

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Elizabeth elders and congregation.
- Uphold in prayer your parliamentary representatives, federal and state.
- Pray for the towns and cities of South Australia, for the people in them who do not know Christ.
- Pray for hearts to be opened as the Lord Jesus Christ is proclaimed by word and deed by PIM workers.
- Pray for the Ladies Weekender being held 22nd to 24th March. Main Speaker: Nancy Kroeger.
- Pray for more PIM workers to be raised up and sent forth by the Lord of the Harvest.
- Pray that your own, neighbouring and all Presbyterian churches will be focused on mission to a dying world and not just maintenance of our institutions.
- Uphold in prayer David & Gai McDonald, Flynn Patrol, PIM.
- Pray for Ian Touzel, South Australian Moderator, Gary Ware Moderator-elect, Brian Johnson Clerk, all conveners and committees as they prepare reports and other work for the upcoming General Assembly of SA
- Uphold in prayer APWM national office: Kevin Murray (National Director).
- Intercede for the State Government: Premier Jay Weatherill; Leader of the Opposition Stephen Marshall.
- Praise God for our new and living hope through the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead and pray that multitudes will discover this as this message is proclaimed over Easter.
- Pray for the Wattle Range Charge; congregations, elders, Don & Gloria Broadwater.
- Be in prayer for industrial chaplains ministering to people in their places of employment.
- Pray for many people to become and grow as Christians through PIM patrols and churches.
- The influence of the church in China both official and underground.
- Pray for all those members of our congregations who are now in aged care residences.
- Courage and help for the many people throughout our country recovering from bushfires and floods.
- For God to reveal Christ's grace and truth to many living under the darkness of Islam.
- SA Assembly at North Adelaide commencing on 27th May - Gary Ware Moderator, Brian Johnson Clerk, Conveners - devotions, debates, fellowship and the reaching of wise, godly decisions.
- Pray for the Karnkendi Campsite Committee and the future direction of the campsite.

Editor's Note

Thank you to all who have contributed items for this issue of SA News they are all very much appreciated. Contributions for the June 2013 issue are to be in my hands **no later than 5.00pm Monday 6th May 2013.**

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OVERJOYED- EMPOWERED-SENT

Much is rightly made of the 'God with us' — missionary theme of Matthew — and the remarkable power — partnership — and promotion of the gospel in the letters of Paul. The missionary commission of the gospel of John (John 20:19-23) is in one sense the least

detailed but is recognized as spiritually striking, and it is so encouraging for the today's church as it faces the fears and fragility of the disciples.

Ponder these encouragements — as into the midst of these disciples wondering what their future might hold following the death of Jesus — comes this same Jesus alive!

The doors were locked! Nothing has changed for today's church — us — the risen Lord is still in our midst. We keep Him at the centre — transforming fearful followers locked behind closed doors into overjoyed, empowered disciples who are sent forth. Notice the disciples were *overjoyed* when they saw their Lord — if our witness is to have any traction we must be a community of joy.

It is to these disciples Jesus says "As the father has sent me, I am sending you — receive the Holy Spirit. Interesting isn't it — the risen Lord identified so closely, fully with his fearful, feeble, faltering people. We need to constantly remind ourselves as we reach out that Jesus is the TRUE missionary sent by the Father and we are in reality — caught up in HIS mission. This is good news — because Jesus takes ownership and continual oversight of his mission — he is present — he sends disciples and enables them for the task by the Spirit.

As the church we must recover our identity — seeing ourselves — being — a community of joy because we have the presence of the risen Lord — and it is his presence we want to pass on to others, and will make us wonderfully attractive as we are given opportunity to share the gospel. How could we ever be joyless — static — or imagine, even for a moment, we are powerless when the opposite is true. When we truly know this Jesus words "Peace be with you" strike a wonderful chord!

Chris ten Broeke

Australian Presbyterian World Mission

East Timor - Land!

