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GENTLE GIANTS IN THE LORD

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Joy turned 13 the other day. I write it as numbers because the "T" word (ending in "een") has been banned by Gail in our home, we have "Youth" here instead. I woke up this morning with a verse for Joy, 1 Peter 3: 3,4 *"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, ... Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight"*

I felt it was an affirmation and encouragement to Joy who embodies these qualities and should value and nurture them rather than wishing she was "louder" - like the rest of her family. We talked about a "quiet spirit". I believe that a quiet spirit is an attitude where our heart, mind and mouth are not always full of our own wants and opinions, but instead listening—to God and to people. As a father and ambassador of Christ I aspire to be "beautiful" in this way myself. As an illustration I talked about how we go about the ministry.

Many people have charged in among Aboriginal people and brought wounding rather than healing and had little fruit. I believe that is because they are too "noisy". Our strength as a ministry is that as well as listening to God, we listen to people. So many preachers answer questions no one is asking—which is why no one is listening.

Our approach is first to listen, watch, serve and to walk along side. Relationships have been built by finding out what Aboriginal Christians believe the Holy Spirit is telling them rather than always having our own agenda [*yet not abandoning God's agenda, "The Bible," in the process as some folk who have sought to walk this path have done*].

It has been such a blessing to see how people from Oenpelli, Manmoyi and Bolksam have continued to faithfully serve God with little support or encouragement. IMLA associates Leon and Noelene Guymala

have been on the road with their own resources providing support for new and growing believers in isolated NT outstations.

Bolksam people, only returning to the Lord 12 months ago, recently hosted their own rally inviting near and far neighbours. Such initiative is rarely seen in this country. We have had little time or resources to input into these people, yet I believe the impact we have had has in part been because we listen to their hearts and minister in such a way as to empower people to meet their challenges with victory and to fulfill the desires God has placed in their hearts.

Without the European corrupting influence of Alcohol and drugs, Aboriginal people would have to be the gentlest people I have ever met and many people fail to connect with them at a heart level because they fail to appreciate the importance of gentleness. Gentleness is often confused with weakness. Having worked in a number of trade areas I know that wildly flailing

with a hammer only works in rare circumstances (demolition?) - but gentleness often requires more "muscle" than violence.

Gentleness is power under control.

Gentleness is what allows you to take something as frail as a broken heart and mold a man or woman into a fruitful disciple of Jesus.

I am expecting great things from Joy.



Thomas at Mossman Gorge being baptized by Tony, Kim and Carl, growing into a strong disciple of Christ.

Please Pray For the :

- The Ashes and Coals Conf in Redfern NSW Dec 10 –12 co ordinated by Gloria Dyer WA, Carl is speaking

- For peace and unity in Oenpelli and the continuation of the incredible revival among the youth.
- Musch Family going to Brisbane/Sydney Area

over Christmas period and then to NZ for ministry, doing the NATIONS course and attending the World Gathering of Christian Indigenous People.

REVIVAL of OBEDIENCE



"9 year old preaches on forgiveness"

I have seen "revivals" that are focussed on God's presence and the changes that brings, yet when the feelings go, it seems so do most of the changes. I've seen an emphasis on "repentance" which is misunderstood as just sorrow for your sin and happiness at God's mercy. But what is happening among Arnhem-Land believers is a **"revival of obedience"** - to take responsibility for ministry to their own people and to the world.

About this time last year 3 of our associates shared with us the burden to reach out to the youth of their community. I realised that this would be a huge undertaking. In Feb we were blessed with the opportunity to send a team from the US short term missions ministry "World Race/Adventures in mission", headed by a young man Bill. They spent three weeks outreaching, encouraging and laying biblical ministry foundations. There were huge obstacles, flooded rivers, crocodiles, church politics, money but they got there (Thanks Lindsay for your heroic assistance.) But the real work has been done by locals Leon and Noelene Guymala and Guyuwanga (also a part of the move in Manmoyi). *Continued on last page*

Mission Possible with God

For more than 15 years a major national church movement in PNG has intermittently had a missions department "Carry the Light International". In that time they have had six directors but have never sent out a long term missionary. This was what their current director has told me. To be honest I thought "How hard can it be?". There is no shortage of passion for God or for the lost. Their ministry potential is limitless. I thought "just needs a bit more organization and it should fly!" This seemed like an easy way to get the workers on the field both ours and others as needed.

How wrong I was! IMLA has been working with them for the past four years now and I don't remember a greater ministry challenge or more demonic opposition to getting someone on the field full time. Please pray for the breakthrough for our God is Baal Perezim – the God of the Breakthrough.



"Here am I LORD, send me!"

