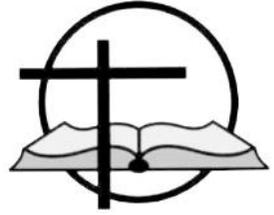


November 2023



Bush Training Camp near Lajamanu August 2023



Get those Walking Shoes On!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ (Thessalonians 5:16-18)
Jesus for you.

Walk the World is back for 2023! How did you, your church, your family Walk the World in 2022? Well, now is the time to get ready to walk, run, ride, wheel, skip around the world again, this November.

Walk the World is a fun, easy and FREE interactive prayer initiative of Baptist Mission Australia. Get together with your church, youth group, small group, Sunday School class and make an event of it. Have a sausage sizzle, get dressed up, walk with a mariachi band! Or simply find a time to head out with your group into your local area to pray for your neighbourhood and pray for the world.

Across the weekend of 10-12 November 2023, commit some time to

Walk the World, November 10-12th, 2023

praying as you walk, run, wheel, cycle, play, imagine or drive around your local neighbourhood. Pray for God to be at work in your community and in communities around the world. Pray for your church's ministry. Pray for the work and ministry opportunities of our Baptist Mission Australia team members in Australia and around the world.

You'll be participating with churches and groups from around the Territory and around the country. You could even win a prize for being part of the fun! Check out the website for great resources such as prayer guides, a culture dinner guide, information about our Intercultural Team Members as well as other creative ideas to add more fun to your Walk.

Register and find out more:

www.baptistmissionaustralia.org.au/WalktheWorld

Lisa Cornish
Baptist Missions Australia





From the President

A big thank you to the team at Casuarina Baptist Church for hosting the Baptist Family Gathering. It was a really great time of teaching, led by Pastor John Robertson and a wonderful time of connection for the Baptist churches of the Northern Territory.

It has been a big year of working toward an amalgamation with the Baptist Churches of South Australia. The NT Baptist Family Gathering included a vote by the Assembly to proceed with the winding up of the Baptist Union of the Northern Territory and to move forward with the amalgamation.

Personally, I am very excited with the possibilities a merger will bring to promote and grow the kingdom of God through the Baptist churches. While the merger will remove a lot of the administration burden from the Assembly Board, there will remain opportunity and challenge for some of that energy to be directed more deliberately into the fellowship of the Northern Territory churches.

Sadly, **Nhulunbuy Baptist Church** has held its last Sunday service.

They have been meeting monthly and have now decided to close and combine with other congregations in the township. We would like to thank **Davin Blundell** and the leadership of the church for all the effort and work they have put into the running of the church for so many years.

The Outback Team have recently held Bush Training camps for the Christians in the remote communities, which have had great success and have been wonderful times of sharing, teaching, and using spiritual gifts.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the work of **Brod Crook**, husband of Sharon Crook, who passed away earlier this year. While Sharon was the main driver of the Bush Church, known also as The Gathering, in Humpty Doo, Brod was always by her side in the work at the church, including the ministry of provision of food to needy people. The church was a member of the Baptist Union for many years and we extend our sympathy to Sharon and the family, as well as the congregation members.

Please pray for the new season ahead that it may be led by the Holy Spirit and that we would follow his direction.

Neil Wright
President
BUNT

NT Baptists Step into a New Era

It was a great joy to celebrate 53 years of the ministry of BUNT at the Baptist Family Gathering dinner. It was also a historic occasion, with some sadness, as we marked the end of this chapter, but also with thankfulness for God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of his servants amongst us.

Since 2011, BUNT and BCSA have worked under a Memorandum of Understanding for the support and flourishing of ministry in the Territory. The team in SA has provided support in various ways including accreditation, child protection, and church support. The step of amalgamating to become one Association builds on and brings an even greater intentionality to this.

Since the BUNT Assembly Board initiated discussions around amalgamating in 2021, a taskforce has been meeting regularly to consider the details and practical steps towards an amalgamation. We are grateful for the time and energy they have devoted to this work, and in particular thank Mike Mills for taking on the role of Director of Ministries for BUNT in a voluntary capacity in this season.

We recognise that there are many things we share in common, as well as some differences between the two regions, and we look forward to learning from one another over the coming years.

