

Ian & Lynn Williams *Roving Ambassadors*



Serving in New South Wales

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It is hard to believe that so much of the year has whizzed by already and we haven't managed a newsletter before now. We do apologise to you all for being so tardy.



Toddlerhood Transitions – above

When we sent you our last newsletter we were in Kakadu, heading for Darwin. We arrived in Darwin in mid-December and spent a very happy 4 months working with Janie Miles, meeting lots of wonderful people, speaking at a number of churches, running seminars and also facilitating 2 classes.

Preparation for Adolescence – right.



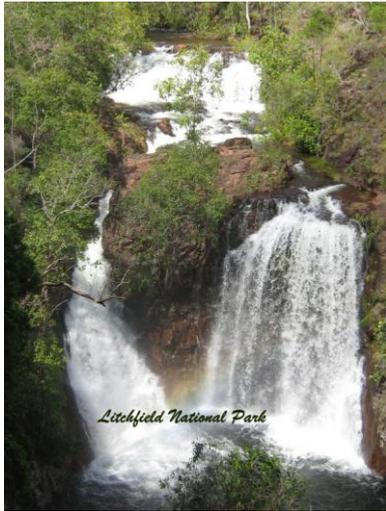
Lynn also attended a number of GEMS meetings which was very encouraging for her. Together we also visited one of the Christian Schools where we spoke at a staff meeting and to a parents meeting. From 1st January until we left Darwin we had managed some 50 meetings altogether.



It had never been in our minds to spend the entire wet season in Darwin which subsequently was the wettest season on record with 3 metres of rain for the 4 months but God had other ideas. We were blessed in that one of our GFA families, Phil and Naomi Harvey, allowed us to stay in their dongha (granny flat to Southerners) for the time we were there and we really appreciated their generous offer. God has provided so graciously for us during our time in NT.

As well as our GFA work we also did some volunteer work for Foodbank, a community ministry of Darwin Baptist. This church together with Crossroads Christian Church, supported us by giving us their premises to run the classes and seminars.

From Darwin we moved on to Katherine where we spent 2 weeks and spoke at the Baptist Church and the Church of Christ, having set up these appointments on our way north. Altogether we spent 10 months in the Northern Territory and had such a wonderful time that we are already planning a return trip but in the dry season next time!



We also managed some sight-seeing in and around Darwin and Katherine. We visited such places as Litchfield National Park and Katherine Gorge being the most memorable as they are at their best in, or just after, the wet season. There is just so much to see and we are constantly in awe of the majesty of our God who has created this amazing landscape for us to live in and tour around.

Our plans changed due to family commitments and we then headed for home on the Central Coast and for Sydney where we have been spending most of our time on 'grandparent duty' and catching up with friends. On our way south we travelled via the Barkly Tablelands to Mt Isa, Longreach (managed a flying trip to Eildon, Victoria from here to celebrate our eldest son's 50th birthday and also met our newest great-grand-daughter born in January), Charleville, Cunnamulla, Bourke, Dubbo and home, visiting churches on the Sundays and also a young couple who have a great coffee shop with a Christian influence in Cunnamulla which is a worthwhile stop on the way through. We arrived home mid-June.

Since being back we have made contact with 5 churches and have already run a seminar at one of those. This month we are also doing a mini facilitator training for Childwise. With our commitment to our family we haven't been quite so free to do a lot of GFA contact but have managed to meet up with a group of Mums and children for a picnic in the park at Picton and are planning to join them again on the 1st Wednesday of the coming school holidays. We are also handling enquiries for NSW while Peter & Michelle are overseas.

We are praying about the next stage of our roving and hope to be on the road again at the end of the first week of November, heading towards Victoria and conference and hoping to see many of you there. After conference we are hoping to visit Tasmania as neither of us has been there for some 30 years. If we can be of assistance to our Tassie GFA family, please let us know so that we can plan around that too.

Your continued prayer support will be greatly appreciated as we know for sure that our amazing Lord truly answers and is still calling us to this ministry.

All our blessings,

Ian & Lynn



-This is how to travel on the road and water in the same vehicle



Sunset over Darwin Harbour