

Worship in the Open Air Cathedral in Alice Springs



It was time for worship to begin. The weather was balmy – sunny and pleasantly warm with a zephyr blowing. The Aborigines did not want to come inside. Dennis (he's the one with the beard) said, 'Why can't we meet outside?'

Our minister was a bit slow on the uptake. It took him a little while to think about the request and to act on it. In May last year, we held our first service in the Outdoor Cathedral. Outdoor services were held on a monthly basis until it became too hot (over 40) during the summer months. We had our first

one for 2015 on Sunday, April 26.

Aboriginal people prefer to be outdoors and avoid being inside if at all possible. They like to sit around a fire to have their fellowship. So when we meet outdoors, we light a fire in an

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Our Moderator visits missionaries

In December last year, the State Moderator Rt Rev David Brown and Mrs Roslyn Brown ventured overseas to visit some APWM Victoria missionaries. The following is an account of their visit to a family who must remain anonymous for their own safety.

It was a joy and privilege to find the two APWM families we visited in their countries of service to be managing so marvellously.

Our first stop

P and A (names withheld for security) withdrew from their previous

country of ten years due to the security situation there, and are finding daily living a lot easier in their present country. There's a large department store with a wide variety of food, activities for the children and an international English speaking church, not without its issues.

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old washing machine tub, and sit in a circle. Our knees don't allow us to sit on the ground so we use chairs.

Our minister, Keith, prepares a booklet for us with the Bible readings, sermon notes, and the words of the hymns. Since the service was the day after Anzac Day, he incorporated an Anzac remembrance segment into the service. The children were not forgotten and were given a colouring sheet that featured the Australian flag, an Australian soldier and a poppy with the

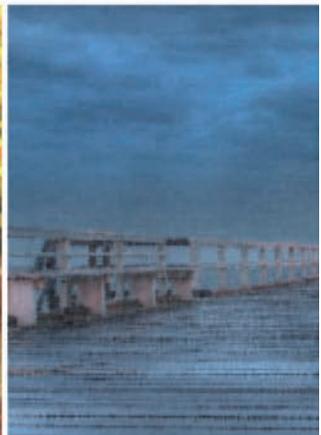
words 'Lest we forget' under it.

We rejoice that we live in such a beautiful part of the country and have such glorious weather. We enjoy God's wonderful creation as we worship the Creator.

Rev Keith Bell



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FELLOW WORKERS

A busy month in Moe



Left: Enjoying Cranbourne Botanical Gardens together.

Below: Fresh food and groceries were given to assist those in need as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.



The congregation of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moe, had a busy month in March. Holy Communion was celebrated on March 1 and three attendees were welcomed into Communicant membership and another welcomed as an Adherent.

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival was celebrated on March 8, when attendees donated fresh produce and groceries as an expression of thanks

to God. The groceries were used to assist local people in need. The fresh produce was immediately distributed, both locally and to students training for ministry at the Presbyterian Theological College. After the service attendees enjoyed lunch together.

On Saturday, March 14, our 'Outfitters' Group activity for the month was a trip to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, where lunch was shared on a very pleasant sunny afternoon. All

who attended were impressed with the various ways of designing gardens for the Australian climate.

On the last Sunday of the month we also held an evening service where the DVD, 'Incredible creatures that defy evolution' was presented. It was a thought-provoking presentation, and created much discussion over supper.

*Ruth Ure
St Andrews, Moe*

COVENANT -KEY TO THE BIBLE

'Covenant' is an idea that can unlock the whole Bible. But what is a covenant and how many are there? How do these covenants relate to each other? How does God reveal Himself through them?



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APWM Victoria missionaries
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The Christmas carol evening was a highlight, with carols in at least nine different languages.

On the job

However, contact with their target people group is much harder to come by, and obtaining an ongoing visa is still proving elusive, despite P working in a position of responsibility in an International Christian School. He finds this work both satisfying and challenging, but the daily routine of the family has been greatly impacted. P started this job the day after we arrived in the country, so we journeyed with them during this transition in early December.

The home scene

The four children are being homeschooled using the very latest teaching techniques. We were impressed by their great resources of books and games, which the children used very creatively. We shared their excitement regarding the current readers, and David was rapt to build Meccano with them. Whilst the house is nice, the poor plumbing and poor workmanship gave the Moderator-cum-Mr Fixit plenty to satisfy this natural bent, ably supported by various family members, who were also well entertained. A particular joy was being present for their family devotions in the lead up to Christmas. This was a blessed time of fellowship in the Lord.

Out and about

We were treated to several exciting and enlightening excursions outside their city. We experienced with them some of the privations of life there: four-wheel driving in rough terrain with the kids in the back of the covered ute, needing to be totally covered by clothing—women from head to toe and wrist, men from neck to toe and wrist—the heat, dust and wild winds. Counteracting these difficulties somewhat were fascinating insights into local history, local customs, promising interactions with local people, and lots of camels! This missionary pair have a wealth of knowledge and understanding about this part of the world.