Once amalgamated, the new Association will be quite diverse, with around 10% indigenous churches and another 10% Burmese churches. Churches in the NT will make up around 15% of the Association, and 25% will be rural and regional churches. This will no doubt bring some challenges, but we are excited about this diversity and how God will teach and form us all as we walk together.

Our shared hope is that amalgamation will empower the NT churches to be further released for mission and ministry as some of the burdens of compliance and administration are lifted. There is also a strongly shared desire for equipping and empowering our indigenous churches, with Baptist Mission Australia keen to partner with us all in this.

In the end, we continue forward with the vision and purpose we have long shared as part of Australia Baptist Ministries. We trust that we will see churches planted and revitalised, leaders raised up for mission and ministry, and many people coming to know Jesus through our local churches as we continue to follow Him and be who He has called us to be.

***Rev. Dr. Melinda Cousins
Director of Ministries
Baptist Churches of SA***

Baptist Family Gathering 2023

BUNT Celebrates 53 years

The combined conference for the Baptist Churches of the NT was hosted by **Casuarina Baptist Church**, on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September and titled 'Re-imagine'..

All the Top End Baptist churches were represented at the events held over two days. A multicultural dinner kicked off the Gathering on Friday evening where an array of delicious food prepared by Casuarina families of various ethnic backgrounds was enjoyed by the crowd seated outside. The meal was followed by a time of worship and an address by keynote speaker **Pastor John Robertson**.

On Saturday morning delegates and guests rolled up for two Keynote address followed by Breakout Sessions for small group discussion and prayer.

The BUNT AGM was held in the afternoon where a vote to amalgamate with the Baptist Union of SA was carried.

During a catered dinner on Saturday evening, guest speaker, **Melissa Lipsett, CEO of Baptist World Aid**, gave an insightful and enlightening address.

At evenings end came two stalwarts of BUNT. **Bob Adams** gave a short history of the 53 years of the life of BUNT and **Rev. John Whitbourn** prayed, giving thanks and seeking the Lord's hand on the future direction of NT Baptist churches.



Snap Shots from the Baptist Family Gathering



***Tony Rehrmann (Darwin) with
Christina and Kevin Young
(Katherine)***

***Delegates and Visitors
at the BUNT AGM***



***Rick McElroy (Cornerstone) with
Lincoln and Debbie Agnew
(Darwin)***

***Priscilla, Julian & Darlene
(Casuarina)
with guest speaker,
Melissa Lipsett BWA***



Urgent Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East

Our hearts ache as we watch the terror and violence unfolding in the Middle East. With our Baptist family across the world, we mourn the catastrophic loss of life and look to our God of peace who is always at work through his people.

Pray for Peace

Baptist churches across Israel and the Palestinian territories, including Gaza Baptist Church, have requested fervent prayer for peace. 'Let us mourn with all whose loved ones have been killed or are held captive. Let us follow paths of peacemaking that unequivocally reject terrorism or any acts that target civilians.

Let us generously provide help and support with the compassion of Christ. Let us stand together with our Baptist family and all who are suffering, and amidst complexity and violence, we hear again the words of the prophet Micah, "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly" in pursuit of restorative justice, and peace for all people'.



Baptist World Alliance

Your donation will enable our Christian Partners to provide urgent assistance to civilians affected by this conflict as soon as humanitarian corridors are open. Emergency care will be available to anyone in need - indiscriminate of their ethnicity or religion.

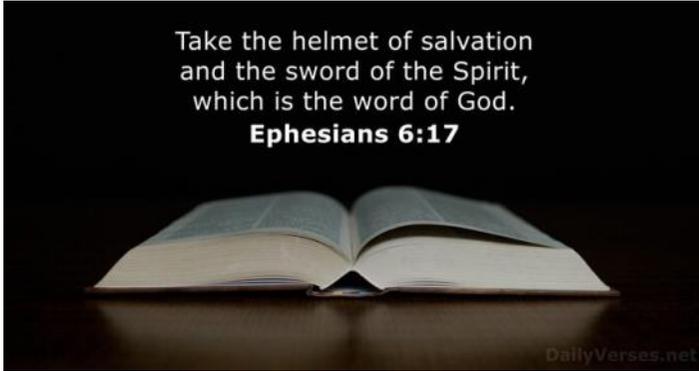
To give through Baptist World Aid call 1300 789 991

A Small Church Serving a Big God

Katherine Baptist

Take the helmet of salvation
and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17



During our Sunday Worship service here at Katherine Baptist Church (KBC), we have been working our way through the book of Ephesians. Ephesians Chapter 6, instructs us to 'put on' and 'take up' the full armour of God. Our struggle is not against ourselves or other people, but against the evil spiritual forces.