One of our prayer points over the last few years has been the need for land and a building for the congregation in Dili, East Timor. Each Sunday the congregation meets in the driveway of a church member under a blue tarpaulin. Rob Duncanson writes "Many blocks of land were investigated until finally a block was found which was in a suitable location and large enough for the church's purposes. From that time you might think that it would be simple. All that would be needed would be to negotiate the price then go to the lands office and arrange the transfer of title, right? Not in Timor Leste.

Until recently there was no such thing as a written property title deed. That would not be a particular problem, but in a country where 30-50% of the population has died or been displaced in the last quarter of the last century and where land has been forcibly taken by invaders and perhaps squatted upon by locals, it is a problem. There is a barely imaginable tangle of land-rights issues and disputes which cover the whole country.



David Burke & Yas Shimizu on the site of the land

Local negotiations over price with the local landholder, his family and his village were fairly straightforward, but then the whole process had to wait in a processing queue in government departments for two years while they tried to cope with their overwhelming backlog of land rights issues."

In early December we received news that the sale has now been finalised. Thank you very much to those who prayed and gave gifts to make this possible.

The Only Medium of Prayer

Christ Jesus—the High Priest and Intercessor, the sympathizing Brother—is the only medium of prayer. There is no access to God but through Him. And if there be not an honouring of Christ in prayer, we can expect no answer to prayer.

The great encouragement to draw near to God is Jesus, at the right hand of God. He is our interceding High Priest, He is our Advocate with the Father, our Kinsman-Redeemer within the veil. Coming through Him, the poorest, the vilest, the most abject, may approach the throne of grace with lowly bold-ness.

The all-powerful, all-helpful, all-loving, all-tender Saviour and High Priest, is waiting to present the petition, and urge its acceptance, and plead for its answer, on the basis of His own infinite and atoning merits.

— John McDuff, (/8/8-/895) *The Throne of Grace*,

Whyalla

The Commissioning Service for David and Gae MacDonald, was held on the 4th of August. It was conducted by the Moderator of Whyalla, Rev. Chris ten Broeke, the Superintendent of the PIM, Rev Stuart Bonnington and Mr. Ian Robbie, Moderator of the Presbytery of Torrens.



The congregation were disappointed that the visit by the State Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Ian Touzel, was cancelled in November but this has been rescheduled for April and we are looking forward to him taking our Service of Worship.

The Christmas and New Year period were interesting and the Watchnight Service was, once again, well attended by congregation, friends and other members of the community. We are always delighted when people come to welcome the birth of the Lord Jesus.

On Sunday 31st December, Mrs. Mashford had an accident that saw her being flown by the RFDS for emergency treatment and surgery at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Consequently she spent New Year's Eve in the RAH and underwent surgery the following morning. One ankle was badly broken and the other one damaged. The break required surgery and the insertion of two plates and screws. The other ankle seems to be ok and we are thankful to God that the overall damage was not much worse. We look forward to having her back with us when she improves.

We also congratulate one of Adherents, Mr Fred Keen who celebrated his 90th Birthday recently.

John McVey

CALLING ALL WOMEN - KEEP THIS DATE FREE

**2013 Ladies Weekender
Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th March 2013**

**At Karnkendi, Nelson
Main Speaker: Nancy Kroeger**

Come along for a weekend of teaching, fellowship, fun and relaxation.

For more information contact: Vivienne: Peate 0438 608 651

In November the PWA had their AGM with all Office Bearers staying the same. The combined Churches ladies social was held on 5th December in our hall with the Catholic ladies hosting. Each Church put on a Christmas item, some singing new and old Christmas songs and some presenting readings. The Lutheran ladies gave everyone a 'survival kit' consisting of several items, like - a marble in case you lose yours, a Mintie for moments like these, a rubber band to stretch yourself, a milky way to put some sweetness in your life, a battery to keep you charged, string in case you need to tie something up - to name a few.

Don & Gloria went on holidays to Queensland from the 17th December until the 2nd week in January, to stay with their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Elder Brendan Provis led the service on 23rd December, Elder John Langens on Christmas Day and Elder Neil McLean for the last service of the year. Robert Wood from Gideons International led the first service in January.