Moderator visits missionaries

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Hardships

Difficulties for P and A included their visa situation, unrealistic work demands, becoming part of an extremely multicultural scene at church, fatigue, wife and children being housebound for most of the day due to heat, puzzling out how best to build on relationships with local people, particularly those of the M people group. There is also the isolation and loneliness that comes from being unable to form close friendships with almost anyone. This means they are unable to share—even with church folk (for security reasons)—their primary reason for being there, while relationships with local folk are full of ambiguity. One local person commented: 'I had to show you hospitality because our holy book requires that I show hospitality to strangers three times.'

Encouragements

Great relationships, good internet connection, P's work being so valued, children's learning and opportunities and developing friendships.

Continue reading about David and Roslyn's trip on page 10 under the title 'Playing a Vital Role'.



Top: Local lads near Lake Chad
Middle left: Everybody wants a water buffalo!
Middle right: We received a warm welcome, complete with artwork.
Bottom left: Sharing the road with camels makes life interesting.
Far left: Elephant rock in Chad.

JESUS IS THE ROCK

Teaching children (and adults) about Jesus and Easter in the local park (1Cor.10:4)



Notwithstanding the showery weather, attendances were encouraging. Children's numbers averaged about eighty daily. Adults ranged from nineteen on Tuesday to sixty-seven on Friday, plus people passing through the park.

Thanks and praise are given to God for the prayer support of Clayton churches in promoting ROCK. God willing, the next ROCK mission will be the Summer event at Namatjira Park in early January 2016.

*Dr Des Gaffney
Rock Promotions Officer
Clayton Presbyterian Church*

The urgent Christian gospel message of ROCK (Reaching Out to Clayton Kids—and beyond) was brought by the ROCK team each morning in the week after Easter at beautiful Namatjira Park in Clayton.

Although there were rainy periods in the early part of the mission, the weather was generally fine during the inspirational gospel presentations at the park. The weather improved, and the last day (Fri 10 April, Café Day) was fine and sunny, with a record adult attendance. Praise the Lord!

The Easter gospel message of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and repentance and forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus was the basis of the ROCK presentations, items and activities.

During a rainy period, the ROCK team held up a large tarpaulin over the children to shelter them. The team was well prepared to adapt to inclement weather conditions.

The young ROCK Team, consisting mostly of teenage students on

holidays, was zealous and inspiring. The team was motivated and united, working as a unit within the body of Christ. The joy of the Lord was their strength as they eagerly promoted the gospel of Christ at the park.

Holy Spirit inspired gospel songs, acted Bible stories, skits, drama, games, testimonies and Keenite groups (classes for children based on age) all centred on Jesus, the only way to eternal life in heaven.



Your congregation can reach out to your community through English Classes.

ESL Ministry Training with Judy Rowlands, from PCNSW

Friday 31 July 7-9pm - Introduction to ESL Ministry (Free)
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 - Teaching Pronunciation (the most-desired student need).
 - Student Centred ESL Classes (Less of Us - More of Them).
 - Using the Bible in ESL.

Fee on Saturday is \$30 – concessions may be requested. Lunch will be provided on Saturday for those who have registered.

To register to attend either or both sessions, please contact ministry@pcvic.org.au or call 9655 1406

Sponsored by the PCV's Ministry Development Committee

Donvale Presbyterian Church, 5 McGowans Road Donvale.

Sorrento Church Playgroup



After months of praying and planning, Sorrento Church Playgroup was started on the 9 Feb 2015. We give thanks to God for everyone in Sorrento-Rye Parish who helped and donated pre-loved toys, books and a bookshelf for our playgroup.

Those lovely knitted dollies, blankets and cotton balls by our ladies were greatly appreciated and well-

used even in our story-telling: 'There were ten in the bed, and the little said, "Rollover, roll over", So they all rolled over and one fell out!' One of the mothers said, 'I have been looking for a playgroup, and didn't find one suitable until now. I am very happy to come to your playgroup!'

It is certainly our prayer that Sorrento Church Playgroup would be a

great blessing to our local community because we heard that there was a shortage of playgroups in the area. We meet every Monday morning from 10 am to 12 noon during School Terms, at Ellen Grant Hall, next to Sorrento Church.

*K. Hui Lim
Associate Minister
Sorrento-Rye Parish*

Here's a challenge for you

Ebenezer PC in Ballarat rejoices over a new elder, new enthusiasm... and offers you a challenge.



On February 22 the congregation of Ebenezer St Johns PC had the privilege and the pleasure of witnessing the ordination and induction of Mr Keith Harris into the eldership of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Keith has been serving the Ebenezer and Ballarat Presbytery congregations for some time with biblical lay preaching and sound pastoral care. His addition to the Ebenezer session is a continuation of his commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and an encouragement to the congregation as

it continues the process of rebuilding.

