

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

The children of Skipton have heard the good news about Jesus at the annual Skipton Holiday Club once again. What's it like to help bring the little children to Jesus? Teenage volunteers from Canterbury, Enya and Serina, share their experiences with *fellow workers*.

Enya Year 9 student

This was my second year being in the mission team that operated the Skipton Holiday Club over the winter holidays. The two highlights of the trip for me were the actual holiday program where I was able to look after the kids, and the time that I got to spend with some people from Skipton after the BBQ concert we had on the last Friday. During the program, I loved spending time with the kids because I was able to see their cheerful faces and their reactions to the stories and activities that we prepared for them. I was glad that the time we spent preparing



for the holiday club allowed me to see their happy smiles and that what we did made them happy. I hope that they remembered what we taught them about Jesus and that they will always know

that they are saved by God's love. After the concert on Friday, I was able to talk with some teenagers from Skipton. I enjoyed this, as I got to know what the

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THE PIONEERS COOK BOOK

Sim Secker is part of the weekly 'Craft and Friendship Group' run by Pioneers Cheltenham Presbyterian Church. Each week they bring crafts they are working on, teach each other different skills and hear a short Christian devotion and prayer time. They also run quarterly Saturday markets and annually

give away thousands of dollars to charities. They are using their gifts wisely and well. – Rev. D Brown

The idea first came to me a couple of years ago. The ladies at the Pioneers Craft Group were sitting about, chatting about how we could raise more money for our charities. We were munching on the delicious biscuits that one of

the ladies had generously brought for morning tea.

Soon a conversation started about the biscuits. Recipes were exchanged and I thought, 'With the wealth of knowledge here amongst the ladies, (some of whom are rich in years), we could put together a wonderful cook book.'

With this in mind I charged all the

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ESL Training



Participants came all the way from Warrnambool.

Increasing numbers of Presbyterians in Victoria are opening themselves to the communities around them and offering them the love of Jesus through the medium of English teaching. In March more than fifty gathered in Melbourne for training events to prove the point.

They came from as far afield as Sydney and Warrnambool (a busload), to be trained by the Presbyterian Church of NSW's Judy Rowlands. Judy's training is anything but a dull lecture; she vividly models the very

teaching methods she advocates; minimising 'teacher talk' and stressing intense and varied student activity.

Judy advised anyone contemplating an ESL ministry in their congregation to consult closely with their Session, to build a team, and to commit the enterprise to God in prayer from its earliest stages of planning.

Desma Vanderwert of Donvale and Grant Lawry of Canterbury testified to the blessing that ESL ministry has brought to their congregations. 'When we started our classes, we had no idea who God was going to bring through our door,' said Desma.

'Opportunities for ministry have opened up that we never realised existed!' A number of Bible Studies have sprung up involving those who attend the classes.

Ten PCV congregations currently operate English Class ministries, resulting in contact with over 500 students per year.

The MDC is very thankful to Canterbury, Donvale and Scots Church Melbourne for hosting these training events, and to Judy Rowlands for conducting the training.

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FELLOW WORKERS

Beltana - there and back again



Miles Fagan with David and Gae McDonald in front of the Smith of Dunesk Mission Church.

Eleven people from the Noorat and Camperdown Presbyterian Churches ventured to Beltana in June. Beltana is way out at the northern end of the Flinders Ranges in South Australia. Why Beltana, you may ask? The answer is found both in the history and the present.

History

In 1903, a young man completed his theological studies at Ormond College, Melbourne. After a short stay at a city church, he moved to Beltana. Beltana, at that time, was a district in the middle of pastoral, mining and railroad construction. This young man was Francis (Frank) Rolland.

Arriving at Beltana, he found that the conditions for the women in the outback were horrific. Often left for several weeks at a time with children, they were vulnerable to a range of mental and physical illnesses and their spiritual condition was poor. Alcohol and physical abuse was rampant.

After five years of serving the Presbyterian Church at Beltana through visits and services at the Smith of Dunesk Church at Beltana, Rolland moved to Noorat where he ministered until 1914. Rolland then volunteered to be a chaplain with the AIF serving in France. He later became the Principal of Geelong College (1921-1945) and after decades of service was knighted.