This battle then is not a physical one, but a spiritual one fought in the heavenly places. Being able to stand and then to withstand attacks, one is required to put on each part of the armour of God -

Truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation and the Word of God. This has become so vital, as we seek to do His will in this community.

God has made the way for KBC to share the good news of Jesus Christ in different venues and to different age groups here in Katherine. Every Thursday afternoon during the school term, from 3pm to 5:30pm, we will run a Christian Kids Club at Clyde Fenton Primary School for children from Transition to Year 6. . Helpers are volunteering not only from our church, but from other churches here in Katherine.

It has been a privilege to also lead a weekly Monday night Bible Study at the Venndale Rehabilitation Centre, 35km south of Katherine. At this Centre, Kalano Community Association Aboriginal Corporation run a 12-week residential program. Pastor Kevin presents a message from the Bible using visual aids along with singing and a prayer time. There is always time for any questions to be answered.

(Photo of the Monday Bible Study below)

The 12-week Bible Study begins in Genesis- exploring creation and how sin entered the world. It culminates in the Book of Revelation and Christ's return. The residents also have the opportunity to join with us or another congregation on a Sunday for worship.

Although we are a small church in Katherine, we serve a 'big' God. Our priority is to follow Jesus wherever He leads us and we encourage others to do the same.

Kevin and Christina Young



BELONGING PEOPLE ONLINE

This issue of Belonging People, as well as past issues, can be found on the BUNT website. [www.ntbaptist.org.au/belonging people/](http://www.ntbaptist.org.au/belonging%20people/)

All the Outback Team Get Together



Back: Mark Holt, Viv Grice (leader), Mat Anderson.

Middle: Danny & Beth Hunt, Shannon Anderson, Mal & Chris Good.

Children in front: Beth, Peter, Samuel and Caleb Anderson.

After a challenging year with a major flood and many other happenings the Outback Team were all finally able to get together in July at Lajamanu. There were more challenges getting there as Danny writes, 'Due to roads cut by flooding, some of us needed to drive the long way around for 2 days to get to Lajamanu. **It was so good to be together, and a very significant time of connecting more deeply, praying, sharing, walking, learning, processing, and planning.'**

Pray for the Outback Team for safe travel, and growing together as they come alongside their indigenous brothers and sisters.

At Kalkarindji with Mat and Shannon Anderson

Darwin Baptist Church Youth Group Visit

Steven and Bethany from DBC led their group of three youth and their own three children along with youth leader Daniel. We had an amazing time getting to know them and looking together at opportunities for future partnerships between DBC and Kalkarindji/Daguragu Church. The Youth group participated and helped with many activities in the community.

A fantastic visit!



Flood Appeal

A big thanks to those who donated to the flood appeal earlier this year. We were able to put on a joint community BBQ bringing together people from both Daguragu and Kalkarindji for some good food and time together. A wonderful opportunity for the church to bring unity and joy.

Chaplaincy Opportunity

Shannon has accepted the offer of a part-time chaplaincy position at the school which Mat and Shannon say 'is a great pairing of things we are already trying to do. Connecting with the school community, looking after the needs of kids and their families, working together with other community stakeholders to bless our community! We are really excited about the opportunities this job provides.'