For the last eighteen months the focus of Ebenezer St Johns has returned to how it can best serve Christ Jesus. It is doing this by endeavouring to be a living example of a biblical congregation and by taking the gospel of

Jesus Christ into the local community. Through the ministries of SRI and ESL, a strong connection has been made with a local Primary School. There is a positive and growing outreach to the local universities through AFES and city-wide outreach is planned for the coming months. Prayer meetings, a Bible study, Christ-centred worship and a sincere welcoming congregation compliment these external activities.

Yet, like many long-established regional congregations, Ebenezer has

an older profile and needs new families who want to honour Jesus by helping to rebuild this part of his church. Ballarat is Victoria's third largest city and growing constantly. It is less than ninety minutes from Southern Cross Station with regular train services; there are a number of excellent primary and secondary schools leading to the two universities within the city, housing is very affordable and health care is accessible always. Ballarat is a beautiful place to live. So here is a call and a challenge: will you please pray and ask our Lord if you should relocate to Ballarat specifically to join the folk at Ebenezer St Johns and be part of the rebuilding?

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Steve on 5331 3708 or office@ebenezerpc.org.au.

*Rev Steve North
Ebenezer St John's Presbyterian Church
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The Australian Presbyterian World Mission exists to glorify God by facilitating the spread of the gospel to people overseas and Aborigines within Australia.

DREAMS BECOME REALITY

It's a hot and sticky morning in Dili, the capital of Timor Leste, but that can't wipe the joy from people's faces. Today the Dili church building of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Timor Leste is being opened. This seven-year old denomination has many church buildings scattered across this infant nation but to date has not had a visible building in Dili. In this culture to have a building is to have 'legitimacy' in the eyes of the general public. It is indeed a landmark day.

For many years the congregation had met under a blue tarpaulin in the home of a local church member. The Rev Daniel Marcal, Moderator of the Church, says "We had dreamed of a day like today but we thought it would be just a dream. Today it is real!"



DILI CONGREGATION TARPAULIN

there a building in which the congregation will meet but there is also a Synod office building with an area to hold training seminars as well as a building to host overseas guests and other visitors.

Rob Duncanson presents the Pastor of the congregation, the Rev Carlos Marcal, with an English Bible and says "This is the foundation of our partnership. The Word of God presents the Lord Jesus whom we both love."



ROB DUNCANSON PRESENTS THE CONGREGATION WITH AN ENGLISH BIBLE

The bulk of the money for the land came from a PresAID appeal, with the remainder being supplied by the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. This is reflected in the opening ceremony as APWM's Kevin Murray, and a Timor Leste Government representative both cut the ribbon at the official opening of the building's front doors. The three buildings that make up the complex were paid for by the Government of Timor Leste and are of an exceptional finish.

The opening of these buildings represents a significant step forward. Not only is

The day is filled with much singing and includes a magnificent Indonesian choir from Kumpang. Kevin Murray preaches on the kingship of the Lord Jesus from Psalm 2 and this is immediately followed with the choir singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus with its triumphant declaration:

'The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
For ever and ever, forever and ever.'



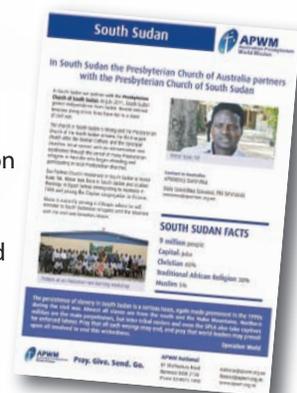
The combination of the sermon and the Hallelujah Chorus is totally unplanned, but wonderfully providential.

Together with our brothers and sisters from Timor Leste we look forward to the day when we will visibly see that the Kingdom of Christ will last forever and ever.



Meal for Mission

Each year we encourage congregations to hold an annual 'Meal for Mission' as a way of raising awareness about overseas cross-cultural mission and as a means of providing financial support for APWM's overseas projects. We encourage you to choose a country from the list that can be found at www.apwm.org.au/partner-churches/ There you can download information sheets about each of our Partner Churches. Please encourage those in the congregation to give the cost of one meal toward the work of overseas mission.



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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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Vanuatu: We Stand Ready to Help!

1 Corinthians 12:26 tells us "If one part [of the body] suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it." Through the effects of Cyclone Pam our brothers and sisters in Vanuatu have experienced a great time of trial. What a joy it has been to be able to extend to them the generosity of their brothers and sisters in the Presbyterian Church of Australia in this difficult hour.

Over the weekend 14-15th March Vanuatu was struck by Cyclone Pam, whose intensity exceeded the normal range for a category 5 cyclone. Such was the intensity of the



A CHURCH BUILDING IN A VILLAGE OUTSIDE EFATE, THE CAPITAL

cyclone that authorities are now considering introducing a category 6 rating. Vanuatu is a chain of 83 islands where transport and communication can be difficult on the best of days. Cyclone Pam not only destroyed buildings but also knocked out many of the telecommunication towers upon which Vanuatu relies.

