

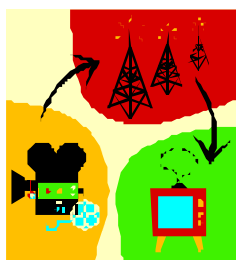
INDIGENOUS MINISTRY LINKS AUSTRALIA

*EVANGELISM * CHURCH PLANTING * MINISTRY TRAINING*
*BRIDGE BUILDING * NETWORKING*
* BREAKING THE POVERTY CYCLE *

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NEWSLETTER

TELEVISION MINISTRY—In a joint venture with “ACTS”, a pilot of IMLA’s ministry DVDs was televised via satellite across remote Indigenous Communities. This has huge potential to impact many lives and empower Aboriginal ministers ministering to their own people across Australia. *This is another opportunity that needs workers and resources, to realise its full potential. Are you willing?*



Greetings from IMLA Team

Thank you for your continuing prayer and support for the team of Indigenous Ministry Links Australia and for Aboriginal people. We need our partners and without your support and prayers we would not be as able to do the work the Lord has set before us. We, like Paul pray *Ephesians 1: 18-19* “*that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*”

We apologise for our inability to keep the news coming to you regularly. We are so hard pressed for time to do the ministry that to find time to report it seems nearly impossible. We realise that we need help! If anyone has any good ideas or time to this end we would really appreciate it.

Prayer for Kakadu Plum?!

This is a picture of a Kakadu Plum. Find out on page 3 why this plant might be very important to a remote Aboriginal community, and why IMLA and Tony Rodgers are involved?



Jahshua McAvoy



Jah, Ting and musicians in Mossman.

Jahshua’s ministry is really developing. He has gone into this year with a vision to reach and disciple youth. At his own initiative he has secured a volunteer charge of Mossman Youth Drop In Centre and both paid and volunteer positions with the Police Citizen’s Youth Club and “Pulse” as a point of contact with the youth of both Mareeba and Mossman Communities. Mareeba youth are channeled towards Tony Rodger’s Youth Group and together with Daniel Ting’s help they are developing a discipleship group in Mossman. *Please pray for Jahshua’s application for the position of Chaplain at the Mossman High School.*

Donations to both Carl and Gail Musch and now IMLA can be TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Through our affiliation with international development and aid agencies — we are able to provide Tax Deductible receipts to businesses and individuals for financial donations as well as goods and services.! Please advise us specifically if you want to use this facility.

Banking Details: For general giving Westpac IMLA BSB: 034197 Acc # 149786
For building Funds ; Westpac IMLA BSB: 034197 Acc # 149778 or send cheques to above address
Please email , write, or phone if you have any specific designation for your gift
or you wish to support an IMLA network worker.

Breaking into New Territory

Mark Kinbacher (IMLA affiliate and board member) has thrown himself into the ministry this year at a new level. Mark is spearheading the establishment of a chapel service/outreach at the Red Cross Rooms in Cairns. The Red Cross across the road from the Far North's Major Regional Hospital, houses the families of and recently discharged patients – mostly indigenous or from the South Pacific who cannot afford commercial accommodation. Here are gathered many sick and needy people – often facing the death of a loved one and in need of the hope that only Christ can give. Mark is working to gather an interdenominational Cairns based team for this work. This will probably become "church" for some in Cairns who are spiritually "homeless".

This ministry will strengthen our ties with Cape York Communities that we do not have the resources to visit regularly as yet and possibly build partnerships into the Pacific Nations as well!

Becoming a regular visiting ministry to the Yarrabah Anglican Church who have embraced him, Mark has become a friend to the students and staff of the Anglican Indigenous Bible College – "Wontop Buyu" encouraging their aspirations to minister to their own people and challenging them in their commitment to reach the "unreached." These developments are on top of his continuing commitment to Wujal and Jumbin communities. To be honest it takes a lot of effort to keep up with him. *Pray for Mark as he feels led to support believers in Mornington Island and for all that he is already doing.*



Rita, Linda, Janice and Gail at Wujal Wujal

A HUGE THANK YOU to Alfred and Paulina Coleman and Nambour Baptist Church for their generous donation of a Toyota Landcruiser which had a baptism of mud recently!