Prayer and Praise:

- **Thank God for His faithful support of His people in remote Australia**
- **Praise God for the time at Bush training camp and the encouragement of meeting together to learn and grow.**
- **Praise God for the baptism of Shaun and his two sons. Pray that God will continue to grow them up in their faith.**
- **Pray for Shannon in her new chaplaincy role at school.**

He's A Good Good Father

Cross Roads Christian Church

Right now we're experiencing an amazing 'season of encounter' where the Fear of the Lord draws us deeper into His love and presence in a way many of us had only previously read about and prayed for. Beginning on 25 September last year and ongoing to church camp in early June 2023 was a real 'landmark' in the journey. If asked what might have brought us to this place, it would have to be deep repentance, worship, prayer and intercession over an extended season.

When, during worship one Sunday morning, a five year old was brought over by her Mum to tell me about the vision she had just seen, both revealing and confirming what God was doing in our midst, it was really quite remarkable.

Then, two or three weeks later, a seven year old was brought to me during the worship and she said: 'God just spoke to me: He said 'You're standing on Holy ground', the moment had, as when the five year old shared her vision, an incredible depth, re-confirming these were no childish whims.

Asking her to repeat it into a microphone, she did so without a hint of nervousness, then went calmly back to her seat.

There have been times of profound silence where a pin could've been heard dropping on the carpet,

times where the Fear of the Lord was so strong no-one dared move or make a sound. And it's been so good to see and hear children worshipping, arms up in the air, tears running down little faces with expressions reflecting His presence and love. Or adults, on their faces before the Lord in deep repentance, the sound of worship so 'heart-powerful' demons have been 'forced to leave'.

Just to be clear, this is not revival as we generally understand revival; true revival impacts the culture of a city, eventually a whole nation, but as described in the five year olds vision, there is certainly 'something happening'. We're praying this is only the beginning, that we, and many others, may experience increasing levels of the passage from Joel as quoted by Peter on the Day of Pentecost; that it would be fulfilled again in this time, season and nation.

He truly is a Good, Good Father.

Pastor Bruce Clow



Dianne Gronow - NT Senior of Excellence

For the second year in a row, another of our Baptist Family has received recognition for many years of dedicated voluntary service to the NT community.



At a ceremony in August attended by many seniors and their families, Dianne Gronow was presented with her award by the Administrator of the NT, the Honourable Hugh Heggie.

Peter commended Dianne's compassionate and thoughtful approach in helping many individuals and families facing tough times in Darwin.

Dianne's award was in recognition of her work with the **Food for Life program at Casuarina Church**, and her advocacy and support to the **NT Karen Community**, many of whom also attend Casuarina Baptist.

Peter Kent, coordinator of the Food for Life program at Casuarina noted that Dianne's strong administrative skills were invaluable to the program, along with her ability to discern particular needs or challenging circumstances and assist clients with these.

Jasmine Htoo, Public Officer for the NT Karen Community, has spoken of Dianne's selflessness and commitment above and beyond her volunteer role as Advisor, wholeheartedly addressing the concerns of individuals, navigating bureaucratic processes and ensuring individuals feel supported, understood and empowered.



Jasmine and Peter of the NT Karen Community with Dianne

Thankyou Dianne, for being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community.

Andrea Adams

Darwin Baptist Church Camp 2023

Lord Over The Nations

Over the long weekend in August DBC held their church camp at the beautiful Coomalie Creek campsite. Camp is a great place for socializing, volleyball, laughter, water games and serious conversation.

Our theme for the weekend was *Lord over the Nations*. We had an opportunity for all ages to come together and try fun activities: spin a plate, form a giant bubble, fling and catch a water balloon to name a few. If you were quick and patient there was also the opportunity over the weekend to grind and polish a rock.

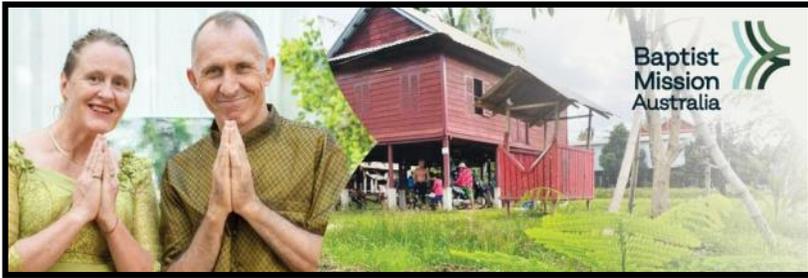


One evening meal was a South African specialty cooked for us by our African cohort and our praise and worship time was a resounding reminder that people from all languages and cultures come together to worship Jesus. We participated in one worship song in 8 different languages! There was also the opportunity to visit different prayer stations to pray for our missionaries and for other Christians in desperate need in other parts of the world.