As evidence of God's common grace, the Australian Government and many non-Government organisations such as the Red Cross, quickly put their standing



THE PRINCIPAL OF VILA NORTH SCHOOL OUTSIDE A BUILDING THAT HAS LOST ITS ROOF

disaster relief plans into effect. This met the immediate need for food, water and shelter. When we run out of food in Australia we can easily go to the supermarket to re-stock. Many people in Vanuatu, however, rely upon their personal garden for their food, and



SOUTHERN ISLANDS PRESBYTERY BIBLE COLLEGE BUILT BY APWM WORKPARTIES

Cyclone Pam destroyed many of these gardens. This means that people will be reliant upon outside food aid for 3-4 months until their gardens are replenished.

In response to Cyclone Pam, Australian Presbyterian World Mission sent Glen Connor to Vanuatu to make an assessment of the situation and hold talks with the leadership of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. Glen, who has recently returned from serving at that



GLEN CONNOR

serve in this way. The Talua Ministry Training Centre was unaffected but lost telephone and internet communication for many days. At the time of writing the Moderator General's Appeal for Vanuatu had raised \$245,255. Based on discussions with the leadership of the Church in Vanuatu we will be sending this money to assist in areas such as the repair or

Talua Ministry Training Centre, knows the language, the people and the cultural context. He was an ideal person for such a task and we thank he and his wife Rachael for his willingness to

rebuilding of Church property throughout Vanuatu, the repair of Church schools, the reprinting of over 30,000 New Testaments and 10,000 whole Bibles in Bislama (the national language of Vanuatu) and the restocking of Pastor's libraries. Any further donations will be used to assist with the rebuilding of Church property.

Just prior the arrival of Cyclone Pam I wrote to the Clerk of the Church in Vanuatu and said "I want to assure you of the prayers of the members of the Presbyterian Church of Australia for



A PASTOR'S LIBRARY DRYING OUT

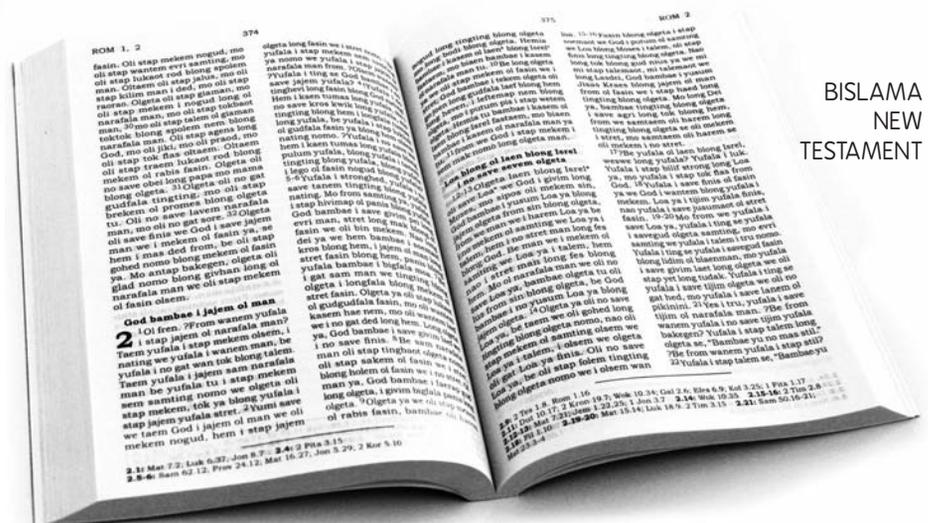
Vanuatu at this time. We stand ready to help where we can." It has been a privilege, through your generosity, to see those words come to life as we have reached out to help our brothers and sisters. Thank you!

Kevin Murray



ETON VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION BUILDING

BISLAMA NEW TESTAMENT



PLAYING A VITAL ROLE

In December last year, the State Moderator Rev David Brown and Mrs Roslyn Brown ventured overseas to visit some APWM Victoria missionaries. The following is an account of their visit to David and Lisa Pearce.

David and Lisa Pearce have been serving with MAF (missionary Aviation Fellowship) in Chad for one year. David is Operations Manager for a sizeable team of Chadian, Cameroonian, British, American and Canadian fellow workers. The team Leader comes from Uganda.

Despite the presence of soldiers bearing huge weapons guarding the presidential palace and police at the many roadblocks we felt much freer compared to a Middle Eastern country we had just visited. The traffic was chaotic and poverty was evident. Varied dress modes reflected the two dominant religions, Muslim and Christian, who coexist respectfully.