Don finished the study on James before Christmas, moved on to Jude in January for a couple of weeks and now we have started Galatians. He has a wonderful way of explaining things.

Session, Board of Management and PWA meet in February, the Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday 24th February. The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March.

Barbara Provis

Mount Gambier

Over the weekend of Friday 15th - Sunday 17th February another successful church camp with over 40 people attending was held at "Karnkendi", Nelson.

The speaker this year was Robert Carner, Ministry Development Director, Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Robert spoke on the theme of "Holiness in an Unholy World". His individual talks were "The Forgotten Word", "Living the Christian Life in a Non-Christian World", and "Preparing to Withstand the Practices of a Non-Christian World". His teaching was illustrated by statistics and anecdotes, some of which starkly highlighted human depravity.

A selection of old and new hymns and songs were heartily sung, including the latest addition to our repertoire "Behold our God". Our singing was supported by an enthusiastic group of musicians - a fact repeatedly commented on by Robert Carner. Saturday night was taken up with "Crazy Whist with a Twist" with some strange headgear making an appearance during the evening. Thank you to Peter Duffett for organizing such a fun night! Our thanks to Peter Duffett (camp director), Alan Fox (camp registrar), Robyn Murcott (music co-ordinator) and Diana Zwijnenburg (catering co-ordinator) for their significant contributions to making the camp such a blessing.



Anita Fox with Naomi Zwijnenburg, Stephanie & Joel Fox, Matthew Duffett.

Mount Barker

THE BIG PROBLEM - "How do you plant a church with a few people scattered around?" That was the question Presbyterians asked of others - 170 years ago! There is nothing new about Church planting! It was the 30th of November 1842 and the Church of Scotland Society had met in the Hindley Street Baptist Chapel and decided to write to Scotland and seek a worker to help start a new church in the country areas like Mount Barker outside of Adelaide.

THE BIG SOLUTION - Seek more workers! Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38. Perhaps it was with those thoughts and words that in early December 1842, Church of Scotland minister Rev. Robert Haining saddled his horse Badger and rode up to Mount Barker to conduct a service with a number of local settlers around the district. They met under a gum tree that still lives, 170 years after that day. So to commemorate that day St. Andrew's decided to hold an open air service on Sunday 16 December, 2012. The minister for this day was on a different horse named Mystery, but it was the same gum tree. We celebrated the fact that the planting and the beginning of a Presbyterian Church in Mount Barker occurred by the grace of God. "Would holding another service 170 years later bring about something new or changes for St. Andrew's in some way?" Not exactly.

NEW AND RENEWED CHURCHES - Much focus around churches today seems to be on looking for new things. Church planting is not a new thing since it goes back to the days of the Apostles. Perhaps we may say there are new ways? Yet some ways have led to decline and lack of resources for many churches. That is not new either. We know! All we did was celebrate the good things of the past while still maintaining a focus on the future. The good thing from the past and essential for our future is to proclaim the gospel - regardless of having buildings and facilities. Of course there are other essentials. Unity and peace among the brethren, holding to the word as the final authority for both doctrine and practice and striving to reach all people, young and old so they may bring glory to God in their lives. We will continue to seek more workers. As the



body of Christ we pray there may come a day when we may start another new work! In the meantime we press on to give Him glory.

Robert Finster

Photo permission - kindly provided by the Courier Newspaper Mt. Barker. Pictured - Minister - Robert Finster on horse, the tree with the congregation including the Mayor of the District Council of Mt. Barker.

Mount Gambier

There were plenty of new faces at the 2013 Holiday Muster which saw us taking a visit to the Son-World Carnival, a place where we learned the importance of good choices, including the most important choice of all, the choice to trust and follow Jesus as our Saviour and Lord.

Overall registrations numbered about 40, with our average daily attendance being around 32. There were a mix of children from our church, other churches and no church at all.

We were very pleased with behaviour, and I can't remember so many children taking the time to thank us for running the program.

