

# The Alleys

Serving with

Australian Indigenous Ministries

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**Hello everyone!**

***Merry Christmas!***

*We hope you are all managing to enjoy this time of year, despite the busyness that inevitably prevails! We hope you can have a wonderful time over Christmas in whatever way you plan to celebrate. We ultimately pray that we will all have a chance to reflect on the wondrous knowledge that our Saviour was born into this world, humbling himself as a servant in order that we might be saved. What an amazing King we serve!*

Our time over the last month has been continuing on in much the same fashion. Our main focus has been attending meetings with those interested in tours or individual short term mission. It has been encouraging to see that there are quite a few willing to pursue their interest in cross-cultural work. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to consolidate our process and try to lock in interested parties in a more certain way. We have one tour that is definitely going ahead next year at this stage but we have about 4 other tours that are in the discussion stage. Please pray that all of the potential plans might become more concrete in the next couple of months. Praise God for the interest that is being shown! Please also pray for a few individuals who are seeking to go on short-term mission. Pray that their plans

***Financially, we are at about 81% 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 generous support that we have received over our time in ministry.***



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

## **Praise God:**

- For this time of year where we can especially remember what God has done for us in Jesus and REJOICE!
- For God's faithful love and patience – we have truly seen this at work in our lives this year.
- For a good time at National Training Event.
- For the interest in tours and short-term mission from quite a few people.
- For our plans in 2012, especially the tour that is locked in and our planned time in Canteen Creek.
- For the chance to spend some time with Rob's family in Harrington over the Christmas break.

## **Please pray:**

- For Sue Letcher as she continues to undergo treatment for Leukaemia. She has not reacted well to her first round of chemotherapy and her white cell count is not coming up. She has been in hospital for about three weeks. Please pray for her and her husband, Cliff (one of the directors of AIM), as they manage this tough time that is stretching them physically and spiritually. Pray Sue might be well enough to come home for Christmas. Pray also that the treatment will be effective and Sue will be healed of this disease.
- For Jenni as she prepares to be more involved in the AIM office job next year: that she will be able to prioritise well and be Godly through all things.
- For us as we plan for next year: for wisdom, courage, humility and energy. If all the tours that are in discussion go ahead, it will be a busy year!
- That we will put God first in our lives, above all else.

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*National Training  
Event 2011*



*Gorgeous Katie: 2 on  
the 3/1/12!*



*Miriam loves to build towers:  
3½*



*A good night smile  
from our Isaac: 3  
months (now 4  
months!)*

were there with the main purpose of representing AIM so we had the chance to chat with some students about the work of AIM and with some, how they might like to be involved. Jenni's parents live in Canberra so we also had the treat of having our wonderful girls babysat over the time that the conference ran and a nice bed to come home to each evening!



It seems pretty likely at this stage that we will, as a family, be spending about two and a half months in Canteen Creek next year (mid March-May) whilst the missionaries: Richard & Sue Davies, are away. This community is a remote community in the Northern Territory. Our responsibilities will mainly lie in running Religious Education (RE) in the school and encouraging the people as church and bible studies continue. Please pray for us as we continue to work toward this happening. Pray for spiritual growth in our personal walks with God.

Jenni has been continuing some training in the office. This has been going well and she's learning lots about how the organisation works. It has been such an encouragement to see how God uses amazing circumstances to enable the organisation to move forward through prayer and financial support.

Our beautiful kids are growing well and happily (despite their parents at times!). We are thankful for their joyfulness and the way they so often make us laugh with their antics. Little Isaac continues to grow well and seems to have a wider smile on his face each day. Please pray for our kids: that they might be God's Kids and grow up in his ways. Pray that we might be a Godly example to them.

Well, this is another year finished. May we all strive toward heaven in the year to come! God bless.

might come through well and that they will be placed in centres that will be good for them and the work that is happening.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we attended the National Training Event Conference held in Canberra over the first weekend in December. It is encouraging to see so many University students gathered together with the unified purpose to serve God and know him better. The theme for the weekend was 'In Christ' and we heard some great talks from Rory Shiner and Richard Chin about what this means. We

**Love Rob, Jenni, Miriam, Katie & Isaac**  
*Keep in touch!*