On the job= Out and About

We were privileged to fly with David to two destinations. Out west to Bol, on Lake Chad, a Swedish family was being transported to resume their translation work. Since then, unfortunately, this team has been evacuated due to militant activity in villages very close to the border. Sharing these uncertain conditions fuels our prayers for the many teams we met in Chad, especially at Christmas services. They are certainly brave, loving and dedicated people.

The flight out east took us to Zakouma



Nature Park. Flying missionaries and their guests somewhere for a vital break, is part of David's job description. On this occasion our group comprised SIL workers and guests from Switzerland, Canada, America, Brazil, Australia and France. This unexpected holiday safari was a rich time of multilingual fellowship and encouragement. There were teenagers and card and board games, along with animals - giraffes, lions, water buffalo, a variety of antelopes, an elephant, as well as amazing birds, monkeys and smaller critters. We were thoroughly impressed with the calibre and knowledge of these missionary families, and gained an insight into the life of their teenage children.

The Home Scene

David and Lisa and children are one of four MAF families who live on the same compound. They are well-provisioned with a new large trampoline, above ground pool,

playground, flowers and bushes, a BBQ area, guards at the gate who rotate shifts, along with a gardener, and part time house-helpers. We stayed in the adjoining roomy guest unit, but joined the family for meals. Despite all precautions, it was simply not possible to avoid the constant dust and grit, and the Moderator succumbed to bronchitis on Christmas Eve, which necessitated a trip to the French-speaking doctor.

Lisa is a very savvy missionary wife, who despite limited French, braves the chaotic traffic almost daily. She declines approaches from street traders, manages the children and the household, with with courageous, steadfast, equilibrium. She is unperturbed by David's coming and going on various MAF flights and greets each day and circumstance with a smile.

Hardships

The one thing Lisa finds difficult, is that there is nowhere you can get away to for a day out. Since our visit, the feeling of security on the compound has diminished somewhat, because someone did break in to the Pearces' house and stole computers and the TV, while they were asleep. Compound living also presents its challenges, partly due to different parenting styles. Did I mention the dustiness?

Encouragements

David and Lisa share good friendships with fellow workers, and local people. They participate in two Christian fellowships, the SIL church, and a smaller gathering at the home of a young American embassy couple.

David in particular is very au fait with government protocol, and MAF is well respected in the community. The day after our arrival, he was called upon to fly the President of Chad to the opening of an oil rig pipeline. Naturally, he rearranged the MAF schedules, and had the honour of flying the President, his favourite wife, their two heavily armed bodyguards, and a huge esky full of bottled water and soft drinks with its attendant. The many missionaries and local coworkers are unequivocally supportive of David and the MAF team. This is particularly evident moving within the Christian community. EVERYBODY knows and respects David and what MAF does. David is the last face they see when dropped off and the first friendly face they see in an emergency (medical or military). He doesn't just fly folk but has a significant pastoral care for, and input into their lives. All in all, we as Moderator and wife had an enlightening trip, with many opportunities to encourage folk who are sacrificing so much, out of love for God and His people. The Pearce families are certainly playing a vital role in the spread of the gospel, and the discipleship of his people on the international scene.

Rev David and Mrs Roslyn Brown

PWMU News



Esther Vayne (PWMU State President) conducted a short meeting and reported on the progress of the constitutional review.

The guest speakers, Tumirin and Sheridan Indarto (Wycliffe), were welcomed and spoke about the work they are preparing for in West Papua, commencing in early 2016. Sheridan is an educator with a post graduate degree in linguistics and Tumirin has a background in community development work in Indonesia.

The Una people from central West Papua have been disappointed with the current education policy and are keen to trial a bilingual program. So with some government assistance they approached Wycliffe to supply linguists. Sheridan and the other linguists will fly into the Una area to train the teachers. The curriculum will be developed using local language and knowledge. Then Bahasa, the national language will be introduced with the aim for the children to read and write in their local language and in Bahasa by grade 6.

In the long term, the Una people would like to set up a pilot school which the government will use as a display school so that the model can be replicated with other language groups. It is a ten year project and at this stage the Indartos are committing to two years.

Tumirin and Sheridan are available to speak at churches or groups about this exciting project. Their current financial support is 10%. Contact sheridanindarto@yahoo.com

Women Training for Mission Work

PWMU has funds available to support study and training for women within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria who are preparing for or currently involved in missionary work within Australia or overseas. This may be a Christian course such as offered at SIL, a Bible college or the PTC, or another course that is related in some way to missionary work. Support offered may be for course fees, books and related expenses. Application forms are available from the PWMU Office.



ON TRACK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION

ISSUE 2 2015

PROCLAIMING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
BY WORD AND DEED



FROM SURENDRA WESLEY... MINISTRY BEGINS

Dear friends and supporters,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May, Gabriella, our little one to come and I as a family thank God for bringing us to Mt. Magnet and the Mid West PIM Patrol, conducted with the generous support of the APWM.

