someone, perhaps the next generation of missionaries, to let us know that they are willing to go and do something for the cause of Christ.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa 6:8



Overseas Missions- reaching out from home!

Report by Rev Michael Perry



Br and Sis Perry

Greetings once again in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

I have been asked to convey what this year has been like for Diane and I. While it was not as anticipated for us, we can nevertheless testify that the Lord has again done exceedingly abundantly...

As background, 2020 was always to be a transitional year for us as well as the Timor-Leste mission. We would base ourselves in Australia while undertaking up to six, month-long return visits to Timor-Leste, and sometimes Indonesia, for strategic purposes. In accord with this, during January and February Diane and I undertook one mission each to Timor-Leste for pre-planned activity, including the continuation of the Baucau building program.

However, while I was on my second mission in March the Australian government directed that Australian citizens who reside in Australia, but who were overseas at the time, return as soon as possible. I had just facilitated the first in a series of Fundamental Doctrine teaching workshops for ministers and leaders in Bali. Such workshops form part of my missionary duties presently through a Pacific Regional initiative called the 'Indonesia Cooperative', so I praised God that at least the initial workshop in Bali was able to be undertaken before my return to Australia for 2 weeks of required self-quarantine.

Following the imposition of international travel restrictions, both Diane and I became busy from Australia in liaison and consultation with senior Timor-Leste church representatives. Diane continued to administer related activities funded by or through Australian Overseas Missions, while I attempted to continue contributions to Tetun translation and transcription priorities and efforts. As a bi-vocational minister also, while unable to undertake overseas mission travel, I have taken the opportunity to renew my residency of clinical nursing practice in Australia. All in all, Diane and I praise God for His goodness, wisdom and direction as we have together with Br. Harvey and the Overseas Missions Board navigated 2020!

Special initiatives, works & construction milestone in 2020:

Very significantly to report is the incredible work that has been undertaken by the Timor-Leste church and ministry during this challenging year, such as regular executive consultation on important organisational matters, the senior leadership team continuing to strive to prepare the church for growth, and related national initiatives including two significant teaching events at which Dili ministers taught and preached. I wish to highly commend these and other initiatives of our wonderful counterparts in Timor-Leste who I love and respect greatly.

I also wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge Sis Elizabeth Baptista, who in Dili has worked hard this year on transcription of bible lessons into the Tetun language, as well as leading a team of translation editors. We believe, Sis Elizabeth, that the LORD has raised you up for such a time as this, and we thank you and all the team.

Finally, may I acknowledge a special milestone for 2020, which is the completion of the education facility in Baucau. This was quite a feat during the pandemic and, as well as thanking the ministry teams of both Dili and Baucau for stepping up in required administration and other ways in relation to this construction, I wish to sincerely thank all the churches and individuals who continue to faithfully pray and give to such projects through the UPCA Overseas Missions Department.

I pray the above has given a sense at least of what has been an extraordinary year for us all in 2020.

While WE are presently limited in our movements, OUR GOD absolutely isn't.

Br Michael Perry
Regional Missionary



*Our brothers and sisters in Timor-Leste
continue to carry the gospel across the nation*

Kiribati



You helped raise
over \$40,000
Thank you

Thank you for your support with the purchase of the vehicle that will serve the saints of God in Kiribati. Through the missionary work of Br Dan Vitiyaki, the Kingdom of God continues to expand. Jesus name is exalted through the many baptisms and powerful services.



Prayer Points

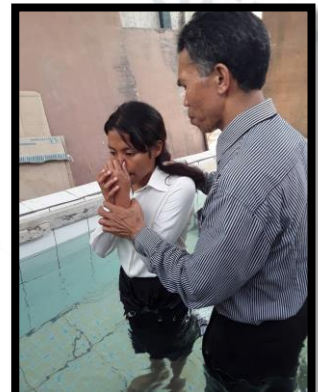
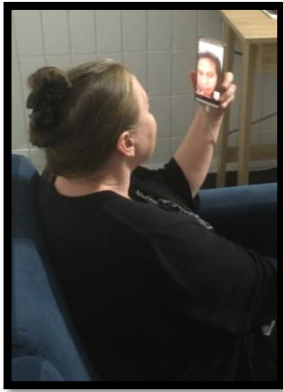


**For our Mission Fields: Timor-Leste and Indonesia
as well as our churches in the Pacific Region:**

- God's mercy, care, wisdom and peace
- God's protection and healing, signs and miracles
- God to supply all essential needs
- God to continue to add souls to His Kingdom!

Every Tongue...
Every Nation...

Timor-Leste Highlights

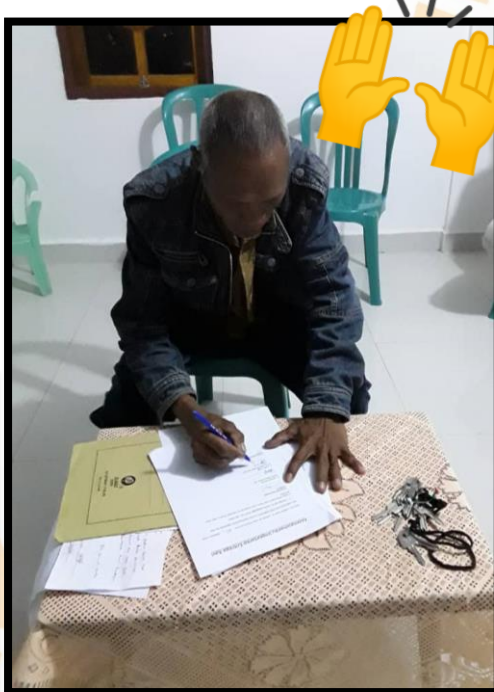


Dili

God continues to add souls in the middle of the pandemic- bible studies, baptisms and the ongoing support of Br and Sis Perry from Australia.

Baucau

Church Building project completed! Here are images of the exchange of signatures and keys. Your efforts and the hard work of the saints in Baucau made this beautiful church building possible.



Liquica



Outreach in Liquica continues to make an impact.



Your financial sacrifice

**TOTAL OFFERINGS AND
PLEDGES RECEIVED: \$252,056.74**

THANK YOU



“...Go ye into *ALL THE WORLD*,
and preach the **GOSPEL**
to *EVERY* creature.”

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS’ PURPOSE

The Overseas Missions Department of the United Pentecostal Church of Australia has touched many nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ since its inception in 1973.

The purpose of Overseas Missions is to:

- preach the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world;
- to establish new churches;
- to send forth missionaries;
- to endeavor to perform any other duties connected with religious work;
- to help in any way possible to meet the needs of local churches;
- to translate, publish and distribute religious literature.

The success of the Overseas Missions Department of the UPCA is a direct result of a co-operative effort between local assemblies, missionaries and this Department.

Your giving will ensure the
work of God continues to
yield fruit in our region!



We sincerely appreciate the
involvement of many churches and
individuals throughout Australia



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