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Roving Ambassadors



Roving in Northern Territory

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Greetings to you all. It is that wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We trust that God will richly bless you as you gather together with friends and family.



When we sent you our last newsletter we had not long arrived in Alice Springs and were expecting to spend 2 months there. We facilitated two classes for parents with toddlers (see picture) and those with teens. We had a good time of fellowship with both groups and particularly with one couple who met on the internet. He is from USA and she from Qld but they have wanted to raise the children in the blended family to honour the Lord. We had the opportunity to speak to them and have just heard that they were married a couple of weeks ago. Praise God!!

We spent just on four months in Alice Springs and had wonderful fellowship with a number of families and made contact with six churches and two Christian schools. Whilst there we appointed new contacts for Alice Springs with the blessing of Bill & Joan. They are Russell & Belinda Modlin and we know that they will be a blessing to the folk there. We want to say a special thank you to Wayne & Sharon Tregaea as they step aside, for their involvement as GFA Representatives in Alice for a number of years. They will continue to be active for Growing Families.

May we also say a big thank you to Alistair & Cathy McDonald and their family for allowing us to park our caravan in their driveway for our time in Alice. They are a great example of a Growing Families family and giving us their wonderful gift of hospitality.

At the end of October we returned to Sydney for 2 weeks to help with babysitting for our daughter Kerryn as she walked Kokoda in aid of Breast Cancer. She went very well on the trek suffering no illness or accident and raised about \$17,000 in sponsorship.



We moved from Alice Springs on November 15th to a little place on the Stuart Hwy called Ti Tree, largely an indigenous community, and we stayed on a grape farm with a wonderful young pastor and his family who run a fellowship for the aboriginal community. Lynn spoke to an aboriginal group comprising about 10 ladies 10 children and one man. We were able to speak to the man and his wife after the meeting and they want to bring their 5 children up to know the Lord.

We moved from there to Tennant Creek where we parked next to the Anglican Church and spoke at their service on Sunday. It was unusual as about 8 people were sitting around a table at the back of the church using the prayer book and also CDs to sing to. They are part of the parish of Alice Springs even though they are 500 kms away and only have the vicar there every second month. We met with the AIM pastors and they have a great ministry to the indigenous people at Tennant Creek.



We then travelled to Daly Waters and Mataranka (picture is the homestead used in the film "We of the Never Never") on our way to our next major stop at Katherine where we worshipped at the Baptist church and had the opportunity to present one of our video messages and speak with people around our resource table. We also met with the AOG and the COC pastors and we will be doing ministry with all of them when we return to Katherine on our way west early next year.

We are now in Kakadu and will be spending about 10 days looking at this vast National Park before moving on to Darwin in mid-December. God has been gracious to us with the weather as we have not encountered any great storms or much rain even though it has been wet much earlier than usual here this year.

It is forecast that there will be a greater than normal number of cyclones up here so we would appreciate your prayers for our safety as we work in Darwin. Everybody tells us that we are here at the wrong time of year but we believe that God has led us to be here now so we are trusting Him for our safety. It is very hot, mid to high 30s every day and a bit hard to sleep at night as it never gets below 25.

A number of churches are already waiting for us in Darwin so we thank God for opening the doors for us. We are looking forward to fellowshiping with David & Janie Miles and meeting all the GFA families.

All our blessings,

Ian & Lynn
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