

Aboriginal and Islander Christian Fellowship

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Focus on Mareeba

“God’s Blessings and God’s People in Action”

Gladstone to Mareeba

In January a team of 16 from Gladstone Church made the 5th visit to their ‘Sister Church’ at Mareeba. Three of the team have been on all visits and this was declared the best (and busiest) ministry visit of all. Relationships with the Mareeba Christians, the church and community are really strengthening.

What a week of being God’s people in action!

How’s this for action packed ministry with diversity!:-

- arrival in time to share in the Sunday evening programme–
- conducting 3 Children’s programmes,
- 3 Youth Programmes with a special outing & programme at Tinaroo Dam,
- a ‘meet and greet breakfast’ with at the Aboriginal Community at ‘their place’ ‘Yumba’ (meaning home)
- Ladies ‘Coffee morning’
- personal mentoring, encouraging and ‘yarning times’ with individual Christians
- yard clean-up
- spring cleaning, maintenance and TLC for the Church House (in every spare moment)
- a ‘day-off’ to do the tourist thing at beautiful Kuranda and surrounds
- the morning of departure to share in the Sunday morning worship service

Mareeba & Gladstone Youth having fun!!



More “Helping Hands”

We have been blessed that a team from America have spent many long, hard hours giving more TLC at the Church House. Further cleaning, preparation and painting has transformed the kitchen and lounge area. Sadly they have had to return to the USA. We are praying for others to help complete the project on the house.

Prayer for Tony Rodgers

Tony Rodgers has been part of the Mareeba Church for many years. He has assisted with music, leading, bus driving, and outreach trips. Tony, a gifted Aboriginal artist, uses Aboriginal art with appropriate verses to illustrate messages from the Bible. Lyle Morris was honoured to receive a gift of Tony’s art - a leaping kangaroo with the Bible verse “I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.” Philippians 3:12 (NKJV)

Sadly in the last weeks Tony has had to face surgery and amputation of lower part of his leg. Please pray for Tony that God will heal, strengthen and sustain him as he adjusts to the lifestyle changes and the challenge of being a healthy diabetic. Pray that the verse above will be an encouragement to him as he ‘presses on’ for His Lord.