It was during 1912 that the Presbyterian Church sought to act to strengthen the pastoral work of inland Australia. In collaboration with many, Rev John Flynn was tasked to bring a report to the General Assembly of Australia in September 1912. Where did Flynn begin? At Beltana, of course! In five months he travelled through South Australia, then by boat up the east coast and on up to Darwin, coming down to Perth, finishing at Melbourne. He developed the strategy of establishing a series of Patrol areas where a Padre would travel in and

through, providing spiritual, physical and medical help to those in the outback. The Padres that were selected were Christian men who knew the land and were able to relate to the people of the outback.

Rev John Flynn was a nation builder and was known as the Father of the Inland.

He sought to eliminate the tyranny of distance and provide a mantle of safety through the

introduction of what would be finally called the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). One of the key parts of the RFDS was radio transmission. It enabled the School of the Air to be established and also provided communication between pastoral stations and small communities. In Alice Springs and other locations, hospitals were established and built to serve the people of inland Australia.

So why did people from Noorat and Camperdown visit Beltana?

Present

Last year was the centenary of the establishment of the Presbyterian Inland Mission (PIM). On Saturday 22nd September last year all of the PIM Padres throughout Australia gathered at Scot's Church Melbourne to celebrate this date. The following day, David and Gae McDonald – current Padres of the John Flynn Patrol which includes Beltana, came and visited the Noorat Presbyterian Church. This visit was warmly received on both sides. They discussed the possibility of people from Noorat visiting David and Gae at Beltana, to see where Frank Rolland ministered and the place where inland ministry was birthed.

The visit

The team travelled by various means to Beltana. Four men from the Korean Presbyterian Church in Adelaide joined the team from Noorat and Camperdown. Friday night included introductions, taking in the scenes of Beltana, and meeting the owners of Beltana station, Laura and Graham Raglass. The Flinders Ranges are amazing! On Saturday, a small working bee fitted new glass panes to windows, and did a general clean and tidy up to make the building ready for church on Sunday. Several communities were visited, building on the great work that David and Gae

have done thus far.

On Saturday evening, we watched a DVD at the town hall about the life and ministry of John Flynn. It seemed fitting to watch this in the place where it all began. On Sunday morning, Miles Fagan preached at the Smith of Dunesk mission church on Luke 19:1-10 and then we had a Korean BBQ lunch. We fitted in some sightseeing on Sunday afternoon, with tea at the Beltana Restaurant.

Reflection

History is often read in books or presented visually. But it's something else again to see and walk around the places where men like John Flynn and Frank Rolland established ideas for ministry that would last the test of time. It showed us the tyranny of distance that makes ministry so difficult in the outback. But it also made us realise that while we can move large distances in modern cars, this was not the case for one of my predecessors at Noorat, Frank Rolland. All of us were impressed by the tenacity and resilience of the people of the outback, and all the more so when we comprehended the living conditions of the women and families.

Christ Jesus commanded Christians to go and make disciples throughout the world. It is pleasing that going to Beltana we could do just that.

*Rev Miles Fagan
Noorat Presbyterian Church
For further information and resources go to
Beltana Station website:
www.beltanastation.com.au*

*The movie of John Flynn is available from PIM
for a cost of \$15: www.pim.org.au
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Don't put God in a box

Reflections on Proshikkhon 2013

From the moment I arrived in Dhaka I felt completely out of my comfort zone.

From odorous drop toilets, to people with missing limbs and deformities banging on our car window for money so that they can simply survive, to rubbish lining every street, to the shouts of stall holders only being overpowered by the Muslim call to prayer blasting from every speaker on every street corner; it's what every documentary depicts and it's exactly the reason I never wanted to come to Bangladesh. One month suddenly felt like a life sentence. Actually jail in Australia all of a sudden sounded very attractive.

Two weeks later, as I walked along the path besides the river in Birisri, holding my Bangladeshi brother's hand, I could not wipe the smile off my face. We had just entered another extremely poor Muslim village and had been overwhelmed again by their hospitality and acceptance of another Bible story, this time about Jesus performing his first miracle. The air smelt fresh, the sun was shining on our backs, and we laughed along the way as we struggled to understand each other.

