

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



May – June 2010 Update

Praise God:

- ⇒ For an encouraging time in Newcastle with our home church.
- ⇒ For a successful pre-meeting with the group of pastors we are taking away with our director in June from Alice Springs for one week.
- ⇒ For an understanding Director who took our place at the Missions Expo on the Central Coast this past weekend. Praise God for the conversations had.
- ⇒ For 13 participants now coming on our tour in July!
- ⇒ For our supporters who pray for us, support us financially and/or spiritually. What a blessing!

Hello everyone!

More than another month has rolled on by! Can you believe it? We hope you are all keeping well during these chilly times.

The last month has been a busy but rewarding time for us. In the third week of May we were able to go and spend a week with our home church in Newcastle: Hunter Bible Church (HBC). This was an encouraging time for us. The church cancelled their growth groups for the week and we ran three identical information nights. The idea was for people to go along to the information night the night that their growth group was normally on. We had huge attendance on these nights – one of the nights had 125 come! We also attended a growth group that runs during the day, Youth Group on Friday night and Jen was able to go along to Women's Bible Study. This time allowed us to tell the church about AIM as an organisation and how we fit in to that with the Mission Awareness Tours.

On our way home from Newcastle, we spent the weekend camping with several friends from HBC at Dingo Tops. It was lovely to breathe the fresh (although quite cold!) air and be part of God's beautiful creation in the bush.

Since returning home, we have been very busy preparing for our



Our bootiful girls.



Some serious work with some friends whilst camping at Dingo Tops



New kitchen in Gilgandra

Join us in praising God for **13** participants for our July Tour! Thanks for your prayers.

upcoming trips as well as the training day (which is running this Saturday, the 12th June). Rob has also been working hard to complete the tour trailer and prepare the bus for our time away. We are so thankful to God for providing 13 people to come on this tour. You might remember that we were asking for prayer for more than the 8 we had signed up. We had those extra 5 sign up in a matter of 4 or 5 days. We thank you all for praying – isn't it wonderful to see how God works through your prayers?!

Rob attended a training day on the

25th for the pastor's tour that we are running in June. This was a positive time and we are looking forward to being part of this.

You might notice a picture of a beautiful kitchen up the top of this page. Neal Bootes, along with others (including Rob's parents and Uncle & Aunty), went along to Gilgandra, NSW, this past month for about 10 days to work on the house there. This is a photo of some their handiwork. Join us in praising God for this wonderful provision. It's looking like we may have some people move in to this house by the

end of the year to be part of the work in Gilgandra: also another exciting provision.

In other news, we are still waiting on some new tenants for our house in Newcastle. We hope this will happen in the next couple of weeks.

Jen's Grandma has passed away this week. She is planning to fly down to Melbourne for the day to attend the memorial service.

Our girls are happy and healthy and surviving our busyness quite well.

Thank you all for your friendship and support of us.

Please pray for:

- Our training day this Saturday: that we will be clear and that the day will be useful to those who come.
- Our tours in June/July: the pastor's trip running in June for one week and the normal tour running for two weeks from the 2nd July. Please pray that they will run smoothly and that those who come might grow, learn and be changed by the experience. Pray that the Lord might grant us wisdom and gentleness. Ultimately, please pray that God will be glorified in everything that we do.
- Our logistical plans as we prepare to travel again: finishing the trailer, preparing the bus, cooking arrangements, packing, etc.
- Pray for Jen as she looks after the girls in Alice Springs for a few days – that the Lord will provide what is needed.
- For those who came and heard us speak in Newcastle – that they might be challenged to think on how they might serve the Lord with their lives.
- A speedy and good replacement for our tenants in Newcastle.



Love Rob, Jenni, Miriam & Katie

Keep in touch!