Peter Ware organized the daily schedule, Christine Ware led games and craft, and a dozen or so of our church's young people helped out.

Thanks to Deanna Ferguson and the kitchen team for delicious and nutritious morning teas; to everyone who donated towards the costs of the week, and to those who helped with publicity.

One of the more refreshing Musters we've had leaves us looking forward to 2014. (and Jonah?)



Gary Ware

Discontentment by Lou Priolo

Available from: Reformers Bookshop ([www.http://reformers.org.au](http://reformers.org.au)) for \$4.95

Is discontentment the root cause of your unhappiness? Many people don't realize this and underestimate the misery that this attitude can cause.

Learn to think biblically about this problem and live a happier life.

Even among Christians, discontentment is a pervasive problem, and can be the root of the lingering unhappiness we often feel. Learn to identify discontentment in your own life, and cultivate true contentment God's way.

"Discontentment among Christians is a far bigger problem than we either realize or acknowledge. Lou Priolo puts his discerning finger right on the real issues and helps us ask probing questions designed to reveal our troubled consciences' covetousness and idolatry. He clearly shows that at the root of our lack of contentment lies a believer who isn't fully satisfied with God and His bountiful provisions. May we take the message of this booklet to heart so that we may be genuinely content in Christ."

— Lance Quinn, Pastor, Grace Community Church Sun Valley, California

About the Author: Lou Priolo is the director of the Center for Biblical Counseling at Eastwood Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama, USA. He is the author of several books and booklets.



Millicent

Greetings to all congregations from St Andrew's Millicent. Remember: Whoever has a heart full of love, has something to give.

In November some of our members attended combined worship at Penola, where the Covenant Players acted three short skits. We enjoyed fellowship at the luncheon which followed the service.

Three of our ladies, Nestor, Gloria & Sue were among prizewinners at the Millicent Show, for cooking and flowers.

We have a display of religious books in our lounge and these are available for borrowing. Some really uplifting reading amongst them.

We have endured some very hot weather lately with a number of fires. We pray for the protection of all the firefighters. We enjoyed a visit from Robert Wood, representative of the Gideon Society. It is always pleasing to see the Bibles in hospital and motel rooms.

Each fortnight, Thelma and Sue compile and print a news sheet, which began on 12th August 2008, and on the 16th December we reached number 100!

Fifteen of our ladies went to Beachport recently, where we enjoyed food, fun and fellowship to celebrate Christmas.

One of our former members, Miss Phyl Humphries, a resident of Hart Court, celebrated her 103rd birthday recently.

Our Minister Don and his wife Gloria enjoyed a month away to spend Christmas with family up in Cairns and had a wonderful time.

We are sad to report that at a recent congregational meeting it was decided that the Rendelsham Church should be sold. No services have been held there for two years and the congregation has dwindled. This decision now has to go to Presbytery.

Thelma Thomas

Penola

On 11th November the Millicent congregation joined us at Penola for a Wattle Range Charge Worship Service and fellowship over lunch. The Covenant Players presented three thought-provoking short plays on The Offering, Prayer and The Lord's Supper throughout the service. Thanks to Mrs Faye Eason for hosting all three girls during their stay. In the photo are Rev Don Broadwater with the members of the Trans Nullarbor Covenant Players Team, clockwise from back; Sabine Reiber [Germany], Robyn Randall [Australia], Alicia Livingstone [California].



We were saddened to lose two of our members recently. Elizabeth Vina (Betty) Smith passed away on 16th November, aged 91 years. Betty was inducted as an Elder in 1986 and granted Elder emeritus in 2007. Murray Fowles, a long time member from Kalangadoo, passed away 24th November, aged 83 years.

Wattle Range

The Pastor's Perspective...

It is good for us to have the opportunity to reflect upon the year that has past... but I would like for us to consider what our focus should be for the year to come. When you think about the vast area our ministry covers...and the number of fellowship groups it has...and the diversity that exists within each one...it is important that we stay focused on our mission as believers. And what is our mission? Jesus said that it was to, "Make disciples" (Matthew 28:19-20).