Our preconceptions and surface level evaluations often do us no good

at all, as they are generally far from the truth. Bangladesh at a glance is a poor, neglected, over populated country without much hope. The reality, however, is that Bangladesh is full of hard working, patriotic, loving people, searching for hope. Their doors are open, and as we experienced, their hearts are also open to the Gospel. Like their luscious green rice fields, Bangladesh has an extremely rich harvest which God has been preparing; all it needs is the workers.

One day as I walked through the fields I saw a magnificent building that looked like a palace. As we walked closer, a man came out to meet us: 'Hello, my name is Kobil.' He invited us in.

Kobil was born in Bangladesh, but worked his way up and got a green card to the USA. He worked in New York for 35 years, and travelled the world in luxury. Even though he is still a US citizen, he chose to return to Bangladesh to retire in comfort. He looked very young still for 70. I asked him, 'So what do you do now?'

He said, 'Eat!'

In fact he grows his own ginger, turmeric, vegetables, and even peanuts from which he extracts cooking oil. He said, 'Everything I eat is organic.' Kobil is very happy with his current lifestyle.



Andrew building a relationship with a man on a bus.

I thought, 'Wow, wouldn't it be so nice to put my feet up and retire like Kobil?'

The same day we met a man called Bongkim, who at the age of 85 still walks kilometre after kilometre, praying in the name of Jesus the Redeemer for Hindu and Muslim village people, and they love him. And he has no plan to stop any time soon.

I had to ask myself, 'Which is the preferred retirement plan?'

Again and again, God altered my preconceptions and ignorant evaluations of Bangladesh and Bangla-

deshis. Before coming on Proshikkhon I was really struggling with the question, 'How can I truly and genuinely love my neighbour, and what would that look like?' Time and time again, we were stopped in the street just to chat. We were invited into tea shops and homes. We were told that we were appreciated in Bangladesh. So often we heard, 'Please come and stay at my house and meet my family, here are all my contact details.' And the surprising thing is that most of these invitations were from Muslims. God was teaching me what loving your neighbour looks like through them. Not only that, but he also smashed my puny worldview of Muslims, and also challenged my view of him and of the priesthood of believers



Early each morning the Australian team accompanied the tribal leaders to villages where they told Bible stories.



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Village people invite a Christian octogenarian to pray for them in the name of Jesus the redeemer.

that we have globally in Jesus Christ.

One day in our wanderings we ended up at a Christian shop in a Christian village. We sat down and many village people surrounded us. Our Bangladeshi companion, without notice, told the Creation story and started giving applications of that story for daily life. Everyone seemed tuned-in to listen. We ordered chai tea. After we finished our chai we started to make our way back home, but suddenly realised that we had walked out without paying!

We went back feeling like dills that we hadn't paid. Then a Hindu widow, who had been standing next to the shop listening to the Creation story came up to us and said, 'I would be very happy for you to come to my village to discuss these things with me.' So we did.

She had lived in the same house in the same village for 55 years since birth. Her husband was a freedom fighter in the 1971 war between Bangladesh and Pakistan, but had passed away in 2000. She has 3 daughters who have all moved away, so she is very lonely. She was more than happy to have us come and chat with her about the things we learn from the Bible. I was reminded that Jesus said, 'There are plenty of people who would be willing to hear the Good News, if only there were people willing to tell it.'

I cannot really pinpoint what

impacted me most on Proshikkhon, because only time will tell, but if I felt like God was telling me one thing it would be, 'Don't put me in a box! And don't ever become complacent with being a Christian in Australia.' God is limitless in every way, and his ways are not our ways, so instead of seeking theological perfection when I get back home, I will endeavour for relational wholeness, with God and with his people. We are all made in the image of God, be it man or woman, Christian or Muslim, Hindu or something else, and it is God's desire that we all come to a saving knowledge in him, through Christ. Basic truths as these have become deep truths for me during Proshikkhon because they have gone past my head and penetrated my heart. Proshikkhon has been a priceless time of self-discovery, people-discovery, Christ-discovery, and mission-discovery. It's amazing what God can teach us and do, when we are willing to step outside of our comfort zone.

