

CHANGES FOR 2008: Normanton Church and community have with sadness received the news that two dearly loved women will not be in Normanton in 2008.

Michelle Arthur (from Cairns Church) and Dorothy Rosedale (from Hopevale) have been God's people in the place of His calling for these last years. They will be dearly missed but we know they leave because they are called to another area of ministry.



Dorothy Rosedale, a gracious, gentle, mature Christian came to Normanton to be with her family. She is very gifted musically and has played the autoharp at the services. In the time the church has been without a Pastor, Dorothy has brought a devotional message at the morning services, taken the R.E. Classes at the school and has lead a ministry to the residents at the Aged Persons Hostel. She will be missed as a gracious encourager and leader. As she returns to her people and her family do pray for her. She may move location but she will continue to serve her Lord wherever she is!

God bless you Dorothy.

Michelle Arthur was introduced to Normanton on a Scripture Union "Go West Venture" God called her to return and stay. Her main area of ministry has been with the children and Youth and helping with administration. She will be missed from the Christian Centre and from the community.



Michelle writes: "Sometimes I can't believe it's been 5 years in Normanton for me - and other times I can hardly remember what it's like living anywhere else!! Although I love the people here (especially the beautiful children who I've grown so attached to!) and don't regret a day in this little Gulf Community, I believe God is telling me that, at least for the time being, this season is over. For a long time I have wanted to do volunteer work in Africa and finally it seems God is opening the doors for it to happen. A friend and I will be travelling to Kenya and then Zambia to work with 2

Christian organisations. In Zambia, our role will be to provide games/activities/lessons/etc for around 130 HIV infected orphans as they come to the centre each day for their one meal a day (a bowl of rice). We will also assist the ministry in any way we can as they provide support to widows and the local community. Although it is very much on a grass roots level and no doubt will be eye-opening and challenging, I am really excited about what God has up His sleeve for us and the people we will meet over there. Please pray that His will be done and that we will be granted strength wisdom and guidance as we seek to serve Him in Africa!

P.S.(Hazel) Pray for Michelle in this very different ministry. We hope to keep you 'in touch' with news updates.