We arrived in Sydney in mid January 2015. The Rev. Dr Peter Barnes had organised for us to stay with Mr. Franco Sullaun, a member of the Revesby Presbyterian Church. Franco and his daughter Rachel were wonderful hosts, we got along so

well with them that our supposed one week stay with them extended for the whole three weeks at their request to Dr. Barnes! Thank you Franco and Rachel!

While in Sydney we visited the congregations at Revesby, Ashfield and Peshurst. During the worship services, I was given the opportunity to share about the ministry at Mt. Magnet and the Mid West Patrol. I showed photos of Mt. Magnet and distributed many of the prayer cards which had been prepared for us by the Rev. Kevin Murray, the National Director of the APWM. People were very friendly in each of these churches and spoke with us at the end of each service and expressed great support for our work. We were also able to attend a PWA meeting where we were also very warmly received. The Rev. Rick and Mrs Kayleen Manton gave us invaluable

insights into Indigenous peoples, cultures, and languages. Our time with the Manton's was complemented when we met with the Rev. Cliff Letcher, who has worked for many years with the Australian Indigenous Ministries.

At the start of February we flew to Perth on the 6th of February and our preparation for PIM continued in earnest. Among the first people we met were Mr. Clive and Mrs. Doreen Griffiths who have done so much work in recent times at Mt. Magnet in anticipation of our arrival. I completed a St. John's course in 'Remote First Aid' and RAC courses dealing with operating and maintaining a 4WD vehicle.

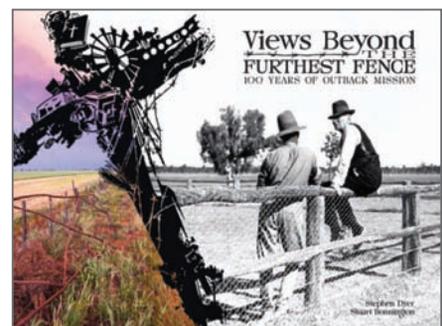
We thank you all for your warm welcome and wonderful support and making us feel part of work and ministry of the PIM and the APWM. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

VIEWS BEYOND THE FURTHEST FENCE CENTENARY VOLUME STILL AVAILABLE

To commemorate the founding of AIM in 1912, Stephen Dyer was commissioned by the PIM to bring together a collection of historical and contemporary photographs in a large format full-colour book entitled VIEWS BEYOND THE FURTHEST FENCE. Stephen was selected because of his photographic skills and his personal commitment to the PIM. Over the years he has visited sites of historical significance to the PIM as well as

travelling though various Patrol areas. Stephen currently serves as an elder of the Kerang Presbyterian Church.

In addition to the magnificent photographs, VIEWS BEYOND THE FURTHEST FENCE contains an historical account of the work of the AIM and the PIM written by Stuart Bonnington. Stuart has done research in church history, with a special focus on the place of the Presbyterians in the Australian story. Stuart combines being the



Superintendent of PIM with ministry at the Scots Church in Fremantle.

All profits from the sale VIEWS BEYOND THE FURTHEST FENCE will go to support the PIM. For bulk orders please contact the PIM Office.

THANK YOU CLIVE AND DOREEN VOLUNTEERS RETIRE (AGAIN)

From May to December 2014, keen PIM supporters Clive and Doreen Griffiths from the Fremantle congregation 'filled in' at Mt. Magnet. As in previous times of voluntary service, they did an outstanding job in the congregation and in various maintenance projects for which the PIM Executive is very thankful. This included a major project – the construction of a new toilet/shower block which has greatly enhanced the utility of the property.

Clive and Doreen write... 'With our arrival at Mt. Magnet, we resolved that our first duty would be to sustain morning Worship every Sunday. A small regular congregation regularly gathered. With numbers ranging from 2 to 9, but typically – with visitors – about 7. Via notices in shop windows and notice boards, we invited visitors passing through the town to drop in for a 'cuppa' during the week and worship with us on Sundays. We met and offered hospitality to many interesting people (the visitor's book contains 45 names for the period, 41 of whom shared meals with us), especially during the winter 'tourist' months. Although even later, in early December, Ron and Jean knocked on the door one Thursday afternoon, announcing that they were

"Presbyterians from Cairns". They stayed for the evening meal and parked their van overnight. Next morning they announced they would stay until the Sunday Service and help finish off the building project in the meantime. The 'finishing off' took a little longer and they left just before lunch on the Monday. With fairly regular visitors on a Sunday, Doreen established the pattern of preparing a cooked lunch (for up to 8) to be shared at midday each Sunday. Regular members were also invited so we had 'guests' every Sunday. From July we set up for Sunday School in the 'shed', setting the table for a 'fellowship meal' (breakfast) from 8.10am each Sunday. We had a small group whose attendance was spasmodic. However we persevered, setting up, each week often to no avail. Potential exists, but will develop slowly.

Our second objective was to do some work on the property.

Some of that list has been accomplished.