Andrew Hutchens
Ministry Apprentice
Soul Presbyterian Church, Hobart.

Proshikkhon is a life-changing training experience in Bangladesh organised by Wycliff, APWM and the Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh.



Village men were also interested to hear Bible stories.

The Pioneers cook book



The ladies of the Pioneers craft and friendship group.

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ladies in the group to bring me their oldest and most favourite recipes. I also collected some from my elderly aunts (Italians who loved to cook), and dug up some of Mum's old recipes as well. Throwing in a couple of my own, I soon had a healthy collection.

Finding a printer was not easy! I went around getting quotes from various companies and all of them came back far too high. We didn't feel that we would be able to sell our little cook book for more than \$10 and so in order to make a healthy profit to donate, we needed to come up with a cheaper way of printing.

Firstly, my wonderful neighbour kindly offered to help me set the book up on his computer so that the printers would be able to receive an electronic copy, which was already type set and ready for print. This was richly rewarded by one of Margaret Parsons' wonderful Christmas Cakes – he was delighted.

Secondly, in God's providence, my husband and I were travelling through country Victoria when we came upon a Market Day being held in a little town called St Arnaud. One of the stalls was promoting their work in the printing field and so I stopped to chat to a lovely lady who turned out to be the Centre Manager for the St Arnaud Community Resource Centre. She explained that they employed special needs people from the community and with the help of the Australian Government and monies made from work they commissioned, opportunities were provided for these special needs people to learn skills and gain employment.

Perfect, I thought, we could help

them, and in turn they would help us raise money for other needy people! Several conversations later I was given a ball-park figure for what it should cost for 50 cook books to be printed.

At this point I decided I was going to raise all the money for printing the books myself – all the more profit for donating to a worthy cause, and if they don't sell... well I would worry about that later. After several months of hard work by all involved, we decided to launch the book at our Mothers Day Market. It was a great success with all the books bar six being sold and \$440 being donated to the Royal Flying Doctors. I feel sure that these last six will not last long and we are even discussing the possibility of a re-print for our Christmas Market.

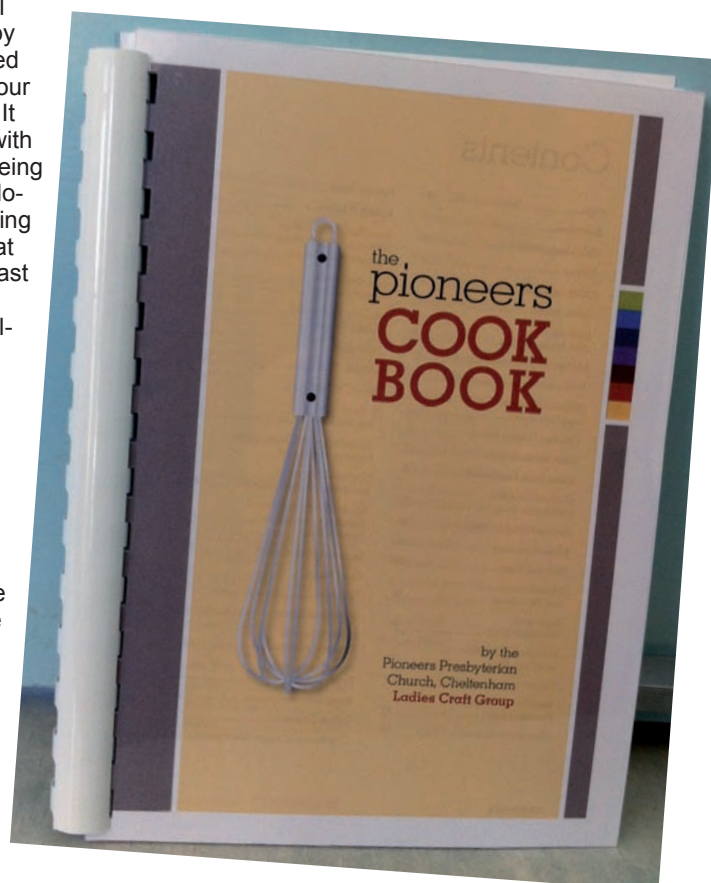
Our Mother's Day Market was also a great success in that it raised nearly twice the amount raised at the same market last year, and so several worthy charities will be receiving just that little bit more this year.

