



Morrison Mutterings June 2017

FEB/MARCH 2017

It was great to meet up with so many of you while on Home assignment in Victoria and Tasmania during Feb/March. Your welcome and relationships are very important to us each day here in the NT. At times we do feel isolated, but it is in those moments that we remember the friends we have across Australia that are caring, praying and supporting us in a variety of ways!

Our family continue to grow. It was good to be able to spend significant time with them, especially as the little ones continue to grow & develop their own personalities.

A number of communities congregated for the Celebration, so there was a lot of catching up. On top of this we had 2 lots of visitors, a trailer load of clothes for the op shop, (thanks to Kevin and Jayden), a group from Australians Together, and then the Katherine Christian Convention - all by the last weekend in April.

Into the mix the weather was still in high 30's, Bill had an infection in his leg, Pauline had a virus and then had a fall over Easter. Praise God we recovered quickly.

It was amazing to be part of the Anzac Day dawn service held up under the cross at Kalkaringi. The Vic Daly Shire has done an amazing job of clearing & paving the area, as well as upgrading the cross – including solar lights.



It was full speed ahead as we returned to community in April. The Easter preparations were in full swing at Kalkaringi. The paintings were almost completed at the front of the Church (see above).



Two Jangala's – Danny Palmer (L) & Jerry Patrick (R) at the cross on Good Friday.



EASTER:

Praise God for His leading and growth in the men in both Kalkaringi and Lajamanu. It was fantastic to share in the Baptism of five men and two women at Wattie Creek on Easter Sunday. Praise God for what He does in individual's lives giving hope, freedom and a purpose in life. There were some great sing-a-longs as all of the communities gathered together to worship God in their distinctive way.

MAY

During May we travelled back down to the southern communities of Ali-Curung, Willowra and Yuendumu. Our time is limited in each community but we endeavour to spend a month in the northern communities (Lajamanu and Kalkaringi) and a month in the Southern Communities, (Ali-Curung, Willowra and Yuendumu). This will continue throughout 2017 & 2018, until the Anderson's start.

The mission house at Ali-Curung was broken into while we were in Victoria. There is some major maintenance work to be done on the house, in the meantime clean up while we are here. It is discouraging and sad as it continues to take our time away from teaching and working with the leaders of the community. We would ask also that you pray for Ali-Curung as it is unsettled at present with some unrest and unresolved issues within the community. Thanks! The Church leader (Mark Brown) has had heart issues recently & been sent to Adelaide for an operation. Please pray for a quick recovery.

JUNE

We currently have our first Outback Exposure Team for the year. Some much needed repairs & maintenance is taking place in the northern communities of Lajamanu and Kalkaringi. These teams provide a great way for people to come & see first-hand what we have been talking about. Life here on the communities is often different to what many expect. Sometimes it is confronting, but the love of the people is always evident.

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

As we are now well into our 9th year in this role, (where has the time gone?) we would like to take this opportunity to send a huge Thank You to each & every one of you for travelling this journey with us. Although we are working in remote communities, we are very aware that we are not working in isolation. Without the support we receive from you all, in whatever form that is – prayer, financial, with goods for op shops, on Outback Exposure teams, or just an encouraging note, this role would be much harder. So again we say – THANK YOU!!

PRAYER & PRAISE

1. Continued prayer for wisdom to be able to effectively use time we have in each community.
2. Please pray for Mr Mark Brown the leader at Ali-Curung who has suffered heart attacks and is still in hospital.
3. Join with us in praying for continued growth for the church leaders in each community.
4. For the Spirit of Peace to come upon each community.
5. For the provision of support for the Anderson's to join us on the field.
6. For health & protection as we continue to travel the circuit.
7. Praise God for the team of partners & friends who are travelling this journey with us. Bless You all.



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