- reticulation has been updated (extra solenoid) and arranged so that sprinklers do not need to be shifted during or after each watering cycle.
- a new clothes hoist has been donated and erected.

- the sagging cornice in the 'child's' bedroom has been repaired; walls painted; donated furniture and effects added.
- garden beds reorganised.
- new rear fence erected. Since its 40m length makes it exposed to wind damage, two intermediate 'struts' have been added.
- multiple holes drilled in the floor of the Church with white corks in them (from white ant treatment) have been painted over.
- a new donated sink cupboard with a second-hand sink has been erected in what was the vestry. This area (with a functioning air conditioner) can now be used for morning tea after the Sunday Service, especially in the hotter weather.
- The local sewage contractor has generously pumped out the septic tank as a donation to the Church.
- A major activity, in the last 3 months was the planning and construction of the toilet, shower and basin room adjacent to the side door of the Church. This facility needed to satisfy the current standards for use by disabled persons, which increased the cost over that of a similar facility that could have been built several years ago.

MEEKATHARRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

TRANSFORMING A CHURCH IN RUINS TO CONTEMPORARY USEFULNESS

Meekatharra is a town in the Mid West region of Western Australia and derives its name from the Aboriginal word of the Yamatji peoples. It means 'place of little water'. Any visitor to the town would quickly agree it's very aptly named.

Meekatharra is located 764 km north-east of Perth and may be reached by the Great Northern Highway. It is a major

supply centre for the pastoral and mining area in the Murchison region of WA, it is a centre for sheep and cattle transport and it is a regional home to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the School of the Air.

Although the mining boom of the 1980s has passed, a small but strong community still exists. The population presently numbers 812. Of that number, 47.0% are of Aboriginal descent.

In February 2015, the APWM and the PIM sent Surendra and Mayan Wesley to work in Mt Magnet. Prior to their arrival the PIM invested thousands of dollars to establish a functional community centre that could be used for a range of



community engagements as well as Sunday services. Already, this addition to the town has been well received. In Mt Magnet, what was once a disheveled church building now is operational, functional and holds community value. Part of the vision for sending the Wesleys to labor in this area was the opportunities that exist in Meekatharra, 200 kms to the north of Mt Magnet.



This same vision of the APWM and the PIM to establish a community centre from the crumbling church building at Meekatharra is now before the whole church. Once again, with the use of volunteer labor and the generous gifts of God's people we are seeking to establish a community centre that will serve as a place for ministry and outreach in this outback town of WA.

A costing submission to complete the work has been submitted by Mark Jellis from the Melton Presbyterian Church in Victoria. As well as repairing the building which includes a new roof, gutters, downpipes, roof battens, and fascia boards, the intent is also to construct a new toilet block and shower facility. If additional funds are available, an internal kitchen will be installed.

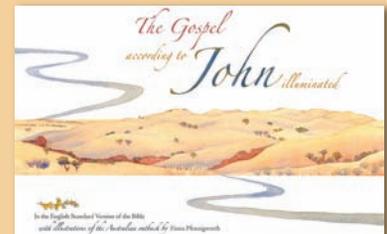
It is the prayer of the APWM and the PIM that re-engagement in the area with a profiled ministry presence and intentional objectives will bring the

gospel message to bear to both the local aboriginal community and the townsfolk of Meekatharra and its surrounds.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ILLUSTRATED

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JOHN FLYNN PATROL (SA) THE MCDONALDS....

We had a fantastic time of encouragement and support at a PIM support meeting held at Terry and Judy Sadler's place at Narrabri. 45 people attended the function. The following day we went to church and shared in the worship service. The congregation is very aware of the PIM due to the Sadler's past service in PIM...We ask for prayer for our Beltana Outreach at Easter time, we have a number of keen workers for the harvest coming to join us...Following an tour of our supporting congregations, (including Wollongbar, Ballina, Evans Head, Bangalow, Lismore, East Lismore, Southern Cross, Arimdale, Inverell, Glen Innes and Narrabri) we have appreciated greatly reconnecting with our brothers and sisters who have been long term supporters of our patrol work...

LEIGHARDT PATROL (QLD) THE PEAKES...

Gwen and I have been working the Leighardt Patrol now for about 13 years, We still feel we are only just getting to know people. One man has always kept us at arms length till now. But this year he has grown Leucaena for the first time and treated me like a long lost friend as we discussed the success of his planting. He knows I grow about 600 acres of Leucaena and was keen to compare notes. On a previous visit, his wife invited us in for a cuppa for the first time. I also gave him a copy of LeTourneau's book

MOVER OF MEN AND MOUNTAINS. We have brought 50 copies and are distributing them to the men of our patrol with some good feedback so far...We visited one property where 'R' was just getting out of bed at 9:00 am. He had been feeling a bit down he said. He mentioned that he liked reading about his future in the columns on the stars, for he found that they are mostly encouraging predictions. In due course I asked him if it wouldn't be better to read what the Maker of the stars has to say about his future. It slowly developed into a full blown opportunity to point the way to a living relationship with the Lord...

