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Friday 20 May 2011

Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing to you about opportunities that exist for Australian Baptist pastors to make valuable contributions into the lives of our international partner church associations. Rev Dr Roger Kemp, Global Interaction's Global Consultant for Leadership Training, joins me in bringing this matter to your attention.

As you're aware, Global Interaction's primary focus for ministry is with nine unreached people groups and we're glad to be working with Australian Baptists in this exciting ministry. However, Global Interaction also relates to a number of international church associations where Australian Baptist missionaries have worked in previous years, and where the ministries that Global Interaction staff used to perform are now carried out by our local brothers and sisters of those associations. Some examples of these are the Northern Baptist Association of Zambia; the Baptist Union of Zimbabwe; the Garo Baptist Convention and Bangladesh Baptist Church Fellowship in Bangladesh; the Goalpara Boro Baptist Church Association, the A'chik Baptist Convention, and the Rabha Baptist Church Union.<sup>1</sup> The last three associations are located in Assam.

One of the major roles Global Interaction takes in these continuing relationships is in the area of leadership training. Often, our support takes the form of scholarships for higher theological education. We also encourage and assist these associations to prepare and carry out their own leadership training programs, with Roger providing professional input as to how to structure courses, subjects to be taught, etc. However, these associations themselves often do not have the trained personnel to adequately conduct these leadership and ministry training courses, and so look to us to assist them in this.

Roger and I see here a real opportunity for pastors of our Baptist churches to contribute in significant ways to the lives of our fellow believers in these associations by teaching in seminars, training courses, and preaching in churches over a three week period. The added bonus is that the pastors themselves receive a wonderful ministry opportunity, as well as a great cross-cultural experience with fellow believers from other cultures.

Our request to you is to include either this letter or a précis (an example is given below) of what I'm asking into your normal newsletter to pastors, inviting them to contact Global Interaction, and particularly Roger Kemp. We would assist in information about suggested dates for visits, subjects to be taught, preferred teaching style, cultural awareness, and all aspects of making such a trip.

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<sup>1</sup> Other Baptist Associations with which Global Interaction has continuing relationships are the Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea, and the Baptist Churches of Papua.



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Thank you very much for your assistance.

Peace,

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Director of Ministries

**Excerpt for Pastors' newsletter or similar:**

**How would you like an exciting, rewarding experience of teaching and preaching in an overseas context among Global Interaction's international partners?**

A number of opportunities exist for Australian Baptist pastors to provide training and pastoral encouragement to leaders and pastors of Global Interaction's partner Baptist Associations in Africa and Asia over a two or three week period in 2011 & 2012. Preferably, pastors will travel in teams, and such visits will be coordinated with the relevant local association to best meet their needs. To register your interest, please contact Dr Roger Kemp, Global Interaction's Global Consultant for Leadership Training, at rkemp@hotmail.net.au or Chris Barnden, Director of Ministries for Global Interaction, at cbarnden@globalinteraction.org.au.