

The Alleys

Serving with
Australian Indigenous Ministries

July-September, 2011

Hello everyone!

First thing is first. We want to thank each of you who have held us up in prayer in the last few months and shown love for us in many ways. As we all know, God is so faithful. We have seen this once again as he has answered many prayers in the last couple of months.

As you may remember from our last newsletter, we had reached a tough time in our ministry with two cancelled tours and the possibility of our Newcastle tour also being cancelled. We were in a place where we were questioning our role with AIM but couldn't really see how God would have us move forward. It was a tough place to be. And yet through that time, God used many of you to shower us with encouragement and minister to us with your words and slowly, he is bringing us to a new place.

One of the first things that proved to be a little light was a meeting that we had with an organisation in Sydney regarding missionary training in churches. This meeting led us to prospects for our work in the future. This is still very much in the planning phase so we will keep you updated if things progress.

A fellow at a conference then approached us from another mission organisation showing interest in partnering with us in running tours. Nothing has eventuated from this yet, but the prospect is there.

On top of these things, we now have a full bus for the upcoming tour from Newcastle!

Financially, we are at about 82% of our minimum recommended income for the last 12 months. Please join us in prayer for God's continued provision and also praise for the extra support that has come in in recent months.



*Be still and
know that I am
God...'* Psalm 46:10

Praise God:

- For answered prayer: a way forward in this work we are doing. Praise God for the way he cares for us through his Word and his people.
- For a successful time at ReachOut in August and a week at Moore College in July: for good conversations with delegates and students as well as networking opportunities with other organisations.
- For the safe arrival of our little boy and the ongoing health of Jen and Isaac in particular.

Please pray:

- Itinerary for tour:
 - Friday 23rd: Newcastle to Moree, NSW
 - Sat & Sun 24th-25th: Woorabinda, QLD (AIM Centre)
 - Mon 26th: Winton, QLD
 - Tues 27th: Camooweal, QLD (AIM Centre)
 - Wed 28th: Tennant Creek, NT (AIM Centre)
 - Thurs-Sun 29th-2nd: Canteen Creek, NT (AIM Centre)
 - Mon 3rd: Alice Springs, NT (AIM Centre)
 - Tues 4th: Uluru, NT
 - Wed 5th: Coober Pedy, SA
 - Thurs 6th: Peterborough, SA
 - Fri 7th: Cobar, NSW
 - Sat 8th: Newcastle, NSW

Please pray for the team as they travel: that they will be a blessing to each other and those they meet; that they will grow in their walks with the Lord and be challenged to think about how they might serve him. Pray that they will be mobilised to serve our great God, be it cross culturally or at home.

**Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 062 601
Account Number: 1000 3051
Reference: '[Your name]' for Alley**



WELCOME Isaac Clive Alley!

Born 19/08/2011

Weight: 3042g

Height: 49cm

More pictures on following pages.

Isn't God good?!

With all of these things along with the busyness that came with preparing for the training day, the ReachOut conference and the upcoming tour (amongst a few other things!!), we have certainly been blessed with a sense of belonging in this position and we praise God for his provision in this way!

As mentioned, we ran the training day for the tour on the 6th August in Newcastle. On this day, we had a total of 12 people committed to the tour. We now have 16 (and one possible extra) coming along as well as the chairman of AIM: John Keane. Wow! Thankyou once again for your prayers regarding this.

ReachOut went well again this year. This is a conference that gathers many mission organisations together in Katoomba and encourages delegates to think through what the bible has to say about what God calls us to as Christians and provides the opportunity to look into options of how we can serve. We were able to have several good conversations during the week.

It's all hands on deck now (including littler and slightly less helpful but adorable ones!) as we prepare the trailer, bus, food, and various other logistical things for Rob to depart next Friday 23rd. We are enjoying this time despite it being quite busy. Please pray that all goes well for this tour and that those who go will be challenged and changed and ultimately spurred on to serve God whole-heartedly in whatever way that may be.

In addition to these things, Rob is now on the AIM Council so is attending the monthly meetings. It's great that he can contribute in this way. Rob has also attended a couple of seminars in Sydney in recent weeks in view of developing our resource base for potential future work so this has been helpful.

We are looking forward to attending the 'National Training Event' in Canberra at the beginning of December – a conference run by AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students) for Universities right across Australia. We had many good conversations here last year so it should be good.

Another little something has happened in our world which many of you have heard about: our beautiful new addition to the family: Isaac! He arrived on the 19th August. The labour was fine and Jen is recovering well. Isaac is 4 weeks old on Friday and is already putting on weight and growing too fast! His big sisters love him and enjoy playing 'Mummy'! Enjoy some extra photos on the following pages. We are very thankful for our little precious 'gift from above' (James 1:17).

We hope you are keeping well and would love to hear from you!

Love Rob, Jenni, Miriam, Katie & Isaac

Keep in touch!





All brand new!



Family of 5!

Isaac Clive Alley

2 weeks



3 weeks





My sisters adore me!

