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Dear Friends,

We have almost come to the end of another year with God and we believe you have done the same. We are not sure if there has been any other ministry news of AICF Mareeba sent out to you this year. If you have not received any, then we apologise. Take a seat this may be a long one.

Jan

We returned from holidays in WA. On December 15th 2006, we travelled down to NSW and across SA to WA crossing the Nullarbor and back the same way. It was great visiting friends and catching up with them along the way. We spent two weeks in Esperance, travelled to Perth, and spent a couple of days there and then headed back to the East coast



The youth camp began the next day on 15th of January, at Lake Tinaroo. The Gladstone Church of Christ hosted the first camp and some twenty young people turned up for the camp. The camp brought together a small group of key young people who have come to the Lord, are still going on and meet every Mondays for bible studies. On Fridays nights, others turn up and there are youth activities for the night. Pray for Natalie, as she will lead the group on her own from now on. (Oct 2007) This is the first year that the church has a consistent group of teenagers who are in the youth group. Thank you and Praise God for all of you who have given so much for this to happen.

Feb 2007

In November 2006, Pastor Kabenua Kama from the Baptist church from Port Moresby PNG came with his wife and son Joshua to live with the Mareeba and Normanton churches, us, and have a three-month indigenous mission exposure in North QLD. They returned to PNG.



March & April

The church leadership decided that the plan for the convention was to begin and a committee was formed. People began to give food items and finance towards the convention. The plans for outreach to Tolga and Ravenshoe were planned and outreaches to the Mareeba Park and Aboriginal settlement began too. On Easter, we had special meetings at church and had an interesting and moving dawn service on the basketball court at the church.

May June and July

The Tolga community church allowed us to use their church hall second Sunday of each month to reach out to family and friends of our church members who do not go to church and live in the Atherton area We Praise God for what He has done this year through this outreach, both for church members and those who came. The first outreach to Ravenshoe was on the footy field. We have seen that this outreach is drawing more young people than older folks to the meetings. Pray with the church as they seek God in this area . Pray for Jack Brumbee, Florence, and Natasha as they connect and contact people for the on going ministry

August

The church set the four Saturdays of August to go out to the **Cotton family's farm** on the banks of the **Barron River** and prepare the place for the convention. It was special times of sharing and praying and working together. Everybody came along, and helped. We finished clearing the bushes by the end of August and began collecting items for shelters and hiring necessary items for use at the convention. We thank God for protection on the many trips to the farm and



whilst working. We thank Him for the unity amongst us. We saw what was impossible (the thick bushes gone and clear grounds for people to set camp and have meetings), possible because everybody helped. We say a very special thank you to the Mareeba church. You have all been a tremendous blessing to us all these years.

September



People began to arrive from as far as NSW, Brisbane, Mt Isa, Doomadgee and Normanton and places around North QLD. We had Ps Hosea Bani from Vanuatu as well, and visitors from PNG drop in too

On the 26th of September, the Convention began. Church folks prepared a kuppmurri and invited the Mareeba churches to come along and join us at the campsite for a meal and the first night of fellowship. On Thursday, PS Harley Haywood and David Newby started the study sessions for the convention.

There were two sessions each morning; a morning tea break in between. Ps Harley spoke on the importance of being a disciple of Christ in every area of life as a Christian. David Newby spoke on the purposes of God in forgiveness and the powerful result of forgiveness in a Christian's life and the Land he lives on.

Over 100 people came to the convention and we believe, God met everybody on their terms by His Grace.

We want to say a very special thank you to the speakers for coming and teaching the word to us and their families for allowing that to happen. We want to acknowledge the long-term relationship; this church has had with the Toowoomba North Church of Christ and the Gladstone church. This time they have come to help in an important role of children's ministry during the convention. We say thank you to the Gladstone Church for releasing their youth leader Daniel to come for this ministry too. Thank you to all of you who prayed and gave; to the CDF, we thank you once again for this support. A very very special thank you to all who came to the convention, because you came there was a convention. We give God all the glory!

October-December

Sese Family News

We have come to see the need for a break and a change after eleven years of ministry with AICF. We will be moving out of Mareeba and Queensland to WA. We will be working and living with and amongst Indigenous Australians. Remy says it is his long service leave from AICF. We have been in this capacity of ministry before in both PNG and Vanuatu but we know there will be still a lot to learn from our indigenous brethren.

Nathan, our son has two more years at James Cook Uni and we are now praying and looking for a place for him to move into on Cairns before we leave. He wants to attend the church in Cairns, as he knows Ps Phil and Ps Walter

We will be leaving Lord willing on the first week of January. We plan to travel down through Se QLD and stop and say goodbye on our way to WA, so we may see some of you or if you want us to drop in, let us know.

THANK YOU so much .Words cannot describe how much you have all meant to us all these years .Thank you. We are having a break and Lord willing return. In these last six months without realising, we have been preparing the church to stand and take more responsibilities and we are happy with what we have seen .There is training these last couple of months especially for the leaders and we will watch, pray and learn from them

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR IN THE LORD JESUS

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