

# The Alleys

Serving with Australian Indigenous Ministries

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3: 23



April – May 2010 Update

## Praise God:

- ⇒ For his grace and mercy to us – he continues to uphold us despite us not even deserving to be in his presence (let alone carried by him!).
- ⇒ For a wonderful time at the MIST conference last weekend.
- ⇒ That the trailer re-building has progressed really well in the past month.
- ⇒ For an opportunity to spend time with our home church in Newcastle. Praise God for the encouragement they are to us.
- ⇒ That our girls are healthy and growing well. Praise God for the joy that they both bring to us.
- ⇒ For our wonderful tenants that God has provided since we left Newcastle.



## Hello everyone!

Another month has rolled on by – can you believe it? We hope you are all keeping well. We have so appreciated hearing little snippets from some of you now and again – thanks for keeping in touch.

We have lived for the last month at home and have been able to settle in to a bit of a routine, which has been nice. Rob has been working hard on the trailer and things are coming together nicely there with not much left to do: just fiddly things like the electrical work, building a box for the fridge (to go on the draw bar), and last minute touches. Jen has been able to enjoy looking after the girls and slipping in as much work as she can when her attention is not required elsewhere!

You may remember us mentioning the MIST (Mission Interlink Short-term Training) weekend at the end of April. The weekend was a great time and the girls both managed the time extremely well – we are very thankful for this! It was also wonderful to fellowship with those who helped run the course as well as the participants. There were people planning to travel to Nepal, the Pacific, Uganda, Mongolia, Tanzania, Thailand, Indonesia, Ethiopia, & PNG to engage in some kind of short term mission. Praise the Lord! We are now working hard on re-developing our own training material bouncing off from this course as well as another course we have done in the past with

## Our girls seem to like strange places!

As you can see, Miriam enjoyed climbing in and out of our newly (re)built console for the boxes of food/kitchen equipment that is now fitted in to the tour trailer. Katie didn't exactly want this spot by choice but we had a lot of fun giggling about it!



Trailer mods are getting there!

## Do YOU want to join a Mission Awareness Tour??

Contact us NOW as we are running one for anybody who is interested from the 2<sup>nd</sup> July-17<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

International Teams Australia. Our own experience is also thrown in to the mix so we pray that the training days will become useful for our teams.

Our plans for the next month involve a bit more travel. We begin with another E-track conference tomorrow evening (a mini missions evening at SMBC in Sydney). We plan next week to travel to Newcastle for one week primarily to undergo deputation work with our home church there. We will be attending most of their home groups and sharing throughout the

week. Over the following few weeks after this, we will be running training days for the two trips running in June/July; attending a missions conference/expo on the Central Coast; and hooking in to a big drive to Alice Springs in readiness for our first tour beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. Jen, with the girls, is planning to join Rob for the tours. She will travel to Alice Springs and stay there for a week whilst the first tour runs and then attend the second tour, which will run from Darwin. We still only have 8 people signed up for the tour in

July – are you interested in joining us? Email us and ask anything you like!

In other news, our tenants living in our house in Newcastle, are moving out on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. We are advertising through a Real Estate for new tenants.

The girls are both going well – it is starting to feel very normal to be a family of four!

We would love to hear how you are going if you have the time to shoot us an email!

Lots of love.

### Please pray for:

- Our July tour coming up – that we might get numbers and that the trip might bring glory to God.
- Wisdom and time as we compile the needed resources for our training days. The next training days will run on the 25<sup>th</sup> May and the 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- Our logistical plans as we prepare to travel again: finishing the trailer, preparing the bus, cooking arrangements, packing, etc.
- A speedy and good replacement for our tenants in Newcastle.
- Effective conversations as we attend both mission conferences at SMBC and the Central Coast.
- An effective time with our home church in Newcastle: that people may be encouraged and challenged by our time there.
- Please pray that people will be challenged on our trips and at conferences to honour the Lord with their lives.



Love Rob, Jenni, Miriam & Katie

Keep in touch!