

# KOOKABURRA

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## ONE BODY, ONE GOSPEL

Dear Friends,

At SIM, it is our prayer that God would continue to work through His people, with their skills and gifts, for the Gospel. Being engaged 'as you are' is a great joy as God uses us as instruments in the work of sharing the Good News. Our 'oneness' in the body of Christ means that each person has their part to play in mission. That is why I wanted to share this recent story from SIM's Faithful Witness initiative: 'Many Gifts, Many People, One Great Commision', below:

What images come to mind when you think of global mission work? Perhaps you picture doctors caring for the sick in remote villages, schoolteachers working in the bush, or pastors leading underground churches in dangerous places. These are all true and beautiful ways God is at work in the world—but they're far from the only ones.

We know from 1 Corinthians 12 that "there are varieties of gifts... and there are varieties of ministries... and there are varieties of effects," all working through the Spirit for the common good. Faithful Witness has embraced this truth in both principle and practice—sending diverse teams to diverse places, serving in diverse vocations. It's not just pastors and doctors out there!

Take, for example, Sonny, an IT professional working in South Asia, where Christians make up less than one percent of the population. Or Sam, who is developing water projects in some of the most remote regions of West Africa. We also have Faithful Witness teammates working in community development, job training, and hospitality. And yes, we have pastors, teachers, and doctors on these teams, too."

God has used the diversity of His people to build up His kingdom throughout history—through Paul, the tentmaker and rabbinical student, or Luke, the doctor turned author.

How wonderful it is that the Creator of the universe cares about our individual passions and talents and uses them strategically for His purposes.

Just read what Sonny says about his work in IT:



"I'm uniquely positioned to build relationships with people in South Asia who otherwise wouldn't have access to a Christ follower. I have the ability to act as a bridge between two cultures on LinkedIn and to holistically work as unto the Lord in what I do day to day."

Sam, who is building wells among a people group with only one known believer, says:

"We've seen communities transformed—not just physically through access to clean water, but spiritually and emotionally. One village elder, after seeing the joy and unity that came from a new well, said, 'Now God has remembered us.' That moment reminded us that God uses even the simplest acts of service to reveal His love."

There is a role for everyone in the commission of Christ, just as there is a place for everyone in the body of Christ. Whether you go, send, or support, each of us is called to engage in the work of the gospel to the nations. The Faithful Witness teams are living that out, responding to God's call in diverse and creative ways as they serve in forgotten communities around the world.

Full story can be found [here](#).

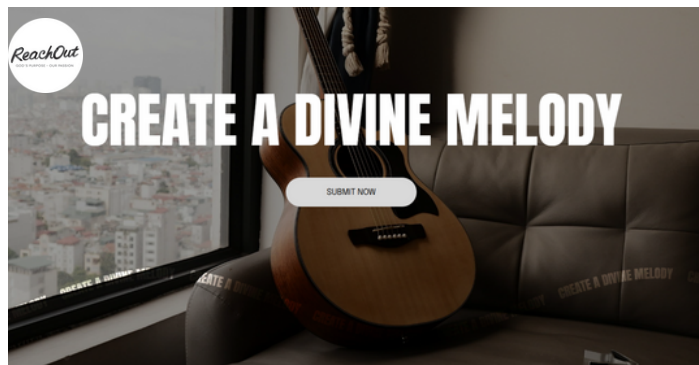
Together with Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mal".

Mal Watts  
National Director

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## ReachOut, NSW

God has been composing a melody for millennia, a song of praise that will echo the halls of heaven for eternity. Yet, its beauty will only be heard and seen when people from every nation, tribe and tongue are gathered in worship around His Throne.

This September, Tim and Jo Kay will open God's Word along with the testimonies shared of many missionaries serving across the globe. Learn how you and your church can get involved in God's global mission.

**When:** 20 September 2025

**Time:** 8am - 6pm

**Location:** One Family Church, 2B Factory St, Granville, NSW 2142

For tickets and registrations, visit the ReachOut website at [sim.org.au/sim\\_event/reachout-2025](http://sim.org.au/sim_event/reachout-2025).

## Entrusted - New SIMaid Project

The *Entrusted* project's vision is to see disability ministries and workers in the global SIM community connected and equipped so they can journey with and embrace people with disabilities in their local communities around the world.

### Give

For more information about Entrusted and to give generously to this new SIMaid project, [click here](#).

### Latest Newsletter

For this month's *Entrusted* Newsletter Update [click here](#).

### Latest Prayer Points

For this month's prayer points for *Entrusted* [click here](#).

### Prayer Guide

For *Entrusted's* 7 day prayer guide [click here](#).



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## Re-Entry Retreat, VIC

This retreat offers a program addressing grief and loss, transitioning well, reflection times on origin and call, gifts given and received, fears and difficulties and vision for the future.

**Date & Location:** 25-28 September 2025,  
CYC Resort Philip Island Resort

More info and to register go to  
[sim.org.au/sim\\_event/re-entry-retreat-victoria](https://sim.org.au/sim_event/re-entry-retreat-victoria)



COMING	Location
Pete & Jo Ong	Sydney (from Malawi)
GOING	Location
A&R	Middle East (from Sydney)