So I would like for you to consider something. When you go to the grocery store, when you are having your car repaired, when you go to the stock yard, when you are having a cuppa with a friend, when you have a vet around to check on your livestock, when you go to your accountant, when you check out something at the hardware store, when you have to see the doctor, when you get extra help during harvest or shearing, when you go to the Mount for supplies...that you consider each of these as opportunities to be used of God in the lives of others!

As Presbyterians we believe that God has a plan (Ephesians 1:10-11). But we often live as though we don't believe He does when we fail to see that everything in our lives represent opportunities to be used to witness by what we do and say in our everyday living (Acts 1:8). And if we start praying that God use us each day...and we start to see that what happens each day is a part of God's plan...we will be encouraged to see how God wants to use us to share His grace and love with others.

I'm excited about the opportunities that are before us.

Each of us has a testimony. We know what our lives were like before we committed our lives to Christ. We know what God used in our lives to bring us to Christ. And we know what our lives have been like since coming to Christ. And sharing this with someone gives them the opportunity to hear what God can do in their lives if they too will trust Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

So ask God to use you in new ways this year! Ask Him to help you see your life as being an important part of His unfolding plan for reaching people in the Wattle Range. And then ask Him for opportunities to boldly share Christ with others.

Remember...God commanded us to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). He has told us that there are others He wants to reach (John 17:20). He has given us His Spirit to empower our witness for Him (Acts 1:8). And He has told us to not be afraid because He will never leave us as we witness for Him (Matthew 28:20). What a great promise! What a Great God we have! What a way to start a New Year!

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Don Broadwater

Naracoorte

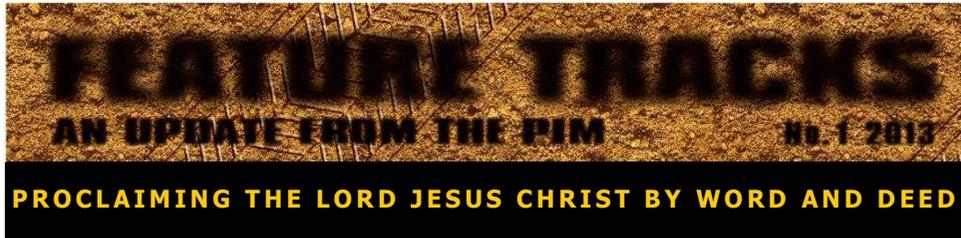
The congregation of St Andrews celebrated the 155th anniversary of the first communion service in Naracoorte on the 2nd of December with a lunch in the hall after church. Following lunch some members visited the "Cairn" by the Naracoorte creek which is an important site in the history of St Andrews Naracoorte. Following is an extract from "*The Story of the First One Hundred Years*".

"The first communion was held at Easter time in 1857, under the great redgums in a bend of the creek behind the Naracoorte Station. The arrangements were all on the plan and pattern of a Communion Season in the Highlands. Families came a 2 and even 3 days journey to be present. The preaching was all in the open air. The Reverend D McCalman conducted the Gaelic services and the Reverend M Russell, from the Leigh, Victoria conducted the English services.

The people from afar brought tents with them or tilted conveyances and camped out in the picturesque vicinity. Friday was set apart for self-examination, Saturday for preparation, Sunday was "the great day of the feast," and Monday was the day of thanksgiving. In a large marquee, extemporised from tarpaulins, "the tables" were laid and filled by successive relays of earnest, reverent communicants. And so in a manner fraught with tender memories and associations, these "Scottish exiles" relieved their home-sickness and "remembered" their Saviour."



From left: Jan Boord, Stefan and Sue Slucki, Julie McLean (hidden) Tracey and Graham Williams. Malcolm Smith reading the plaque.



From Dalby to Inland Australia

Newly appointed PIM padres, Greg and Janet Cripps, know that true hope is only found in Jesus Christ. Recognising that there are many hurting and troubled people in isolated and inland Australia they are both excited to be able to work with the PIM. Their desire is to communicate the gospel in both word and deed to people who might ordinarily have no contact with a church, or even a Christian.