Typical of the spiritual opposition is the case of Haniel and Litina Joe who have been trying for 12 years to get full time onto the field in Australia among Aboriginal people. Despite two successful visits and miraculous provision they still live in PNG. His wife has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is presently getting chemo before they make a decision about surgery. I visited them recently in PNG. I was there for 3 weeks of missions meetings and dis-

cussions and training of mission's candidates and others in teaching English with both Carry The Light International and emerging missions agency Omega Missions Network.

Both these organisations have candidates, couples, singles and families working to get on the missions field some to work with us and others to least reached people groups around the world. I am really sensing a gradual shift in seasons for me (Carl, personally) towards an emphasis in Missions training and facilitating. This is in no way abandoning my primary call to Aboriginal Australians. Rather being a vessel to help provide the capable ministry partners they are seeking for their own growing ministries. The weight of 2 Tim 2:20 is bearing on me, to pass on what I have learnt in 20 plus years of cross cultural ministry to the next generation who have the opportunity to fulfill Matt 24:13-14. To preach this gospel of the kingdom to all the families of the earth.

The 4S Literacy program generously provided by Keith Wright of Outreach Publications has the potential to empower the people of God in PNG to engage the wider world for the Kingdom of God and to help finance it in the process. *Please pray for wisdom for us involved and against all hindrances. Especially for good relationships/partnerships, for cost effective printing of resources/text books, availability of venues.*

STILL MORE PRACTICAL HELP NEEDED IN MAREEBA, FNQ

Praise God for the practical support of our PNG brothers as the Omega Missions Network sent Sine – a panel beater and their Director Trevor David to help with vehicle maintenance. We still badly need a volunteer mechanical person or team for the many vehicles that are now 20 years old plus.

THANKYOU STRATCO and Paul White of Kingdom Builders

Stratco has donated a work shed that I estimate to be worth about \$30,000. We currently service and maintain about 15 vehicles from our associates on our back patio. WE NOW NEED YOU! BUILDERS AND HANDIMEN TO PUT IT UP PLEASE. *Please pray that the weather allows a quick build ASAP.*

Thank you Colin Burr and David McCracken Ministries who sent him. Colin continued repairs to our house and caravan for two weeks. It was a great blessing. There is still work to be done including plastering, joinery, painting, and caravans.

MARK AND CAROL KINBACHER— PNG

Mark is struggling with Malaria and a steep cultural learning curve (despite having been visiting ministry to the country over the past 10 years) just to survive and make ends meet. They have been focusing on laying a family, church and business foundation that will put them in a position to do all that God has put on their hearts. Mark has brought business and development to this re-

gion in the form of both transport (1 Dyna truck) and forestry.

Human muscle power is all that carries out these logs.



Helping the population growth of PNG Introducing—Ashteen "Queenie" Kinbacher

Hope Musch writes: Well since the last newsletter a lot has happened, so much that I can't fit it in to this news letter but I will try. From Easter Mareeba Youth or (MBA mob) has grown to 120 on Friday night youth and 10-20 for bible studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays. God has blessed these youth with great talents of Dance, Music and Sport.

Sarah Weinholz, myself (photo below) and the other leaders including Lance Banjo (also IMLA Associate growing in his own music ministry)



have been providing opportunities for the world to see these talents. We took 3 touch football teams to Innisfail sports carnival where two teams came first and second. They are called the MBA strikers. While we were down there the youth dance crew put on a show at the carnival celebrations and at a youth group gathering.

In another sport event our youth group put a junior runner in The Great Pyramid race which he (Jnr Frank Banjo-Lance's nephew) came in first with a time of 2 hour and 10 minutes. Also that day 10 other youth from the ages of 12-17 went into a 5km run and

2 girls came first and second in their age groups.

The talent doesn't stop there. We also have 2 really good free style break dancers in our youth group. The 2 boys auditioned for the show Australia's Got Talent and are going down to Sydney for the next round. We are hoping and praying to be able to send 4 youth down to Melbourne in April in 2011 to the International hip-hop championships. Please pray for these young dancers to be able to show off their talents but also Glorify the Lord.

Dad and Mum (Carl and Gail) have been a part of this youth also by supporting Sarah and I by cooking, transport and much more. Dad has been trying to still be apart of bible studies when he has been home. When he isn't, a church elder, Sarah or myself have been running them.

Helping the community is an important thing that we encourage in the youth. They try to help the Mareeba Community Church

when possible like at Father day dinners, cleaning, and at church outreaches in the community at night.

This youth group would not be able to do anything without your prayers and support. Through God anything is possible, so keep me and Mareeba youth in your prayers so that we can lead the other 2000 indigenous youth of Mareeba to Christ because they are your future.