St Arnaud Community Resource Centre is to be congratulated for their wonderful work and assistance in this venture. I have endeavoured to spread the word

around, and hope that they are rewarded with further commissions soon. They were thrilled to have been part of my little venture, and I have loved bringing about a cook book that represents all my wonderful friends from the Pioneers Craft Group.

Sim Secker

Pioneers Craft and Friendship Group



Price family farewell

It was both a happy and sad day for the church family of St John's Bendigo as we farewelled Hugh, Hannah, Ken, Melody, Harmony, Joy, Lucy and Felicity Price on Sunday July 28.

We were happy because Hugh has been appointed by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria's Ministry Development Committee (formerly Home Missions Committee) to take up the responsibility of pastoring the Castlemaine/Carisbrook Presbyterian Churches as of Sunday August 4th – and this is good for the gospel in Central Victoria! But it was also sad because this means that we have had to 'let go' a dearly loved part of our

church family.

After commissioning them for the work in Castlemaine/Carisbrook during our morning service, farewells were said during lunch at which the Price Family gave a wonderful rendition of the hymn 'He leadeth me'. We will continue to pray that God will richly bless the preaching of his Word and this new ministry in his name and for his glory!

*Rev Philip Burns
St John's Bendigo*



Let the little children come



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schools in Skipton were like and how they were different from our schools in the suburban areas. Overall, I enjoyed all of the experiences I had in Skipton and I am looking forward to coming back next year.

Serina

Year 9 student

The Skipton trip was the most memorable and amazing experience that I have ever had!

It was very rewarding and a great way to be a disciple of God and to share the gospel.

The trip has made me closer to God and has made me become more committed in sharing the gospel at school. When we looked after the children, it was tiring, but when I heard them dance along to worship songs and tell me memory verses it made me realise how much we are blessed.

Yes, the trip was at Skipton but I

was able to take it out into Melbourne, to school, to my friends and even to teachers! I feel that the trip has also made our team bond more as Christian friends.

Can't wait till next year!

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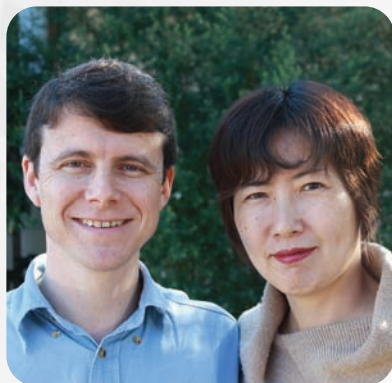
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James is currently under supported financially and is seeking more people to partner with himself and his wife Christina, so that this ministry can continue to develop.

If you would like to partner with James then you can contact him on 0428 209 103 or Global Recordings Network directly (02) 9899 2211.



Nathan and Tomoko Stewart

The APWM National Committee recently accepted Nathan and Tomoko Stewart as

missionaries to Japan. Nathan and Tomoko are from Browns Plains Presbyterian Church, Queensland, where Nathan serves as a pastoral assistant. God-willing they will be assisting one of the Presbyterian Churches in Osaka in its outreach.

If you would like to find out more about partnering with Nathan and Tomoko then please contact APWM (02) 9792 1373 office@apwm.org.au or contact Nathan nathan@stewartfamily.id.au

APWM is moving!

God-willing, from January 2014, the APWM National Office will be located within the grounds of the Presbyterian Theological Centre, Burwood in Sydney. This will enable the Director and office staff to have greater contact with theological students, ministers, elders and church members who visit the PTC. Burwood is a centrally located and so will be very convenient for meetings. Details regarding the phone number and postal addresss will be available later this year. Our web and email details will stay the same. We'll be in the very top of the older building on the corner.



Home Assignment

We currently have some of our Partner Church missionaries in Australia for Home Assignment.



Motor Yat serves in South Sudan where he trains elders and young people. He is based in Melbourne during his Home Assignment. Motor has been sharing with churches in New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria. Motor is in need of increased partnership support.