We were blessed to have **Rob and Deb Griffiths** – 2 of our mission workers - visit us in person and join us at camp. They were able to tell us more about their work in Cambodia and were an inspiration to chat with.

Janet McInnes





Rob and Deb Griffith have been serving with Baptist Mission Australia for seven years and are based in Siem Reap, Cambodia. During July and August 2023 they revisited Darwin, their first visit being seven ago just prior to going to Cambodia.

They were pleased to meet with Pastors Mal Sercombe, Mal and Chris Good and Neil Wright. They preached at Casuarina Baptist Church, shared with Darwin Baptist at their annual camp, met with Youth groups and many Connect groups.

At Nungalinga Bible College they joined the daily Chapel Service and shared in one of the Theological classes.

Deb visited the long-running Craft Group at Casuarina Baptist and shared about life in Cambodia.

Rob and Deb wish to express their gratitude for the warm welcome and ongoing support shown to them in the NT. They extend an opportunity of visiting them in Siem Reap, Cambodia on a Global Exposure trip.

Contact Lisa Cornish the NT/SA Director. robgriffith66@gmail.com and myrtle@live.com.au



*Visiting a
Connect Group
and Craft Group*



Bush Camp at Lajamanu

‘Walking in the Footsteps of Big Brother’

Bush Camp is one of the most significant events of the year for Indigenous Leaders and the Outback Team as they gather for several days out bush away from the distractions at home.

This year’s Bush Camp in August took place at Sambo Rockhole on the Victoria River about 50 kilometres from Lajamanu. It’s a remote location, on Gurindji land, but one with which both Gurindji and Warlpiri people have a strong traditional attachment.

The theme for this year’s Bush Camp was **‘Walking in the footsteps of Big Brother**, that being Jesus. Mal and Chris together with Mat, each shared a session, which explored a particular aspect of the Christian life, as seen through the experiences of Peter. They looked at joy, failure, abundance, restoration, hard times, grace, and God inspired times. All the time being called to Follow Jesus! It is not always easy but certainly worth it.

Yapa input came from Jerry, Lynette, and Annette from Lajamanu, as well as George and Danny from Kalkarindji who shared in language through talking, drawing and pictures.



Between the sessions there was time for fishing and hunting. The river provided catfish and black bream with the scrub providing bush turkeys. All catches were generously distributed amongst the different family and people groups for roasting over their individual fires each evening. It was so precious to drift off to sleep each night listening to the singing and laughter of our Indigenous friends.

The weekend finished on a highlight with the baptism of a man and his two young sons from Pigeon Hole.

Reflecting on the life of Peter, as well as the Camp, Mat says, ‘The ups and downs of his journey with Jesus are an encouragement to us as we walk through our own journey with God.

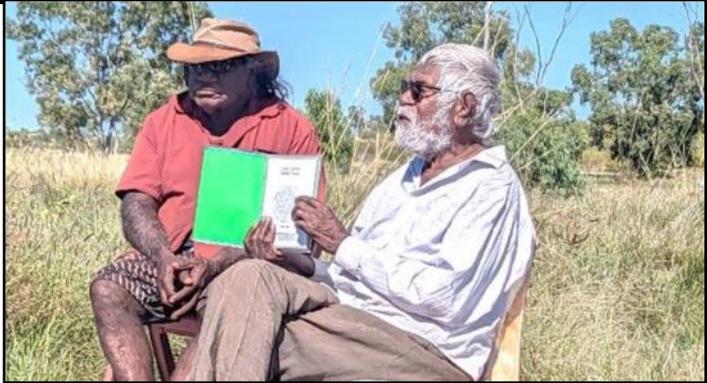
There were also lots of opportunities to share bush tucker and drop in a line and have a good chat. Praise God that this year’s event at Sambo Rockhole was an uplifting and encouraging time for all who attended.’