Please pray for:

The boys in Cleve land Detention Centre

Funding for youth events

Hip Hop comp in Melbourne

Youth that are fatherless

Strong in the Lord Youth Leaders

Thanks to World Outreach for their contribution to reaching this generation of youth.



YOUNG MEN'S CAMP AT DELTA



It was our privilege to be able to provide some support for the Youth Outreach of the Mareeba Church of Christ, headed up by Sarah Weinholz. Sarah and another IMLA associate Lance Banjo are with 15 young Aboriginal men to learn about themselves, life and station

work at Delta Downs Station, about 2 hours north of Normanton. The number of young men showing some commitment to the things of God is growing as is the depth of that commitment it would seem.

Musch Family News

Yes believe it or not Gail has finally got full registration as a teacher Yipee! She has been working in the Special Needs Programme at Atherton State High School four days a week and loving it. Her contract ended on Nov 26th and next year she is looking for 2-3 days only teaching as doing ministry and admin for the ministry as well as nearly full time teaching is challenging! Joy is graduating from Primary school and is growing into a lovely

young lady ready for more study at High School. Carl and her have wonderful theological talks on the way to school when he is home to drive the girls. He is thinking of giving her a degree soon (only joking)!

Hope as you read above is just loving working with Sarah with the indigenous youth of Maree-



ba and has such incredible organizational skills that Carl keeps threatening her with asking her to forget school and to be his Personal Assistant.

MOSSMAN GORGE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP OFFICIAL OPENING



"Wow, they know what country they live in!", was the comment from an older Mossman Gorge child about the knowledge that a playgroup child has. Congratulations to Janice Walker and team on the success of the Mossman Gorge Playgroup. It has been running for over a year now and there is already a marked difference in the children that attend the playgroup. Thank you to COMPASSION for their partnership in this project. This project of course would not be



possible without Janice's vision and commitment and other community members who input into these precious children's lives. *Pictures left and above of Official Opening Day.*

Revival of Obedience cont' from first page: Many of these young people were already regular truants, sniffing petrol and abusing both drugs and alcohol. In fact reaching out to the youth has brought many older, former church goers who had just lost interest in "churchianity" to be part of the ministry team. Today there are 60 or more young people out most nights outreaching and studying the word of God. The night before I got there a 9 year old preached about forgiveness and no more "pay back". This is part of this revival of Christians taking responsibility for ministry to their own communities and the world. Despite fantastic changes in the lives of these young people, among which many seemed to have no hope, (possibly six suicides in the past year), they are facing great opposition including physical persecution, but an even greater God.

Pleased intercede for them before God's throne of grace.

NEWS FLASH—AS WE GO TO PRINT72 of these YOUTH and their leaders have just travelled to Darwin by coach to outreach to the many Aboriginal town camps .

"Despite the rain it was a perfect wedding day"

Congratulations Tony and Kim

Tony Rodgers and Kim Green were married on Oct 2nd at Mossman Gorge Christian Community Church by Pastor John Andy from Cardwell. Carl Musch, Janice Walker and many others contributed at the reception held in the church after the wedding proceedings. It was Kim's desire to have the

wedding, the first for a very long time, in the church with family and friends. It was a day that celebrated love and the coming together of two people fervent in their love and service for the Lord. Please pray for them as they minister along side Janice at Mossman

Gorge. They have travelled to Wujal and Hopevale communities to share the love of God. They hope to visit fellowships in the southern states in 2011 so please contact IMLA if you would like to them to visit you.



Tony Rodgers writes his report on the Yirrakala Men's Fellowship that was held in Sept:



Men being built up by the Word of God

YIRRAKALA MEN'S CAMP

Ay, bro just trying my hand at this letter/report for Yirrakala Men's Fellowship. Well the only thing I can think of is that it was a blessing to go and support brother Gerard Marika (rising local leader) and the

team from around the NT and seeing what GOD is wanting to do to the men there as leaders and to raise up men in leadership and to take up their authority as men. We need

more of this kind of awakening for the labourers are but a few.

One of my highlights was when Gerard (pictured here speaking) invited me to share in his family and elders home meeting. I saw the HOLY SPIRIT come upon them and some of them broke before GOD that night who did not know the empowerment of the HOLY GHOST and all I did was share the need of the HOLY GHOST in our lives and ministry who empowers us to do the will of the FA-



THER. My prayer is that we hear from the HOLY SPIRIT to do and to finish the work He as started in us and to bring it unto completion, Amen. Thanks also to Roger Latham (World Outreach) and Gary Armstrong (Wheels of Fire) for your part of this great event.

Thank you for your support and prayers: Donations can be made directly to IMLA Westpac BSB: 034197 Acc: 149786. Please Email us with Deposit details for Tax Receipt if required.