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2009 — Your Prayer Support Valued

I am still trying to sketch out a plan/ program for the year. I don't want us to do just what we've always done. I don't just want to grasp at the new things that come our way. **I want**

us to do significant things for His Kingdom and Glory. I want us to do the God things.

I (Carl) want to be faithful in the little things that are mine to do . Hope wants us(Gail and I) to home school her for a season. I need to find a way to do all the will of God and fulfill my responsibilities to my family. We have never had so many doors of opportunity open to us and have never needed God's wisdom more...

Indigenous Ministry Links goes Global....

10 years ago I (Carl) had an open vision of the Native Americans ministering alongside Aboriginal Australians. Last year, seemingly out of the blue we were blessed with the tickets for our first ever trip to North America which took place over September /October 08. There I was privileged to minister among Native Americans, who I believe to be one of God's secret weapons to reach the world for Christ (*a secret that the enemy had been keeping even from many of them*). Like so many indigenous Christians you could see "the chains fall off" as they embraced with joy the message that their time had come to move from a mentality of being a never-ending **mission field** to a revelation that



God has been fashioning them as a **missions force**. God opened the Door for me to minister and fellowship with nationally significant Native Ministry Leaders from Contextual, Baptist, Assemblies of God, Church of God ,YWAM, Charismatic, Prophetic and Independent streams. It seems that "Native American Missionaries to foreign fields" is something of uncharted waters. That was a surprise to me but then God knows that those are the sort of waters I'm most at home in I suppose. Nevertheless some have already committed to visit us and many others want to hear more

about how to prepare for God's call to the Nations, **asking us to return with Australian Aboriginal Team members later in the year.** We have tentative invitations to Churches, a Home church Network, Bible Colleges and even a University. I have challenged both **Anderson George and Tony Rodgers** to seek the Lord for His will and the funds to accompany me to the USA in Oct. **(Cont p3)**



Comanche Nation Princess at National Tribal Council Headquarters, one of the venues where we preached in Lawton OK .USA

Thank you to the many people both here in Aust and overseas who helped to make this ministry trip as successful as it was.

“...Christ in you, the Hope of Glory.” Col 1:27

Part of the great blessing of this trip was that we were sent as a family and we will cherish the memories of being together on it. Last year I was away from the family otherwise for six months, so to be together was awesome.



Japan: A Warrior Nation God wants to use to take the Battle right to Satan's front Door .

PREPARING FOR FUTURE GROWTH.... Last year we realised that we needed to change our strategic emphasis if we were going to continue to be effective. The cry of God's heart I believe is for laborers for His

God's provision was that the cheapest way to get to North America was via Japan which facilitated Gail's return to this Mission field where she had served for three years, now with a husband and two beautiful girls in tow. We were seriously privileged to have our own personal translator (Gail) and to see the esteem in which she was

Harvest Field. Our God given mission is to continue to Pray for, Identify the Called, Train, Release and Support workers in the field and raise awareness of the need and opportunity among Aboriginal Australians.

still held by those among which she had formerly served. I was honored to minister the Word in Tokyo City AOG for Gail's old pastor friends Kazuo and Johanna (See Pic at top) and to visit supporters of our ministry. We were



American Indian College , Phoenix Arizona

A major National Pentecostal Bible College for Native Americans with which we are building a partnership. Since returning home we have already had an enquiry by a student about serving with IMLA after they graduate.

Jesus faced the limitation of being only one man by taking time out from the needy crowd to build a team. Time used in team building is not spent reaching the lost but it is

made feel a little bit more at home on our way to this church when we encountered a favourite "bush tucker" as

a couple of locals were taking their pet Goanna for a walk on the streets of Tokyo (I kid you not!). I hope I didn't shorten the poor fella's life by telling it's owners how good they are to eat.

time invested to ensure that His Church is there to meet the need of the world.



The photo from the magazine!

An Unexpected Blessing! As I was standing in the back of a United Methodist Church waiting to minister in Apache, Oklahoma I picked up a magazine and an article grabbed my attention. It was about an Amish lay preacher they were calling a healing apostle – Steve Lapp who, though endeavouring to continue the lifestyle of his Amish heritage, had been excommunicated for refusing to stop praying for the sick who were experiencing healing miracles and a small revival. I had always been intrigued by the Amish (A Christian sect who have rejected modern technology as vain and have continued to live an 1800's German immigrant culture) To see this fella blessed my heart. I said to the Lord "I'd like for this bloke to pray for me and our ministry." Two weeks later – I found myself in Pennsylvania at a Pastor's network lunch meeting and who was sitting at the neighbouring table – Steve Lapp aka Amish healing Apostle! So I got exactly what I had asked for without planning it or forcing it to happen. I sometimes think it would be nice if more things I prayed about worked out that easy but the Lord knows and cares for us indeed!

(Cont from p 1) **It is a big investment but maybe at this economically challenging time, believers will begin to see that the Kingdom Of God is the only safe place to put your money if you really want long term guaranteed returns.**

I am still overwhelmed at the passion that exists in PNG to send missionaries to work among Aboriginal Australians. Since we partnered with them in a missions conference in August, "Wingei New Life Church", Francis Seni and "Carry the Light Int'l " have raised \$12,000+ to send **Haniel Joe , his wife Litina and his two children** to Australia. I worked out that in relative wages that is like **a Million Dollars** here.