Andy and Rosemary Williamson serve at the Talua Ministry Training Centre in Vanuatu in theological education. Andy and Rosemary are based in Gosford, north of Sydney, during Home Assignment. They will be sharing with churches in New South Wales and Queensland. Andy and Rosemary are in need of increased partnership support.



“ AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT, FROM EVERY NATION, TRIBE, PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND IN FRONT OF THE LAMB. (REVELATION 7:9) ”



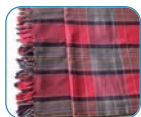
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WHERE: to complete the building of a Presbytery Resource Centre at Liro village, Paama Island.

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It is our hope that the December team will be able to complete the construction of this building along with the people of Liro village, Paama Island.

Please note that we plan to send further Workpartners teams in July and December 2014 to the Talua Ministry Training Centre, Santo, Vanuatu.

Two Davids Deliver Rob Duncanson, Darwin, Timor Leste Co-ordinator

David Jones (Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia) and David Burke (lecturer at Presbyterian Theological Centre Sydney) visited Timor Leste in June 2013. Their visit was part of the ongoing partnership between IETPL and APWM and was for the purpose of conducting ministry training at Liquica for local church workers.

David Burke writes:

"It was a privilege to visit Timor Leste for my third time and help conduct ministry training with David Jones who was making his first visit. I notice that both church and nation are developing. Dilli even has a shopping mall, food court and lots of young people gathered for the free wifi!

In keeping with recent decisions, the ministry training was focussed around the three areas of Christian character; Bible and theology; and ministry skills.

The core sessions were based around Ephesians. We taught a simple method of inductive Bible study which participants used over the several teaching sessions, put a lot of emphasis on group discussion and also gave some model talks on key passages. Our goals were that people get to know this book, become comfortable with a simple transferable method of Bible study and leave with the outlines of several Bible talks ready to go.

High point of this visit? Seeing the Tetun translation of Ephesians come out of the box and be used for the first time as people 'got it' with the inductive method and started to make good sense of this book from the Bible. This is the gold standard of training ministry – equipping local leaders to serve their people well with the word of the Lord.

Other high points were seeing David Jones have his first motor bike ride, enjoying a Friday night dinner with church leaders in Dili and, once again, feeling warmly welcomed and cared for by people who have become dear to me.

I stayed over for some extra days to talk with the Synod



David Jones with Pastor Kris

Moderator (Daniel Marcal) about next steps in developing the training ministry and also preached to the Dili congregation on the Sunday. The Dili congregation waits for the day when their new church building is ready to use and they can expand the work in the capital city. It strikes me that this will be a great venue for future training visits and make it easier to bring in people from elsewhere to help.

There's plenty to do in Timor Leste and local resources are limited. The flip side of this is that whatever we do is eagerly received and makes a positive difference. I'll be back next June!"

APWM is grateful to PTC Sydney for its partnership in this ministry by allowing David Burke to serve in this way.



David Burke. Co-ordinator of teaching programmes.

East Timor – Building Progress!

Late last year we reported that land had been purchased in Dili on which a church building could be built for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Timor Leste. Please join with us in praising God that work has begun and good progress is being made. Thank you very much to those who have prayed and to those who have contributed to this whole project.



Dili Church Building.

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PROCLAIMING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BY WORD AND DEED

TO MOUNT ISA AND BEYOND

Mallisons in northern Australia

Rod and Dawn Mallinson have served in a number of church ministries over the years – both here in Australia and overseas. In 2012 they joined the PIM as part-time workers, serving the Kimberley Patrol during the dry, winter months. This year they have stepped forward to work in the Mount Isa congregation and through the North Australia Patrol.

The Mount Isa congregation are generous supporters of the PIM. They have prayed and given generously to enable gospel ministry to be extended throughout inland and outback Australia. Though not large in number, they are in spirit. The church community is made up of long standing residents and more recent arrivals in the remote mining town. Rod and Dawn have been warmly welcomed.

In 2013 Mount Isa is celebrating the 90th anniversary of its foundation. Lots of events have been held, with one of major ones being the Mount Isa Rodeo, which is the second biggest gathering of its kind in the world. Congregational members, Rod and Dawn and a wide range of people from other congregations and community groups banded together to help keep the Rodeo clean and litter free – raising \$7500 in the process for local school chaplaincy work.