Greg and Janet have followed the work of the PIM for many years but were challenged to think about the possibility of becoming padres when their children were getting to the stage of leaving home. They knew that it was an appropriate time to rethink the direction of their own lives, whether to focus more on their farm and business or to move in to a more focused Christian ministry.

A passion to help serve and minister to people in the bush as well as having suitable gifts to achieve this meant that working for the PIM needed to be seriously considered. After discussion with former PIM padres and then a visit to Laurie and Gwen Peake, Greg and Janet knew it was a ministry of the Presbyterian church that matched their ministry burden. So, after further talks with friends and the Session at Dalby Presbyterian Church (where Greg is an elder) they decided to apply. They also travelled to Melbourne to be a part of the PIM centenary celebrations and met other padres, mission church workers and committee members.

The PIM were pleased to appoint them as patrol Padres to SW Queensland where they will start in April this year. Because of ongoing farm commitments, Greg and Janet plan to predominately undertake their patrols between the months of April to October and then return to the patrol area during the summer months as needs and ministry priorities necessitate. Their plan is to remain based on their farm in Dalby and not live in Charleville as former Padres have done.

Developing strong relationships will be an early priority for the Cripps. Greg states that as you get to know people you are then privileged to be able to understand their needs and be able to speak of the hope we have in Christ. When talking about his ministry approach he specifically asked if people would pray that he and Janet would have the sensitivity to take discussions to a deeper and more

money difficulty, it was thought, would be a real one. It might be possible to form a sort of bush union of 500 members who would make one annual donation of £1 each year. The settled districts already spent £25,000 a year in supplying themselves with means of grace, so that £500 did not appear so ambitious a request for a territory of more than half of Australia.'

Now 100 years later, the story goes on, 'to the uttermost parts with the gospel'.

R. Finster

Karnkendi Campsite Needs Your Support

Established in 1955 Karnkendi Campsite features comfortable accommodation for groups of up to 80 people in a quiet bushland setting just over the SA/Vic border at Nelson in Victoria, approximately 30kms south of Mount Gambier.

Of the fifteen rooms eight have en-suites. There is a spacious dining hall which features an open fire and a well equipped caterers kitchen for the use of campers. A games room is available with television, DVD/VCR, overhead projector, eight ball table, cosy slow combustion heating and comfortable lounge chairs for quiet reading or fellowship. A laundry with a washing machine and dryer are available for campers along with large grounds for outdoor games and activities. Your stay at Karnkendi can be as energetic or relaxing as you choose.

The region features: excellent bushwalking in national parks, check out the migratory birds; the beach at Discovery Bay and the wild Great Southern Ocean. A walk to the Glenelg River where canoeing, fishing, swimming and scenic cruising are all waiting for you. These features and the unique local limestone caves mean you'll need to return again and again to fully experience all that Karnkendi has to offer.

Your campsite is in urgent need of your support. Please consider holding a camp at Karnkendi in the near future.

This campsite is owned by the Presbyterian Church and you are all encouraged to support it. Get your congregation together or join with another congregation and hold a Church Congregation Camp at Karnkendi. It doesn't matter how young or how old you are, Karnkendi can cater for you.

For more information and to book a camp contact the manager Brenton Manser on: 0418814065 or 8738 4133.



WHERE, WHEN & HOW DID INLAND MISSION WORK START?

On 6 August, 1844 it was reported in the Southern Australian (Adelaide):-

“A benevolent lady, residing in Edinburgh, purchased, in 1839, land orders for 500 acres of land, for the purpose of supporting a missionary to the aborigines. The land, however, has never been chosen, but we are glad to hear that Captain Hall has brought out authority to select the land, and that the lady now intends to fit out a clergyman to minister in the country districts of the colony, and to supply him with a stipend of £100 per annum for two years from her own funds. The lady is an adherent of the Free Church of Scotland, and the clergyman will, probably, be chosen from that body.”

