

First Nations Gospel Ministry

2022 June Bimonthly Newsletter

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Dear Supporters of the First Nations Gospel Ministry,

Today 30th June 2022 at noon time I have received an email from Scott Pilgrim, the Executive Director of the Baptist Mission Australia – in there the first two sentences read:

"I am very pleased to confirm your formal commencement as an intercultural team member from 1 July. The Leadership Team has approved your formal start and we give thanks to God for the generous response of many faithful supporters."

The message below was my reply to his letter:

Dear Scott and all,

Many thanks for this **timely message of confirming my 1 July 2022 start**. This is a faith journey that I have stepped from my comfort zone of being a scientist and university teacher to an unknown territory as a response and submission to God's calling. Out of faith, I have been telling my Partnering Churches from the start of this year that this gospel ministry will start on 1 July 2022. And today on this very last day of June, I have received this confirmation. Praise our God with all abundant love and provisions!

I would like to take this opportunity **to thank heartily all the fantastic and helpful staff of the Baptist Mission Australia** National Office and the NSW branch including Andrew Palmer -- all your efforts from the Discernment date, various training courses, Interviews, fellowship, emails, conversations, and prayers are all important to me and equip and prepare me to join God as a mini co-worker in this First Nations Gospel Ministry.

I call this gospel ministry as "U-R-M" meaning Urban-Regional-Movement. The name is adapted from a funded project in 1990s titled "Urban-Rural-Movement (U-R-M)" supported by NCCA with global Christian Church Leaders from South America, Europe, and Asia. These leaders arrived at Sydney in 1990 and came to a resolution of supporting "First Nations Gospel Ministry". However, the First Nations Christian leaders at that time due to internal conflict and other reasons, did not proceed to implement the proposal.

So, in 2022, when I met with these Indigenous Christian leaders and tell them about my ministry as "U" & "R" meaning "Urban-Regional"; they suddenly understood it is God reminding them of their uncompleted gospel work of "U-R-M". And importantly they accept me as one of their co-workers that God has brought to them too! I witness the "U-R-M" as God's own ministry, allowing me to participate and witness His work 30 years later. How amazing God's story and His love and plan is!

Thank once again, and may God continue to bless the Baptist Mission Australia; and all the future national and international partnerships; and the gospel ministries from these collaborations!

Blessings, Daniel.

Thank you, Supporters! You make this Start Date of 1st July 2022 possible! Praise God for this Partnership together!

This "U-R-M" is OUR ministry together. And I need your continuous earnest prayers! Partnering / Supporting Churches/ Organisations are:

- Chinese & Australian Baptist Church West Ryde (Sending Church)
- Agape Christian Chinese Church
- Central Baptist Church
- Chinese & Australian Baptist Church Thornleigh
- Chinese Christian Mission Australia
- Chinese Christian Presbyterian Church Burwood
- Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong
- Friends of Baptist Mission Australia
- Gordon Baptist Church
- Hornsby Anglican Chinese Church
- Maroubra Baptist Church
- Melbourne Glory Church
- Mitchem Baptist Church
- Narara Valley Baptist Church
- Templestowe Baptist Church (Cantonese & Mandarin Congregations)

And Supports from Individual Brothers & Sisters! Thank you!



One of my Mentors, Rev Jim Kime taught us about “Discipleship” at the Sharing Meeting

Dear URM Supporters,

The Mission Committee of my Sending Church – Chinese & Rhenish Church West Ryde has organised a Sharing Meeting on 25 June 2022. And I was so joyful and encouraged to meet so many of you coming to this meeting to support and pray together!

Thank you for your attending this event; and some of you not able to join but have been praying for this!

Some Multimedia Resources Introducing U-R-M:

Baptist Mission Australia has prepared **three wonderful short 2-min videos**, each in different languages:

English: <https://vimeo.com/718185588/c4cbe806cf>

Mandarin: <https://vimeo.com/718186393/5b83ff2b9f>

Cantonese: <https://vimeo.com/718186307/691ebe4cc2>

If you want to share to friends about how God has led me from a scientist and university teacher to now become an intercultural worker and focussing on “U-R-M”, here are some YouTube clips links:

15-min Introductory video - 施文遠 澳洲土著福音事工分享 in **Cantonese:**

<https://youtu.be/UWkXYIfkRzI>

18-min Introductory video - 施文遠 澳洲土著福音事工分享 in **Mandarin & Cantonese:**

<https://youtu.be/i6U2QT9tGbE>

25-min Introductory video – Dr Daniel Sze “First Nations Gospel Ministry” in **English:**

<https://youtu.be/ZQzoi5acS4c>

Prayers points for July 2022

Urban Ministry

- Pray that God will prepare 2-4 Indigenous Christian leaders in Sydney ready to learn about Discipleship

Regional Ministry

- Pray that the visit to Indigenous Pastors in Gilgandra will help to understand how urban resources can help the regional towns’ Gospel works

