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## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is distributed semi-regularly via email, with Church News. It contains recent updates from Australian Christian Churches (ACC) field workers, and other ministries, that we as a church prayerfully and financially support. All content is provided to Life UC, with limited proofing/edits.

If you have any comments or questions about content, please send an email to [lifemissions@lifeuc.com.au](mailto:lifemissions@lifeuc.com.au).

Regards  
Sara Hodgson, Life Missions Coordinator

## OUR FOCUS

Our church theme for this year is 'Make Room' and the key verse is from Matthew 6:33: "Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly."

For Life Missions, we are focusing on Making Room for Missions in our daily lives. We can do this by regularly and intentionally:

- **PRAYING** for the field workers we support
- **GIVING** to missions and special projects
- **GOING** locally and internationally, and
- **BELIEVING** for the salvation of others.

## THIS MONTH'S LIFE MISSIONS UPDATE

In this month's Life Missions update, we will be hearing from Paul and Deb Hilton. Paul and Deb are passionate about seeing the people in the world become all that God desires them to be. In 1998, Paul and Deb moved to Vietnam and founded AOG World Relief Vietnam. Since then they have gained incredible favour with government and communities by working closely together to see real transformation happening at many levels.

Today their work includes: Community Development; Child & Youth Advocacy; and Life Skills Training initiatives. These needs have and will continue to be identified through direct consultation with the communities themselves and the government authorities of these areas. Through regular engagement with community leaders, they are helping them journey in their thinking from 'welfare to development' and seeing sustainable solutions being implemented to address important issues such as poverty alleviation, access to clean water, health care & child advocacy.

It is a great privilege to host this amazing couple and hear from them in person! If you are not able to make it to the service, please join us online.

## LESOTHO – JOSH & BELINDA GROVES

We've been absent from social media recently, but only because our team has been working so hard to support Motimposo during lockdown. Over the past 3 months, the team have distributed food to more than 9,000 families (35,000 people) across Motimposo/Ts'enola. THANK YOU to all our partners, chiefs and community volunteers who helped with this enormous effort. COVID is hard, and hard times are when we need each other the most. We love you Motimposo.



## VIETNAM – KELVIN & REBEKAH WINDSOR

We'd like to introduce you to one of the many resilient families who have been affected by the ongoing and devastating storms, flooding, and landslides affecting Central Vietnam.

This family has already known incredible hardship which has only been compounded by this monsoonal season. Already battling a variety of health issues with limited ability to earn a living given their physical state, these two elderly grandparents are now raising their grandchildren, with the mother far away from home for working and their father having run off years ago. Already struggling to carve out enough income to keep everyone fed and sheltered, the recent storms have annihilated the place they call home and made rebuilding it impossible. Worse still, this is just one family of many who have similar stories of hardship and loss.

Many of us will never know this kind of damage and devastation but we can get behind those who have, and journey with them as they begin rebuilding their homes and lives in the wake of this disaster.



Please be praying for the people of Vietnam and the tropical storms wreaking havoc on peoples' lives, homes, and livelihoods. This is much devastation, and reports are that there is still more to come.



## CAMBODIA – MOTHER'S HEART (KATRINA GLIDDON & FAMILY)

In October, following torrential rains, there was massive flooding in Battambang province. Our Program Office in Battambang reported that 8 out of 14 districts in Battambang are flooded. Local government authorities have assisted in rescuing and relocating hundreds of families to higher and safer grounds.

While the flood waters have now receded, many communities are still inundated. Travelling to our beneficiaries' homesites is proving to be difficult due to damaged roads and bridges. However, we thank you all for praying with us. Our beneficiaries and their families are all out of danger and are keeping well despite the damage to their homes and crops. Please continue to include them in your prayers that they, amidst the devastation brought by the extreme weather, may not lose hope and keep on keeping on. Our social workers and midwives have a huge task ahead in making sure the mothers don't feel alone, unsafe, and insecure as they recover from this recent flooding.

Please join us in praying for the safety and well-being of the people of Battambang, especially the mothers and the children in our care.



## MISSIONS GIVING SUPPORT

Paul & Katrina Gliddon – Cambodia  
Ross & Donna – North Asia  
Paul & Deb Hilton – Vietnam  
Robbie Housen – Mozambique

Josh & Belinda Groves – Lesotho  
Robert & Rhonda – South Asia  
Kelvin & Rebekah Windsor – Vietnam  
Pan Asia Conference – Thailand

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Cam on! Ke a leboha! Khop khun ka! Au kun!

**Life Missions Director – Ps Sean Stanton**