Are You Called to Missions?

Many of those Australians who have made an impact in World Missions have started among Aboriginal Australians. It seems in some ministers that they have ignited the "Apostolic". *Indigenous Ministry Links Australia –has opportunities for mission internships/ Traineeships that will equip*

you for wherever God calls you. We also need those who feel a call to Australian Indigenous Ministry. We have huge opportunities to make a difference for people who love God and are called to His purposes – administration, evangelism, cooks, mechanics, handymen, builders, soul winners, prayer warriors– to be part of our

team in NTH Qld or even possibly starting new bases in your own state or region.

If you are simply "willing and obedient" God can use you and you can be a conduit of His blessing to many.

These areas are sometimes closed for the wet season however they are wide open to the GOSPEL all year round! Will you go for the Lord!



Manmoyi and MAF Connections

In February Carl was off to the Territory to continue following up on the work at Manmoyi and with MAF in the NT. MAF personnel are really taking hold of the awesome responsibility of being the largest resident Bible believing Mission Force in the Arnhemland communities and looking for ways to maximize their impact opportunity to support developing Indigenous ministry.

A real breakthrough was filling a plane with Manmoyi believers and assisting them to outreach to the neighboring outstation (cut off by flooding), David and Jonathon the MAF dynamic duo noted how encouraged the Manmoyi folk were to be able to reach out to their people with air support.

Huge Prayer Needs

There has been a huge attack against the body of Christ with sickness and through it discouragement. I'm afraid that most of April was a blur for me (Carl) as a chest infection developed into Pneumonia. I spent the best part of a month – sick and a further month regaining strength. I haven't been that sick for that long for 15 years or more. I thank God that I am back to health now .



Yowandie Clancy, Aboriginal minister (with AAO) from Newman W.A, has been hospitalised in Perth with Kidney failure. Yowandie has led up to 400 people to Christ in a day and has planted churches and trained up local leaders/pastors across the Pilbara region. Though he has trained many as ministers, there

has not yet risen anyone to take his unique Apostolic role in the region (and dare I say the nation).

Why do I emphasise all of this? I want the body of Christ to see that this is an attack against the whole work of Christ and the Gospel among Aboriginal Australians and he has born the brunt of it because he has been leading from the front line. In the same way our war veterans receive special care in recognition of their service for the country, frontline soldiers like Yowandie and his wife Noonie too deserve special care, prayer, protection, provision as they recover and seek God for the way forward. Let us press into God for a miracle in Yowandie's body, the Devil must not be allowed to get away with this!

UPDATE: Yowandie and his family are still staying at a hostel in Perth while he continues treatment. He has made significant progress and is ministering to those in hospital and the hostel, adding to the local church already!

Our beautiful sister Gillian Tierney working along side her husband Tony also needs a miraculous healing for her kidneys.



Please pray for Joe (photo right.) He is the main worship leader at Manmoyi who received a gift in the area of musical worship when the late Peter Morgan, prayed for him some years ago. Manmoyi people have asked for prayer for Joe as he was in intensive care at the time of writing with a brain hemorrhage and needs God's healing touch.

UPDATE: Joe is out of ICU and we hope to visit him in mid June.



Kakadu Plum Cont.!



Tony Rodgers has just returned from Manmoyi Outstation in Arnhemland, Northern Territory. Tony had three goals

1 Help Mission Aviation Fellowship personnel in working along side Indigenous Christian Ministries and to continue follow up.

2 To have discipling input into the Manmoyi people – many of which have now been serving GOD for just over twelve months since the whole community came to Christ last year. Strengthening and encouraging local developing leaders.