Rod and Dawn with two of the three the famous Mount Isa Mines' smokestacks in the background

Mount Isa is currently in severe drought as there was no rain in the wet season last year. Water restrictions are in place and the dust is a major problem. Pray for Rod and Dawn, as they try to bring the water of life to many in Mount Isa and in the North Australia Patrol to its west.



Members of the Mount Isa Church with Rod and Dawn Mallison



FELLOW WORKERS

MEETING AT INNAMINCKA



David and Gae McDonald and Greg and Janet Cripps outside the 'old' AIM Hospital at Innamincka

Padres meet on Strzelecki Track

On their most recent patrol during July and August David and Gae McDonald of the John Flynn Patrol in South Australia, left their base in Whyalla, travelled to Port Augusta and then proceeded to patrol along the Barrier Highway to Yunta. The McDonalds turned north and visited properties all the way up to Lake Frome. They followed the Strzelecki Track to Innamincka.

It was in this tiny but famous settlement that in 1924 our founder Dr. John Flynn placed the first of the famous 'Border Sisters' and in 1929 opened the AIM Hospital. At Innamincka, David and Gae met Greg and Janet Cripps of the South Queensland Patrol, who themselves were on an extensive patrol that had begun in the Charleville area three weeks earlier.

VIEWS BEYOND THE FURTHEST FENCE

Photographs communicate, but skilfully composed photographs can capture the imagination and communicate even more. In the centenary year of the Australian Inland Mission (AIM), and its successor ministry in the Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Inland Mission (PIM), it was appropriate that some of the best photographs taken over this remarkable hundred year period be brought together.

Not only did John Flynn pioneer a remarkably successful ministry to the people of the Outback, but also his own personal interest in photography has ensured that many early scenes and significant moments related to his ministry were captured and preserved for future generations.

Stephen Dyer was commissioned by the PIM to bring together a collection of historical and contemporary photographs in the form of a Coffee Table Book. For years Steve Dyer has been photographing many aspects of the work of the PIM and sourcing photographs to complete an historical record of the AIM and the PIM. Many of the photographs in this compilation have been sourced from the AIM collection at the National Library of Australia. With great patience, skill and attention to

detail, Steve has digitally enhanced them so that again they can vividly communicate. We know that Flynn himself would have taken many of the earlier photographs; however, insufficient records fail to allow the credit to go to him. It is likely he would be happy knowing that those who look at those collated here will be drawn to the Outback and the Gospel work conducted there, rather than to himself and to his talent.



The book also contains an historical account of the work of the AIM written by Rev. Stuart Bonnington. Rev. Bonnington is the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Inland Mission and Pastor of the Fremantle Presbyterian Church in Western Australia.

The work and ministry of John Flynn cannot be ignored. By the grace of God he achieved much for this nation, especially for those who lived and worked in the remoter regions of this vast continent. Be inspired as you read this book and spend time reflecting on the outstanding photographic images. Lift your heart in prayer and thank God for the many workers he both raised up, and then sustained, to carry out this ministry. Also, take time to pray for those men and women that the Presbyterian Church of Australia continues to send out 'beyond the furthest fences' to communicate in both word and deed the love of Jesus Christ.

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WARM HEART IN THE RED CENTRE

Alice Springs PIM Church launched

Nearly 80 people gathered from all around Australia for the commencement service of Alice Springs Presbyterian Church (ASPC) on the Lord's Day, 21 July 2013. While the occasion was special in nature, the defining purpose, was to worship God through our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rob Duncanson, Convener of the PIM and pastor of Darwin Presbyterian Church, led in a call to worship from Psalm 122, reminding those present of the joy of gathering as the dwelling place of God to praise His Name. Stuart Bonnington, Superintendent of the PIM and pastor of Scots Church, Fremantle, delivered a comprehensive narration of the steps which had led up to the commencement of ASPC, in particular, the negotiations to gain use of the AIM (Australian Indigenous Ministries) building and residence as a home for the church and the appointment of Rev Keith and Jenny Bell as church planters. David Jones, Moderator- General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and pastor of Mt Stuart Presbyterian Church, Hobart, prayed, constituting ASPC and declaring it established as a congregation of the PCA to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed to the people of Central Australia.