Indigenous PNG Missionaries seeking grace from Australian Immigration...

IMLA has applied to act as sponsors. Please pray for a swift and gracious outcome that will allow them to come and work with us. If anyone feels to contribute toward their support that would be appreciated but please pray particularly for the visa process.

We also need wisdom as we seek the Lord for ways to support the ongoing vision of our PNG partners led by Francis Seni to futher develop "Carry the light Int'l" as an effective National Missionary Movement. This includes partnering in Missionary training, and placement.

The Musch Girls Report

Gail, Hope and Joy returned from their Japan/ USA trip with a greater sense of privilege in serving God and a heightened sense of destiny in that service. Hope continues to look after the children's ministry with skill and is now helping with Religious Education in her old Primary school. Please pray for Joy as she battles car sickness going down to Mossman Gorge Church (1 hour and a winding range away) but she is a great helper for Hope and a blessing to us all. Joy has started her grade 6 with enthusiasm and organization that is staggering.



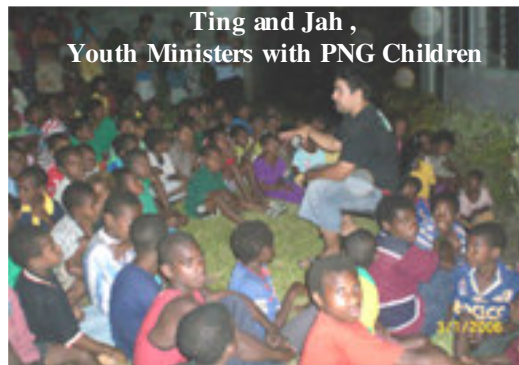
Passionate response of PNG Ministers to God's Call to a lost World and re-launch of "Carry the Light International"

Hope graduated from primary school with all the pomp and ceremony that bored Carl however he was awoken from his slumber when Hope was announced as the recipient of the Bob Bethel

overall achievement award. Our table apparently was an embarrassment as our family, including Ting and Jah howled our support and enthusiasm. This rounded out a great year for Hope—representing the school in the Rotary Public Speaking competition and as School Leader.

Gail has returned back to Mareeba High part time to teach literacy and numeracy to Indigenous Students. She is still too busy and needs help with the administration of IMLA.

It seems that a youth mission team is developing as well with **Mikael** (a young Aboriginal man from Mossman) and **Ting** hungry to pass the cross- cultural ministry challenge on to Native American Youth.



Ting and Jah , Youth Ministers with PNG Children

Please pray for Jah (seated) as he seeks God for his future as he has returned to his family home in Brisbane

Thank you from the Musch Family for all your prayerful and financial support.



February/ March N.T. Itinerary

Needing prayer for ministry coming up in...

Darwin-Visit Bagot Victory Church Meeting with Darwin Minister's Association and Terry Mills—Leader of the Country Liberal Party and NT Opposition, Forgiveness Week **Katherine**—Georgie and Brook- Connect with Wheels of Fire Team, Binjari Ministry—Aboriginal Pastors-Denis and Isobel Arnold, Arnhem Land Ministries— Tim and Ellen Gough, other Local Pastors.

Barunga— Church and leader Jocelyn McArthy

Manyallaluk— Church and Rachel Willika

Beswick— Travelling with Anderson and working with local leaders. Men's Ministry Focus

Pine Creek— with Johnny Lee and crew

Gove -MAF Outstation Ministry Developing and visit Glenn Johnson and clan

Elcoh—**Maratja** an outstation gathering.

Manmoyi— with **MAF help** Visit believers cut off by flooding and generally isolated new leaders.

The Fields are Still Ripe, Laborers Still Few !!!!

Please continue to pray for laborers for this harvest field...and resources to send those willing to go. We have aboriginal workers willing to go but minimal resources and they need encouragement. I'm sorry but it seems to me that God has given His Church (that's Christians) resources... yet they are not willing to either Go or give!

I feel to share with you our ministry partners that in November one of our large financial supporters (not a church) regretfully informed us that they were unable to continue their support citing financial hardship.

This has brought an unexpected shortfall of \$500/month for IMLA in an already "smell of an Oily Rag" budget.

When we relocated from the NT to Queensland we were committed to working with groups of believers on about 8 communities in the Territory. By a combination of Church planting and a reputation for a willingness to help, that has grown to 18 communities.

In Queensland, Cape York we had tried to consolidate our work to 5 Communities but again as believers we have been discipling move to new outstations that has grown again to 8. **Praise God for growth in numbers**

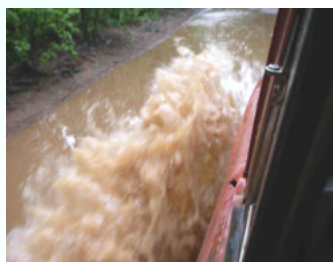
and leaders but we are now spread so thin that we cannot invest the time into the key workers in each place that is needed . When I asked the Lord why I don't have the resources to meet all these needs ...He answered clearly **" Because it's not all your job...Go to My Body and partner with those I am calling".**

We are reaching out to God's people, believing that there are others with varied giftings. Your gifts are needed to effect the growth we know is both possible and essential for truly indigenous works to be both sustained and multiplied on a sure foundation.

Yowandie's old vehicle now on Elcoh Island with Maratja



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