*Collated from accounts by
Mal & Chris Good
and Mat Anderson.*



'These Bush Camps are the highlight of the year for the local believers, every other community responsibility is placed on hold, because this time is seen as vital for their ongoing faith.'

Jerry with Mat (above) and with Hector (R)



Baptisms of a father and his two sons from Pigeon Hole



Lynette and Annette



Cornerstone Creating Connections

Corner Café

The cafe continues to be a favourite spot for locals in our community and has quickly grown into a regular gathering place for large groups of new mums. We have a core group of very dedicated staff and volunteers. Including a rotation of five juniors, three of whom have been with the café from nearly since its inception.

Last term we were able to introduce a few new items for sale around the cafe including plants, sauces, jerky and chutneys; all handcrafted and provided by members of our church. If anyone new is interested in getting involved, please stop into the cafe during regular operating hours for a chat.

Some of our regular customers and our team have seen the opportunity to pray with and evangelize to other regular customers and the team. We've seen God move on the hearts of those in our community simply because we have been able to provide a safe and welcoming space for honest conversation. Thank you to everyone in our church community for supporting us and our efforts.

One of our highlights from last term was being able to deliver Bibles and pray with some of the youth from the school across the road. It's an incredible honor to be a part of their journey and Lord willing, a part of their faith journey in coming to know Christ as their Saviour.

Mark Thurber, Café Manager

Praise Points

- ◆ We are excited to announce that **Mainly Music** will continue running next year. Thank you to Sarah Fuller and the team for running it this last year. We are excited to welcome Ashlee Zajc and the new team in 2024.
- ◆ **Food for Life** continues to be a place of community and connection. We are thankful to be able to continue running this ministry.
- ◆ **FDS Youth** has recently partnered with Darwin Baptist Youth in a Merge Night, including other youth ministries in the Darwin/Palmerston area. It is fantastic to see our churches connecting as one body.



Created to Create

On the 4th Saturday of each month a group of people from our church and community come together to work on craft projects. We have regular attendees coming to not only work on their personal tasks, but to gather with friends and enjoy a time of fellowship. It has been fantastic to see the group grow and become a supportive and encouraging space for people.

The Created to Create team have been working hard to put together the upcoming Cornerstone Market Day, to be held on the 11th November. The team are excited to see what this day will hold. They will be running their very own Created to Create stall at the Market, selling and promoting some of their creations. We encourage you to come say hello and meet the team.

Nicole Marsh

Prayer For the Nations

On Monday evening 13th November at 7pm NT time, there is an opportunity to pray for missions across the NT with ‘

‘Prayer for the Nations’ on Zoom.

Click on <https://missionsinterlink.org.au/mi-networks/prayer-for-the-nations>



Prayer for the Nations exists so that God would be glorified among the people in the world through the prayers of His people .

Life can have some unexpected turns along the way and this year that has certainly been the case for Baptist Care NT. After more than a decade of working closely with Foodbank Australia, BCNT has reluctantly handed over the reins of our local Foodbank to Foodbank South Australia (FBSA) to manage day to day operations. This with minimal impact to our Food for Life (FFL) program which BCNT still facilitates.

Our CEO the Hon. Peter Chandler shares the following:

It is with a sad heart I need to hang up my hat and move on from my position from BCNT after more than 6 years working as a volunteer, warehouse supervisor, operations manager and leading the organisation over the last few years as CEO and Executive Officer. What a truly remarkable experience it has been where if it wasn't for the genuinely good work the organisation was doing in our community and the tremendous team, including our remarkable volunteers that I have had the pleasure in working with, I doubt I would have been here as long as I have. I've often pondered on the thought that God has a plan for us all, and that his journey for us can take us down strange roads, onto new adventures, some which last a short time, some that last a bit longer...but I think there is a reason for that, and sometimes that reason is you need to be somewhere for as long as you are needed.

And only then might the journey continue, perhaps on a completely new path. That can be scary but also exciting. Change always is! The Bible is full of scriptures about our journey serving the Lord and ensuring we leave a positive impact on our community.

We wish to thank Peter for his dedicated commitment to BCNT as it has, through Foodbank NT along with the Food for Life program, provided hundreds of thousands of meals to vulnerable Territorians.