3 Using his background in farming, Tony was helping develop a “kakadu” plum plantation. This allowed him to work with the men closely through the day. The value in this is both economic development [there is only 1 job on the community – teachers aid] and discipleship – demonstrating Christianity as a life style not a religious activity.



MAF made access in the wet season possible.

Though our first trial harvest was disappointing it appears we need to repair fire damaged irrigation and protect the trees from the bush fires that scour much of the N.T. every year. This is challenging as the only agricultural equipment , they had was a tractor which is currently bogged and has hydraulic problems.

If “outstations” can't demonstrate some economic viability they look like losing government funding for essential services. Yet it is here in “outstations” (small family based communities) that the greatest spiritual hunger and enterprise initiative is found.

Venturing into agricultural economic development is a new area for IMLA but we feel a responsibility for holistic ministry. Please uphold this area in prayer.

Tony was blessed by the spiritual growth and issues that the Manmoyi people were committed to tackling since his last time with them in late 2005.

IMLA BASE REPORT

We again were blessed with volunteer help with the IMLA base and Mossman Gorge Church building and vehicle maintenance during January and February for three weeks. It was really wonderful to see Christians from all different parts of Australia and from different fellowships and denominations work together. A big thank you to all who came, gave of their skills and time. Mark Thornthwaite from Maryborough Baptist Church contributed much needed building skills and now we have a functioning (though unfinished) second bathroom (which takes a lot of pressure off the family and the many visitors that come)

Ken Pell led a team from Victoria and Monbulk Fellowship members paid the way for some of the team to even get up here. **Thank you.** Gail loves her new cupboards, storage racks and all the special things that were done around the place by these men.

Praise God we got through the wet season without the house flooding – largely due to storm water drainage work again by the team from Monbulk and Frank McArdyl and his boys. They made it possible for cars without 4WD suspension to access our yard without under car damage and provided parking areas. Despite a huge effort, largely due to weather and the quantity of “maintenance” work that needed doing, we hardly made a dint on the construction of the IMLA Base extensions.



We have had to ask for an extension of our building permit. That this project is dragging on is a real drain on Carl's ability to focus on the many urgent ministry opportunities, needs and ongoing responsibilities.

We really need a volunteer “Project Manager” with a building trade background who will work with Ken and other volunteers to see this venture through to completion.

The Mossman Community Church building was mostly finished, thanks to Ken and his team. We even have water coming directly to the building – NO MORE CARRYING BUCKETS WOW! Since the new kitchen renovations, Gail has helped the local nutritionist to hold “healthy tucker” workshops which has connected the church with more local people.



Gail Turned 40!

Gail was a queen for a night at her 40th Birthday party on the 8th May, (see the tiara!). It really was a great surprise that Carl and Ann (Gail's sister) had largely planned but many other people had parts to play and they made it a fantastic night. Friends from Mossman Gorge, Cairns, Mareeba and all over made the journey. The “treasure” cake was especially yummy and Ann had taken a lot of time and effort to put many scriptures from Proverbs 31 around it. The Word of God really is the treasure that we have!

Prayer Needs for June/July 2007

We really would appreciate your prayers for the busy months of June/July.

Please pray for Carl, Gail, Hope and Joy who are going to Arnhemland for ministry from 20th June until 14th July. A full itinerary may be posted at www.wointl.com/missions/musch.htm soon.

Please pray for Tony, Anderson and Dwaine who are accompanying the Musch family on part of the Arnhemland ministry trip.

Please pray for all the communities the Musch family will visit to have open hearts to the Lord.

Please pray for Jah and Ting as they minister among the youth of Mossman and Mareeba.

Please pray for Janice Walker and the Mossman Gorge Church.

Please pray for the volunteers who, among other things, are helping to paint the Mossman Gorge Church building in June/July, Max and Nancy.

Please pray for the Tent of Promise who hopefully can come (July) to Mossman Gorge and will have the cooperation of all the churches in the area.

Please pray for more volunteers and resources to be made available so that we can finish the IMLA BASE project.

Thank you for your prayers and support.