

The Alleys

Serving with
Australian Indigenous Ministries

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Hello everyone!

Our monthly newsletters are slipping to the end of each month! Time goes by very quickly as we are adjusting to a new family member and continuing our work! We pray you are keeping well at this time and enjoying the warmer weather (if you're in Australia!).

Rob returned from our most recent tour about 2 weeks ago now. We thank you for your prayers for this. We are praising God for a successful time of encouragement, challenge, safety, and a bit of fun thrown in! The group was a great bunch and worked well together. Most of the team's time (about 4 days) was spent in Canteen Creek, a small remote community in the desert (about 4½ hours from Tennant Creek if the road is ok). Richard & Sue Davies are the missionaries there and were wonderfully hospitable. The team had great opportunities to serve, encourage and be encouraged. Sue has since shared with us that the kids of Canteen Creek especially loved having the team there, as did the teachers in the school. She also said that 'we could sure use more workers on the field.' Please join us in praying that those who have been on our tours might consider the great need on this mission field and how they might be involved. We pray too that the hearts of those who went might be truly challenged to consider the need for the gospel in all corners of the globe. Indeed, 'the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few' (Matt. 9:37).

Financially, we are at about 84% 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: the Newcastle tour was a great success. Praise God for a unified team, safety and great opportunities to minister and be ministered to in various ways.
- For our faithful supporters and friends. We are continually humbled and thankful for the generous ways in which we are supported: financially, spiritually and emotionally. Thanks God!
- Continued health of our kids, particularly little Isaac. Praise God for a good feeder and sleeper!

Please pray:

- For Hunter Reachout on the 29th October. Pray for a good day and helpful conversations with those interested in the work of AIM.
- Please pray for us as we plan for potential tours next year and the way in which we go about this: for wisdom, courage and humility. Please pray for the provision of real interest and the locking in of tours for next year.
- For Jenni, as she learns more about the AIM Office job: for a clear mind and a helpful approach. Pray that she will be able to balance things well.
- For our family: that we will not get caught up on 'jobs' but rather live our lives focused on Jesus. Pray that we can bring our kids up in God's ways and show them the joy of serving him.

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Some pictures of our last tour with Hunter Bible Church from Newcastle. And Isaac – thought we might get in trouble if we didn't put one of him in!

Some comments from the Team Members:

“I've just had one of the best times of my life!!”

“The greatest thing that I experienced on the trip was the power of the gospel to save and transform lives. I met a lady in Tennant Creek, Melissa, who was so excited to tell me about how she became a Christian, and how great God has been to her.”

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

Since Rob's return, we have been doing our normal post trip clean up and have completed that in the last few days. We plan to take a couple of days to rest the weekend after next. We haven't decided where yet but we will be camping!!

We plan now to continue negotiations and planning surrounding possibilities for future tours, in particular for next year. Please pray for us as we consider how we may do this well. In addition, we will be working on developing how we run our tours, in particular how we will be working with churches that plan to run them. Please pray for wisdom and courage in this area.

We will be in Newcastle on the 29th October for Hunter Reachout, a missions conference held in Newcastle. We pray that this day will be glorifying to God and that we might have good conversations with those who attend. We are also gearing up for 'National Training Event', held in Canberra in December but we'll let you know more about that in our next newsletter.

Jenni will be spending some time in the AIM office over the next couple of months, getting a bit more up to speed on how things work with a view to being able to help on a more permanent basis. Please pray that Jenni will be able to learn well and continue successfully with the various roles that God has given her.

Our beautiful kids (can't call them 'girls' anymore!!) are going very well. Isaac is 9½ weeks now and he is sleeping and eating very well. He has started smiling – so gorgeous! Ah, I mean... handsome...! The girls still adore him. We thank you all for your love and congratulations if/when you sent them – we truly feel blessed to have you as our friends/family.

