



Aboriginal & Islander Christian Fellowship Newsletter - September, 2007

Dear Friends and Supporters,

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Hullo again to everyone! Sorry that a Newsletter to everyone was so long ago!

These last months have been 'hectic' to say the least but it has been good things are happening and so many have been involved and sharing in the ministry. Thanks for everyone for your continuing support, prayer and financial assistance.

For Prayer and More Prayer!

'Top of the List! Northern Aboriginal Christian Convention' at Mareeba.'
coming Q'ld School holidays. (Wed-Sunday 26-30th Sept.)

It is almost here! The middle weekend of the

Mareeba Church is excitedly preparing to host this annual event in the sandy riverbed of the Barron River on the property of a Christian Family 20 Kms out of Mareeba. They have been busy with their preparations and planning for months. But very busy days are ahead as the convention site is finally prepared – *shelters, toilets, camping areas, bookshop site, Kids Program area, etc etc.*

- **Pray that *those who would like to go, AND those God wants to go will be there!***
- **Pray for fine weather.** People camp in the riverbed! – We really don't want it to become a waterbed!
- **Pray for the Convention Speakers:**
 - **Aboriginal Pastor Harley Haywood** from AEF Church Perth WA is a well-known Christian leader and Bible teacher. He has been speaker at many Christian Conventions.
 - **David Newby:** David has lived, worked and ministered throughout the Asia Pacific region for over 30 years. He is an author and Bible teacher. He longs to see his homeland Australia experience spiritual healing and revival in the Lord.
- **Children's and Youth Programmes** will be looked after by Toowoomba North Church of Christ Youth team. Pray for them. It will be hot, the venue very different and somewhat challenging! Pray that the many children will be receptive to God's Word and seeds will be sown that will bring Life!
- **Mobile Bookshop:** Hazel Lauridsen will travel from Mt Isa with the Mobile Christian Bookshop, Cassettes, DVD's, and Kid's Bible puzzle, story, & colouring books. etc. What an opportunity for isolated people to buy Christian resources.
- **Pray for God's protection** for travellers (from NSW, Brisbane, Eidsvold, Normanton, Mareeba, Mt Isa, Doomadgee and Lake Nash N.T. and for all during the convention. People 'down south' are talking of heading north for this a great time with God's people
- **We thank CDF for a grant** to assist with this Gospel Outreach.
- **Country Gospel Weekend at Logan:** Fri 2nd - Sun 4th Nov Logan will again host the Country Gospel Weekend. This is always a great time as Aboriginal Christians share fellowship, testimony, their talents of music, singing and song writing. People come from all over, camp in the grounds and celebrate and worship in the big marquee. Pray that the sharing of the Aboriginal Christians will impact on all who attend. Lake Nash, Normanton and Mareeba would like to come down for the event (and see Brisbane)
- **Julie Slabb (Eidsvold):** Julie has been suffering severe pain from gallstones this year and has been hospitalised several times. She is scheduled to have surgery at Bundaberg on 23rd October. Pray for her then and in the difficult weeks until surgery.
- **Mervyn Edwards (elder Normanton):** Following surgery for throat cancer & a long wait. Mervyn was able to have radiotherapy treatment at Royal Brisbane Hospital in August. Pray for his recovery.
- **Pray for a Pastor For Normanton:** The Normanton Church, has stood well without a Pastor, but they long to have a Pastor with them again to teach, nurture and develop what God has begun. **Will you pray daily, with them that God will call someone/s to come to minister with the church (for long or short term ministry.)**

Lyle and I were able to visit N'ton with YMIS in June. Lyle has had and two recent visits. Time spent at Nton is always too short, as other commitments have required his return.

Praise:

- **Y.I.M.S. (Scripture Union) Ministry Teams at Normanton Doomadgee. May/June..** Two teams were really involved in ministry programmes with the Normanton and Doomadgee Churches and schools. Many of the students are training for school chaplaincy. Every day the Normanton Team had multiple opportunities for involvement in the schools and in the programmes at the Christian Centre. Doomadgee team had a good ministry opportunities too. Thank God for safe travels for the 5,000Kms.
- **Sixth Vanuatu School Visit:** 24 grade 6 students and 4 teachers from Port Vila Child Care Centre (Christian School) were hosted at Logan for a week's Educational Tour! For the second year it rained the whole time they were here. We praised God for the rain and made several program changes!
- **Visits to Churches:** We have enjoyed and been blessed by the opportunity to visit and share the AICF ministry with several Churches. Members of the 'CrossFlow' Ministry (Kyle & Joel Slabb) from Fingal NSW have enriched our gatherings and shared the passion and joy they have as Aboriginal Christians burdened and ministering to their own people.
- **Ann Street Church visited Eidsvold** in the July holidays. A ministry team from the USA joined them for the third year in making this visit to Eidsvold. Thank you Lord!! What an encouragement to Kevin and Julie. Ann Street will visit again later in the year.
- **Hazel Lauridsen** had surgery for a very painful spur in her foot. After several weeks of 'recovery' she is back to Mt Isa. And praising God for the good surgery result. She is searching for a replacement vehicle (bus) to replace the special truck for the "Mobile Christian Bookshop". She is looking for a Toyota Coaster with wheel chair ramp/lift (to save lifting the heavy boxes of books.) Know of any?
- **Tender Loving Care for Logan: Dreams becoming realities (We hope!)**
One of Logan's Members has been able to use his work machine to level piles of fill that will be developed to provide an outdoor area and additional accommodation for the meetings. (Now for something to cover the dirt!)
We have had responses from two parties who are looking to take on a project. One to paint the exterior of the church and the other to upgrade the outdoor kitchen.
Many other 'hands on' tidying up jobs are required before the Country Gospel Weekend. Any volunteers?
God has already begun His preparations with the recent rain settling the dust and bringing a tinge of green to the bare earth. We would welcome any who might come and enjoy a very productive 'workout' for a few hours on a rake or mower
- **Cross Flow Ministry** — Kyle Slabb is doing a Discipleship Course with 'Youth With A Mission' (YWAM). He with the team are preparing for an Outreach trip.
Joel Slabb has been studying at "Hope College" on the Gold Coast. His wife Mary is planning to do studies as well.

Country Gospel Weekend(Logan) and C of C 'Celebration of Ministry' and AGM:

The AICF felt honoured and excited about the two events sharing the day and the Logan venue in a great "Celebration of Ministry". We were looking forward to the opportunity to share God's Grace and Power revealed in our ministry outcomes, the testimonies, songs and music, and the Aboriginal Christians bringing their cultural presentations of acknowledgement to our Great God!

However, the business of the AGM has now limited the time and structure of the initial plans for the "Celebration of Ministry" and AGM. It is with sadness that the AICF felt it better that the AGM now be conducted at an alternate venue from the Country Gospel Event. We are disappointed. We do hope there will be another opportunity to share a special time of celebration together.

Can you Help ?? Contact Ph 07 3848 9466 Mob 04 0796 8232 Email ldmorris@bigond.net.au

Electricians Urgently Needed, Painting, maintenance,(Eidsvold) levelling fill at Logan

Helpers for sorting Pricing and Packing Used Clothing at 'The Shed' at Logan

We urgently need more Apple Cartons! We have run out of supplies for packing the used clothing

Please contact Hazel - 3848 9466 or email ldmorris@bigond.net.au

Rejoice and pray with us, In Christ's love and service.

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