



Aboriginal & Islander Christian Fellowship



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Men's yarning circle.
Sharing life stories
and being God's men!



Early morning worship led by
Vincent Mathieson (M'ba) &
Tom Burns (Normanton)



Night Meetings under the
stars. John Percy (Lake Nash
NT) tells he became a Christian
during 1983 revival.

30 years since first Northern Aboriginal Christian Convention on Delta Downs Cattle Station, Normanton ! FNQ.

The elders and management of this Aboriginal owned Cattle Station, running 45,000 head of cattle, covering area of 394,000 hectares invited the Northern Aboriginal Christian Convention be held on their land. How we thank them for the preparation of roads, and provision of meat, water, ice. A stranded couple from Camooweal for whom the manager stopped and assisted commented "We've never met a manager like him. He was so kind and caring." You deserved this praise Paul!

300-400 people from N.T., Q'ld, NSW, Sydney and Melbourne travelled for this great gathering of God's people. It was the biggest Convention ever. People from 15 different communities came together in the Kurljar peoples land. Many of these elders are Christians. At our first early morning devotion Vincent Mathieson (Mareeba) with deep passion focussed our thoughts and praise to the fact "It is only because of the impact of **GOD IN OUR LIVES** that we, people from 'all over' *desire* and have *come* to gather together unto **Him**".

Kyle Slabb, study leader spoke on
Relationship - God's Way
Relationship with God, Relationships with others!
God's Way!



Study Leader — Kyle Slabb,
Relationships — with God,
Relationships - with others



After Communion people
gathered at water hole to
witness baptism of two men
from Normanton.



Prayer for Peter & Chris
after their baptism - that
they live as Jesus men.

FOR PRAYER:

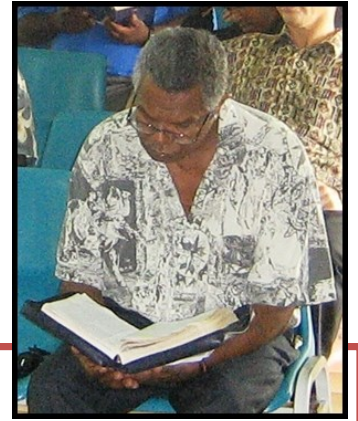
Financial Concerns This is the hardest time we have faced financially. The financial assistance from CofC in Q'ld. has not been available this financial year. It brings great joy to see new ministry and community connections happening, Personal Spiritual growth and the Aboriginal Churches consolidating.

We must continue financial, prayer, mentoring and team support to all the areas the AICF covers. *Pray for the Lord's provision, financial support from team supporters, friends, & churches, wisdom in management, and a continuing passion to honour God's call to take the Good News of Jesus and God's Way of living to all places and all people.*

Youth Camp Early Dec Youth & Young adults from Brisbane/Logan area are planning a weekend at Iluka, Woody Heads Camping Grounds 'getting to know you' & yarning together on what LIFE is all about! **P.S.** Sadly deferred 'til April because of the sever storm activity threatening the 'outdoor camping venture'

Vanuatu Educational Tour (Dec) For over 10 years Logan Centre hosts an Educational Tour for the Graduating Grade of the Vanuatu Christian School in Port Vila. We all enjoy this great, but hectic 10 days!!

An old man once said 'Never under estimate what God can do!' What impact and empowering the studies and nurturing at the Christian Leaders Training College - 'Wontulp' in Cairns has had on the lives of our Aboriginal Christian Leaders from Mareeba and Normanton. With great joy we share with you the **graduation of Vincent Mathieson (Mareeba) and Cederic Burns (Normanton) from their 2014 courses. Sadly Tom Burns (N'ton) did a trip with the Flying Doctor to Townsville Hospital rather than to the graduation. Pray for Tom as his heart problems are assessed and he resumes studies in 2015! Pray for Cederic & Vincent who continue in 2015.**



The Long hours of study have enabled **Vincent Mathieson** to achieve his second certificate (Cert. 1V in Theology & Ministry)at the Wontulp Christian Leaders Training College in Cairns. Congratulations and well done. It shows the sincere commitment of this man of God as he ministers with the Mareeba Church, to the Community, and is a devoted husband, father and gardener! His studies continue in 2015.

Cederic Burns - Christian Leader from Normanton is a proud & deserving Graduate.



Proud Cederic Burns with his supportive and equally proud wife Laverna.

Five persons of Normanton enrolled for the Study Courses. Pray for those who have found the going hard. Tom Burns has had some health issues that caused him to miss two of the Cairns 'live - in' modules. Tom's schooling was very short so pray God's enabling for him. He has been so committed and has worked hard. He will continue in 2015.

The students from our AICF Ministry Centres have had a real impact on other students doing courses. Their strong personal faith and expression of it, and leadership abilities have been commended by the College Staff. Praise God! Pray for His men as they prepare to serve in their churches and communities.

Mareeba Rejoices! 2014 has been a great year at the Mareeba Community Church. When AICF stepped out in faith with the Mareeba Church to provide a full salary to Vincent and Veronica Mathieson we knew it was God's plan. A resident Christian minister with an amazing personal story and commanding a great respect from his people and the community has opened the way for a vital impact in Mareeba. The 'church' is regularly filled. One teenager was deeply challenged at the NACC and has since chosen to be God's man! The church rejoiced three baptisms earlier, nine recently and an additional persons have requested baptism. Vincent has been a insightful community leader in bringing positive changes to the 'aboriginal settlement' - a place where families live and gather.