MUNGO PATROL (NSW) THE MORROWS...

We patrolled closer to Mildura for some days before travelling to Deniliquin and Hay. When doing this we came across quite a number of smaller properties within less than 100 kms of Mildura. In the course of one day, we shared the gospel with 5 people all on different properties and one chap gave us a water melon and a pumpkin to say thanks for coming...

NORTH PATROL (QLD) THE CRANES

As we become more well known in our patrol area we are finding that more significant conversations seem to be "just happening". This has allowed us to challenge people as to what the Gospel is all about and what their relationship with Jesus. We still encounter people

like 'H', who invite us in for a cuppa but who insists that this Jesus Christ business is a load of rubbish! We need Godly wisdom, pray for us!..

PWA 2015 MARKET SAT-PHONES FOR PADRES

The PIM is delighted to have been chosen by the PWA in NSW to be the recipient of the proceeds of the 2015 PWA Market.

The funds raised will be used to provide the PIM patrol padres with Satellite phones and call plans. Due to the advance of technology and in order to maximise safety, the PIM has resolved to replace the HF radios the PIM patrol Padres are currently equipped with, with Satellite phones (Sat-phones). Sat-phones will be provided to maintain communication in emergency situations and would only be used when a conventional phone or mobile phone service is not available. The Sat-phones would be portable hand-held model. A Sat-phone is a type of mobile phone that connects to orbiting satellites instead of terrestrial coverage. A satellite must be in range for satellite phone communication. Sat-phones cost approximately \$1,500.00 to purchase with an additional cost of approximately \$500.00 for a Satellite Call plan per year. Following extensive investigations, the Sat-phone the PIM would like to purchase is the Iridium 9555, along with the Pivotal Iridium Call Plan (Pivot 45). The PIM is very thankful to the PWA for its long standing support and this latest expression of gospel partnership.

'WILD WILD WEST' CAMP

The first of the 2015 PYV Regional Camps was held in Halls Gap in April with a 'Wild wild West' theme. From Tuesday to Friday we have enjoyed four sermons from Rev Heath Easton (Drouin Presbyterian) on the theme of 'Grace and Holiness'. Heath took us to four different areas of the Bible to show that:

- We can only get right with God through faith in Jesus - Colossians 1:21-23,
- We're only good enough for God when we're not good enough - Luke 18:9-14,
- God wants us to stay connected to Jesus and live a fruitful life - John 15:1-17,
- Truly knowing Jesus will be seen in growing more like Jesus - 2 Peter



1:5-11.

These messages were Christ centered, practical and, in keeping with Paul's advice to Titus (2:10), attractive.

Our conveners, Jesse and Naomi Crabb, brought together a terrific team of co-ordinators, who then brought together a great team of leaders to make sure things happened and happened well.

Being in Halls Gap meant we had some beautiful places to walk, and a good number of the campers enjoyed a longer walk up one of the many hills during the afternoon. Other activities included some team games, the annual (and unofficial) City Vs Country soccer game - which



was won by the Country team, and a bushdance.

We give thanks to God for the way he has used this camp, alongside with the consistent ministry at the local church, to bring young people to faith. We believe that one young man has been converted, and many leaders were greatly encouraged to hear about the solid faith in the lives of teenagers.

God is good, and we had the chance to see this again at the 2015 West Camp.

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Youth Ministry Director, PYV*

HMWA celebrates 80 years



Distinguished guests cutting the cake. Picture to the right: Josiah Brown blowing out the candles.

Home Mission Workers Association (HMWA) celebrated their 80th anniversary last November with a thanksgiving and dedication service in the Robert White Hall of Scots Church Melbourne.

Rev. David Currie led the service and we were delighted to have approximately thirty people attend. With apologies from our Moderator Rt Rev

David Brown who was not well, we were pleased to welcome his wife, Roslyn, who came with their grandchildren, Josiah and Abel, and brought greetings on behalf of the Moderator.

We also welcomed former Committee members, a life member, HMWA Links and our Ministry Development Committee representative, Rev Robert Carner.

It was especially encouraging to welcome two final year Candidates for the Ministry, Stephen Jones and Luke Brownley, who had come to thank the HMWA for its support of candidates over their years of study.

After the service, a light luncheon was enjoyed with a time of fellowship,

followed by a short glimpse of the history of the 80 years of the HMWA. Letters and a card of thanks had been received, as well as photos which were displayed together with written histories and records.

Our time concluded joyfully with the lighting of candles on the celebratory cake, which was cut by distinguished guests, candidates and office-bearers. The candles were blown out by the Moderator's grandsons!

HMWA gives thanks to God for 80 years of faithful service to Home Mission Stations and their Missioners along with student candidates for ministry.

*Barbara Firth & Carolyn Wentworth
Secretary & President HMWA*



'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24

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