



MAKING THE GOSPEL LOCAL

SIM's focus is to equip and send out cross-cultural mission workers globally. In Australia, there is a growing number of communities who have never heard the Gospel and are living amongst us today. To faithfully reach the least-reached in our own backyard, SIM Australia has developed a local ministry called *Across*.

***Across* facilitates mission workers within Australia to reach communities that are yet to hear the Gospel, such as migrants, refugees and university students.**

"*Across* is focused on supporting Christian diaspora and cross-cultural workers to reach out to different unreached ethnic communities living in Australia."

– Alan Millhouse, *Across* Ministries Lead

The strategy of *Across* is to enable workers who share backgrounds similar to the communities the church is trying to reach, so that language and cultural barriers can be easily overcome. Through *Across*, SIM supports and partners with local churches as they implement ministries to reach out cross-culturally in their communities. This helps Christians engage with migrants in various settings, including universities, counselling and sports.

GET INVOLVED WITH ACROSS MINISTRIES:

GO - Join the team of *Across* workers or volunteer in an existing ministry.

PRAY - Join monthly prayer meetings and receive ministry prayer points.

PARTNER - Support the ministries and workers by giving to the *Across* project.

EXPLORE - Explore how your church can be better equipped for local and global cross cultural ministry.



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Across Ministries

Cross-cultural ministry reaching communities where Christ is least known in Australia.

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MEET BOAZ

Boaz* is an *Across* worker who is sharing the Gospel with those from different religions. Using his Bible College training and his cultural background, Boaz started a sports ministry to foster relationships with migrants. However, Boaz was juggling two jobs and caring for his family while trying to pioneer this ministry.

With the assistance of Alan (*Across* Ministries Lead) and SIM's support structures, Boaz has been able to spend more valuable time in sports ministry and also developing other ministries. SIM provided a context where he could be financially supported to disciple those in his ministry three days a week. SIM helped Boaz develop his support team and with his increased profile, he could share his heart with his church. With their support, he is providing valuable input and assisting his church in cross-cultural ministry. Boaz has been able to equip other believers in different churches to preach the Gospel cross-culturally through training seminars.

"Sports ministry enables us to connect people across cultures and languages, it is a bridge between non-believers and the local church. It is a great opportunity for believers to connect and build friendships with people from different religious backgrounds so they can get to know Christ," Boaz said.

MEET ANGELA

One of *Across*' mission workers is Angela. She is the cofounder and coordinator of Freedom To Flourish (FTF), a Sydney-based ministry run in collaboration with Pioneers Australia. The ministry seeks to address the mental health needs of refugee and asylum seekers in Sydney who are dealing with trauma. FTF is reaching this community by offering free counselling sessions and therapeutic activities, such as gardening and craft groups.

Angela said, "I know that God is at work in the lives of people in many ways. I see people hurting and God has provided a safe place for them to deal with their hurt through the various activities that we run."

Miriam is one woman that Angela has connected with through the garden. Miriam*, who recently arrived in Australia, does not have any relatives or friends in Sydney. Miriam started to feel isolated as her husband goes to work every day and her kids go to school.

Angela said, "When I first met Miriam, she told me that she missed home. I invited her to come to the local community garden with me."

Miriam decided to join the group and she came every week, working hard in the soil and growing lots of organic fresh food to feed her family. She also met like-minded friends.

"We had a few spiritual conversations and she said that the garden was a God-sent activity because she had sun exposure, a purpose, physical activity, fresh produce, friends, and something to look forward to doing while her husband and kids were away during the day," Angela explained.

Miriam has been introduced to new foods and even learnt how to cook new recipes. Her family are thankful that she joined the garden project.

**Names changed to protect identities, representative images used*

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