Sam Hauzel of ASPC read Micah 6.18. John Wilson, Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, led the congregation in prayers of intercession. Riak Gordon of ASPC read from Mark 12.28-34. David Jones developed these themes of the readings in his sermon, encouraging the new church about the great works



Presbyterian Moderator General, Rt Rev David Jones, (front, centre) leads the singing.

which God has done for His people through the Lord Jesus Christ, which are both the source of enabling and motivation for the works of ministry and mission God's people are called to carry out. The great imperatives of doing justice and loving kindness flow from the indicatives of His great redeeming work which His people have experienced, and which we experience through Jesus.

The service closed with the singing of *To God Be The Glory*, which summed up both a wonderful time of remembering God's good works and the expectation of His future good purposes for the work of the Gospel in ASPC, across our nation and throughout the world. The ASPC is located at 20 Parke Crescent, The Gap, Alice Springs. (Gary Ware NEW LIFE office@nlife.com.au – adapted with permission)



WILLS AND GIFTS

Help advance gospel work in remote Australia

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

As we enter our second century, the Presbyterian Inland Mission has an expanding network of patrol ministries and mission churches across Australia through which we seek to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ by word and deed. Alongside sharing the message of everlasting life in Jesus publically and privately, PIM workers are involved in a wide range of caring/philanthropic activities – including the provision of assistance to deal with the impact of drought, isolation, suffering and medical emergencies. All of our ministry activities continue in the Presbyterian Church, the heritage of the Australian Inland Mission founded in 1912 under the leadership of John Flynn.

The PIM offers its ministry freely to all people who live in the

outback and inland areas of Australia, to the greater glory of God and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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FELLOW WORKERS

THE LORD OF THE HARVEST SENDS OUT WORKERS

David and Kathy Alsop hear the call!

David and Kathy Alsop (dkalsop@pim.org.au) have been appointed to the Central Patrol in Queensland.

They are from the Callide Valley congregation (Qld) and have had many years experience on the land and in various agricultural businesses. David says '...the Lord has put a burden on our hearts



for people west of Biloela. We know that the rural sector is really hurting. The suicide rate and marriage problems are rising. The only true solution is trusting in and having a personal relationship with Jesus. Every sermon

I have preached in the past 12 months seems like I have been preaching to myself, preparing us to go and help such people by sharing with them the love of Jesus by word and deed...' David and Kathy bring many spiritual and practical gifts to patrol ministry and are eager to serve those on properties and in outback communities.

JOHN FLYNN LIFE AND MINISTRY

For those wanting to know more about the Rev. Dr John Flynn, founder of the Australian Inland Mission, then the fact-filled DVD JOHN FLYNN LIFE AND MINISTRY will be just what you are looking for. During the PIM Centenary Year, Robert Benn travelled throughout Australia speaking to various groups about this faithful servant of God. Due to many requests, this DVD has been made available based on Robert's memorable talks.

The DVD covers Flynn's early years, his call to Christian ministry, his achievements through the AIM and its associated ministries and much more. The DVD presentation JOHN FLYNN LIFE AND MINISTRY is engaging and will not disappoint. Robert was Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia between 2007-2010.



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Christian art in the public square:

young Presbyterian's message through art gets noticed

The readers of the Chelsea-Mentone News, an independent newspaper, (www.mpnews.com.au) have recently had the opportunity to ponder the artwork of a young Presbyterian, a member at Pioneers Cheltenham.

Nichola Brown exhibited her 2012 major VCE artwork, 'Realisation: the truth of all matter' at the Kingston City's recent 'Faith in Art' show, at St Nicholas' Church, Mordialloc. Her painting clearly depicts a professor suddenly realising that 'the descent of man' model belongs firmly on the side of Harry Potter, leprechauns, Gollum, centaurs and Pegasus, ie. fantasy. The newspaper article (on page 3 of the 7-20 August edition), features an excellent photo of the artwork, so residents of the area have another opportunity to consider truth. What a lovely example of making good use of the opportunities presented to us by God, and in this case St Nicholas' and the City of Kingston.

Roslyn Brown
Pioneers Presbyterian Church Cheltenham

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