Peter concludes with these words:

I have never worked for an organisation where prayers have been answered so efficiently. No sooner had a problem come up, than a solution often landed in our laps. God has truly been watching us. To the board and Church Pastors, thank you for putting your faith in me to guide this organisation, particularly through the recent challenging period of transition. I would also like to say thank you to Jennifer Law who I know will do a tremendous job in coordinating and supporting our Food for Life Program. I know I'm blessed to have met and worked alongside each of you. God Bless.

Please continue to pray for the Baptist Care NT board as they explore future opportunities to make a difference to the lives of vulnerable Territorians.



Baptist Financial Services

We previously told you about some exciting upgrades to our on-line portal. While it is taking longer than expected to iron out all the bugs, we are getting closer to inviting a group of our more keenly interested clients to test the new system before rolling it out to everyone. Please let me know if you are itching to be one of these testers and I can put your name forward when the test group is being set up.

At the time of writing, the SA State Assembly has not yet happened, but assuming that the amalgamation proposal did get the final green light, I just wanted to assure all Territory clients that as far as BFS (and BIS) is concerned – nothing at all will change in how you interact with me or access services from these organisations.

Either way, we remain committed to the success of your mission in God's Kingdom and will be delighted to do everything within our power to help make that happen.

As we move toward another Christmas Season, I pray you will know the Peace that comes from a relationship with King Jesus, who crossed space and time to draw you into His family. Who set aside His position in glory to fully enter into our human state and thoroughly redeem us from the inside out. To Him be all praise and glory for ever more.

Wise men still seek Jesus.



***Glen Thornley
Relationship Manager SA&NT
Baptist Financial Services***



Unexpected Opportunities for Danny and Beth

Danny and Beth Hunt serving with BMA for several months of the year in Yuendumu, Ali Curung and Willowra tell of unexpected opportunities every day as they walk, shop, visit, and listen.

They are encouraged by growing relationships and conversations with local community and organisation leaders and invitations to visit homes in the community and share with families as well as being invited to a funeral.

In Yuendumu Women’s Bible studies are becoming more regular. (One week they met every day!) and Men’s Bible studies have begun . Another church group in Yuendumu joined in a sing-along and prayer gathering.

They are thankful for

The Launch of the *Plain English Version* earlier this year, translated for speakers of Australian Indigenous languages

The completion of the Willowra church buildings renovations initiated by the community.

Continuous one-on-one requests for prayer, and people praying.

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PRAY that we all (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) **keep walking** in the footsteps of Jesus.

PRAY that the ‘seeds’ from Bush Camp bear much fruit.

PRAY for someone full or part-time to join us in the remote southern communities.



Reflections from Mal and Chris



As Mal and Chris Good continue to pastor at Casuarina Baptist they are also serving with Baptist Mission Australia in the Lajamanu community where they spend a number of weeks through the year.

There is a blurred line between our role with Baptist Mission Australia and our roles at Casuarina Baptist Church. There are now more opportunities to connect with the Lajamanu people when they are in Darwin for medical, training, and Conferences. There have been some very good conversations taking place as people grapple with life, death, and faith'

Participating in the August Bush Camp with Indigenous believers, Chris and Mal write,

'Particularly meaningful was the Purlapa, a traditional dance based on Galatians 3:26-29, around the campfire on Saturday night. This dance showed clearly that we are all one in Christ Jesus, united in Him, through the cross. *(More on the Bush Camp pp 16-17)*

As we reflect on this time, we acknowledge our differences, but also acknowledge so much that is common to all people of every race. Joy and laughter, generosity, and memories, all made the sweeter through our unity in Christ Jesus. We really do need to sit with the other to discover ourselves.

DEEP SORROW

On a recent trip to Lajamanu, Chris and Mal Good share of a number of losses that the community are facing. There have been two car accidents, with multiple fatalities between them and this is on top of other community members who have passed away. There are three funerals coming up in November, with more to follow. The whole community is facing deep sorrow.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers at this time, as they are directly affected by these losses but are also seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Also please remember Yuendumu as they too have suffered great loss in recent months.

Kalkarindji Kids get Creative



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