

## **Aboriginal & Islander Christian Fellowship** **December 2008**

Hullo to all,

Hasn't 2008 been a great year!? It has gone so quickly, but much has happened in many places, in the churches, the AICF Ministry Centres, and in people's lives. We are praising God for His greatness, the great things that happen, and the great people of God who are enablers for things **to** happen. Thank you for being part of this ministry through your prayers, financial support, practical support, used clothing supplies, work projects, and encouragement.

We have enjoyed visiting churches and showing the ministry happenings!

***Take time for a cuppa and read the enclosed! Praise and Pray!***

### ***News For Prayer and Praise***

**Mareeba:** The church continues well with their ministry. There is great excitement at the present as **Remy & Theresa Sese** are in Mareeba (for Nathan's 21st Birthday Celebration) and will enjoy a time renewing fellowship & friendships.

**College Studies:** Aboriginal Elder Thomas Mitchell began in a Certificate of Theology Course in this last term. Vincent Mathieson has completed his first year and has attained his Certificate III in Theology. Congratulations. Keep praying for them. Its a big life style change and for Vincent to be 'study bound' rather than in the bush and outdoors!

**Normanton:** The Christians are faithful in their service for God but do really long to have a minister to teach and support.

**Youth Ministry Teams visits:** The Scripture Union "Go West Team" visited for a week at the end off the school year. A group from Clontarf Beach State High, Pine Rivers Baptist Tracey & Damon Bishop and Daun Slauson) visited following their week's programme at Dajarra. They assisted the church with a special Christmas Celebration that has become an annual Community event. A special joy was gifts for the 100+ kids who shared in the night.

**Special thanks** to Ross & Eula Vogler for the extended stay of over 3 months and wonderful help and support to the Church at Normanton. They plan to return in the 'winter' of 2009—they have left their hearts there! With Merv & Margaret Schultz also from Bribie Island they achieved a 'miracle make-over' for the 'Sunday School House! This is used each afternoon for an Children's Enrichment Programme. Pray that next year God will provide personnel who can help lead and recommence a Sunday School Programme

***What a Special reunion! On the weekend of the Logan Country Gospel weekend we had the joy of taking our Aboriginal elder and Christian leader Vivienne Knox to meet (in the Prince Charles Hospital) her friend from Bible College days—Gladys Edwards (nee Logan) from Normanton. These women have not meet since they graduated from the A.I.M. Singleton Bible College 60 years ago!! Vivienne made the trip to the N'ton Convention and hoped to see Gladys there—but they missed being able to meet up!! If this joy was so great imagine the joy when meet loved ones again in heaven!! (and we won't be limited by time and medical apparatus!)***



**Our Christmas greetings to all..**

**May you know the *presence* of the Christ of Christmas,  
experience the *purpose* of His coming to earth,  
and be filled with the *power* of His spirit in the days ahead.**