*Vincent has been invited to share 'his story' with Aboriginal Men's Yarning Groups at Townsville and Magnetic Island. These events are not organized by Christians, but the facilitators wished to include in their programmes the life journey, the **God change and empowerment** of Vincent's life from one of despair, desperate survival, alcohol and trouble.*



Logan Country Gospel Weekend:

The weekend had large attendances (Sat night approx. 400) Many artists from many places shared in song and their life stories. Pastor John Tonga had emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix on the Sat morning. He's now doing well. It was wonderful how the groups stepped in for the catering & programme. **Aboriginal Pastor, Billy Williams gave a final and challenging God given message**

'Things may not be as they seem' with a GOD message for 1)Pastors, 2)all Christians young & old (God wants consistency - not yo-yos, 3)and those who are may not have considered God issues! Colossians is indeed a 'God message' book—how Billy passionately opened it to us!



Churches of Christ Awards Night



What a joy to be part of the evening 7th November 2014 in the Brisbane Town Hall when persons within the framework of Churches of Christ were acknowledged for their excellence in service in 'Bringing the Light of Christ into Communities.'

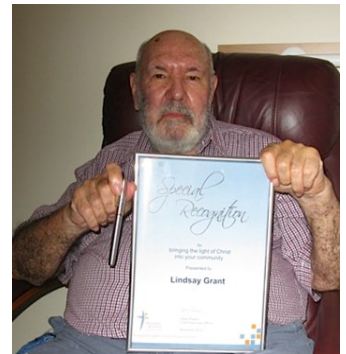
How pleased we were that two outstanding Aboriginal Christians received a Special Recognition and were presented with a Certificate acknowledging their contribution through their Ministries.

Churches of Christ - Recognition Awards Nov. 2014 Lindsay Grant

Aboriginal Minister Lindsay Grant (now 79) is "God's man and a quiet achiever", with multiple degrees and qualifications. Lindsay is of the Wiradjuri Tribe NSW. He ministered with the Baptist Church in New South Wales and Queensland & the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship in Western Australia and Victoria. He also spent 10 years in Canberra with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. His personal passions - reading, music and gardening.

Lindsay ministered with Churches of Christ in Queensland at the AICF Logan Aboriginal Community Centre and chaired the AICF Board for many years. With his knowledge, teaching and mentoring skills, the Logan Church consolidated through a strong spiritual ministry to the Church and Community.

(As Lindsay's health did not allow him to attend his wife Nola received the award on his behalf accompanied by daughter Krishna) (See group photo above)



Lindsay Grant holding Recognition Certificate from Churches of Christ 8th. November, 2014.



Churches of Christ - Recognition Award Nov. 2014 Vivienne Knox

Vivienne Knox is an Aboriginal Elder, trained Indigenous Christian Youth, Community and Church worker and is a foundation member of the Logan Aboriginal Community Centre.

Auntie Vivienne is from the Kamilaroi Tribe of the New England area of N.S.W. As a child she made a commitment to the Lord during a mission at the local Aboriginal Inland Mission Church (now known as Australian Indigenous Ministries).

As a foundation member of the Church of Christ Aboriginal Community Centre at Logan she has had an amazing ministry – a Sunday School teacher, youth worker, and story teller. Vivienne is skilled in poetry presentation, a challenger for any Bible Quiz, is a gifted speaker, and a great woman of prayer. We praise God for such people who live for their Lord and boldly acknowledge Him right at the 'ground level' in the Community. (Nephew, Bill Knox accompanied Vivienne as she received her award.) (See group photo above)



For Praise and Prayer !

What joy for Matthew Collins (ex Eidsvold) to be baptized at Sunnybank Church in September by his friend, spiritual mentor, ex Sunday and School teacher Ken Tedford!

PRAY for Mathew in his walk with the Lord and as he draws on the Lord for strength with the impacting effects of Parkinson's Disease. Pray for Ken, Jan and friends who encourage and support Matthew.

Up Date: Remy and Theresa Sese

Beginnings take time. The next step in the development of **GMP** (Global Mission Partners) - **Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA)** is the appointment of Coordinators – West and East.

It gives great joy to announce that Remy Sese will be Indigenous Ministry Coordinator (West). Remy is a Ni-Vanuatu who has lived in Australia for 18 years ministering among Australian Indigenous communities.

After spending 12 years with the Queensland Churches of Christ Aboriginal Islander Christian Fellowship (2 years at Normanton and 10 years at Mareeba) he took up a position at Wongutha CAPS school near Esperance W.A. Remy has wide networks and is held in high regard.

Prior to coming to Australia he was a lecturer at Banmatmat Bible College in Vanuatu, Executive Director of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu and also trained at the Christian Leaders Training College in Papua New Guinea.

His skills in building relationships, supporting pastors and churches and his understanding of Australian Indigenous people equip him for this role. Remy has been part of the Strategic Planning Process for IMA and is excited about this new ministry.

Remy, Theresa and their son, George, will relocate to Perth in next year. He commences on 1 st February 2015 and an induction service will be planned in Perth after that date.

Remy will also be part time GMP Mission Mobiliser in WA and support churches in their commitment to global mission.



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Special Prayer / Request: It has been exciting to see God at work changing lives and remaking people. However, the financial resources to seize the 'God' opportunities in our Indigenous Communities is stretched to the limit. Pray for financial provision for the AICF ministries.

If you desire to be part of the support team enabling this ministry please print off and complete the donations slip above.