

Indigenous Ministry Links Australia and the Musch Family Prayer Letter May and June 2008

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Indigenous Ministry Links Australia and the Musch Family. We have many praise points to report to you this month and some vital prayer points.

PRAISE POINTS – Thank you Lord Jesus for the following;



Tony Rodger's leg is good and he has been busy doing outreach both locally in the Mareeba Aboriginal community and with a team in April to Coen, Aurukun and other Cape communities. (Please see the summary below and photo on left of team at Shipton's Flat near Wujal Wujal Community)

We have been greatly blessed by Sean and Frank from Victoria who have come until May 30th to help us with mechanical problems (before they came every single one of our vehicles had problems!) and with ministry. They have been very encouraging and now some of the vehicles are fixed.

Carl had a fruitful time in WA with his old friends Yowandi and Noonie Clancy and Tim and Dianne Edwards (Formerly of Cairns). God is joining His people together to bring in the harvest. He then went onto the NT where he visited key ministry partners and had fruitful discussions with local indigenous and non-indigenous church leaders. Soon after that he went to NSW visiting both supporters and Koori Ministry partners. A big thankyou to Dubbo Christian Community Centre who made this trip possible. Carl was also very much impressed by the commitment of the Dubbo Baptists and Blue Cross congregation in nearby Narromine to the local Koori Community.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Please pray for the Janice Walker and Family (Janice is the leader of Mossman Gorge Community Church) as her mother has just passed away. "Nana" was a faithful woman, loved by many, very knowledgeable basket weaver/artist, always praying for her family and will be missed by us all. Carl has just conducted a funeral for a 53 year old woman and will conduct another on May 30th for an elder of Mossman Gorge. The change of weather is generally a dangerous time for many Aboriginal people who are ill and very frail. Please pray for the health and longevity of Aboriginal people. The gap between indigenous and non indigenous life spans is unacceptable.

Life expectancy for Indigenous Australians is approximately 17 years lower than for non-Indigenous Australians: 59 years for Indigenous males compared with 77 years for non-Indigenous males, and 65 years for Indigenous females compared with 82 years for non-Indigenous females. (Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage 2005)

Yowandie and Noonie Clancy both need miracles in their health. Please intercede for their healing – Yowandie from kidney failure, diabetes and associated conditions; and Noonie from Heart trouble.

After Carl visited WA he really saw the need for support for isolated believers and leaders in the vast state of Western Australia.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Thank you for your continued prayers for Jah and Ting and youth ministry among the youth at risk in Mareeba and Mossman. Pray for boldness and wisdom and words of knowledge for these young men.

VEHICLES - We still have more vehicles needing repair and one full time mechanic from PNG may come for the month of June. He does not normally work in an all English speaking country/environment and we need to pray that he can get a visa to even come into Australia and cope with the different language and culture. We would love someone who could come with mechanical or panel beating skills to assist him.

IMLA BASE WORKSHOP – Kingdom Builders Ministry is spearheading our workshop building project and they hope to see a functional workshop/shed this year. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated for this project. The majority of the materials have been donated by STRATCO on the Sunshine Coast.

Plans have changed since our last prayer letter and so we would appreciate prayer for;

QLD –29th June Shane Briggs and Coolum Christian Family Group Visit as they go onto Normanton

QLD – June/July Holidays possible Rob Urban Group Visit

NT – second week of July – first week August Carl visit to NT including

Forgiveness Week gathering July 17th – 20th

PNG – August 26th -31st proposed Missions Convention in Wingei East Sepik province PNG

QLD – Nth Qld Convention September 25th Normanton

Thank you for all your continued prayers for Carl, Gail, Hope and Joy Musch and all the IMLA Team.

God Bless you,

Yours in Christ, Gail Musch

Danika's Summary Coen Trip April 2008

From the 7th of April till the 14th, the 5 of us (Tony, Ting, Jah, Debbie and I) started from Mareeba and headed up to Wujal Wujal. We stayed out at Shiptons flat and had good fellowship. The next day we went to Hopevale and stayed with Eric and his family. It was good to encourage a family of Christ who hasn't had much Godly influence for a while. From there we went to Coen and stayed with Graham and Charmaine. We had church the night we got there and we did the music and shared testimonies, then Tony gave the message. The next day we went swimming and I saw a rope, I checked the depth of the water and thought I could swing out past the shallow bit, but I didn't. One leg went into the deep and the other hit the shallow and snapped my knee. I was in pain, I couldn't breathe or move but I prayed. Then Jah came and prayed too. After we prayed God healed me and my knee went back into place. The night meeting with the youth went well; we did skits, songs, testimonies and shared a message. Out of that, we encouraged more youth to come to church. We also ran a kids thing in the daytime and it was good to see the kids praising God. Friday we headed up to Aurukun and did a meeting. Debbie and I also shared testimonies. At the time it didn't look like we had made much of an impact but the next morning Linda and Kevin told us that people had asked when we were coming back and that one lady cried through Debbie's testimony. We were thankful to God for what he did in Aurukun. Back at Coen we had a meeting at one of the local's house. We saw the Lord really work there. We heard testimonies from the believers in Coen which spoke to the locals who didn't know God yet. Sunday morning we had church and God was really knocking on hearts that morning. 4 people that I know of came to the Lord. I felt privileged to be apart of what God is doing up in the Cape.



Danika (17 years old)
with Coen children