This was the beginning of the outreach efforts by Presbyterians to the people living in remote Australia. The lady was Mrs. Henrietta Smith of Dunesk near Edinburgh, Widowed to Dr. Peter Smith. In the Deed of gift, dated 28 November, 1853, it is clear that it was given “towards promoting the cause of the gospel in South Australia, either through the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly (Free Church of Scotland) or in such other way as the said General Assembly shall think proper,” but asks that the aborigines should not be forgotten. As Rev. William Gray wrote, *“From the tenor of her letter conveying these lands to the Free Church of Scotland in the end of 1853, it looks as if she intended this gift originally for christianising the aborigines in this State, but for some reason changed her mind.”* (Days and Nights in the Bush 1935 p9) Much later in the late 1940's the change of mind was debated and a notable elder and local South Australian Doctor Mr. Charles Duguid established through the Courts of the Church that the money was not used as she had intended and subsequent events obscured the purpose of the bequest. Money was then diverted to Ernabella Mission in S.A. Nevertheless, what started in S.A. before the turn of the Century grew to encompass a much bigger region. Following the appointment of Rev. Robert Mitchell on 9 October, 1894 to the Smith of Dunesk Mission, Beltana was set up as the headquarters. A number of 'Bush Padre's then followed before Rev. John Flynn commenced in March 1911.

At the National General Assembly in Melbourne on 26 September, 1912 an overture from South Australia raised the question of ‘ministering to the spiritual needs of the many hundreds of settlers in Central Australia, eastward and westward of the great northern railway, northward from Hergott Springs into Queensland, and for hundreds of miles into the Northern Territory.’ It was suggested the G.A.A. take steps to station a suitable agent at Oodnadatta, who should devote himself to this work in co-operation with the agents of the Smith of Dunesk Mission.

‘The Rev. John Flynn (Northern Territory) presented a report on the matter generally. It stated that the total white population of the Northern Territory was 1,720, of whom 456 were females. He suggested that the whole of the arid interior along with the scantily populated bush lands to the north and north-west of the continent, be proclaimed a special area with the approval of the State Assemblies concerned, to be under the care of the Home Mission Board. The

spiritual level as the situations presented themselves. He also said that he understood there would be people he would relate to more easily, and that he hoped that these people would be brought in to contact with him quickly.

The Cripps' believe that their many years of Christian service have helped prepare them for the unique ministry challenges with the PIM. Greg has worked as a home group leader, taught scripture across varying age levels, worked as a family counsellor and marriage course coordinator. He has regularly preached, mentored and undertaken the work of an elder. Janet, too, has wide ministry experience and has particularly enjoyed any opportunity to engage in Christian service with Greg.

Greg and Janet both have a rural background. Together they have worked their own farm and run a seed business near Dalby in Queensland. Janet also worked as a registered nurse with many years spent engaging in community nursing. Her particular interest in nursing is palliative care and wound care. Greg has also worked as a motor mechanic, agricultural machinery agent and as an agronomist.

In addition to their mature faith and many practical skills, both Greg and Janet are qualified in Christian counselling and family therapy. Together, Greg and Janet have three adult children who are all supportive of their new area of ministry and Christian service.

One of the positive aspects of the Cripps continuing to be based in Dalby while engaging in work for the PIM throughout SW Queensland is that they will be able to receive a strong level of support from their home congregation. The mission



committee of the Dalby Presbyterian Church have established levels of pastoral, practical and prayerful support.

The PIM encourages ongoing prayer for Greg and Janet as they commence their first patrol later this year. Please pray for wisdom and sensitivity as they meet many new people, for courage as they engage in a lot of ‘cold calling’, for spiritual strength to overcome doubts and discouragements, and for a readiness to communicate the love of Jesus to all they meet.

John Flynn Life and Ministry

For those wanting to know more about the Rev. Dr John Flynn, founder of the Australian Inland Mission, then PIM's latest resource will be just what you're looking for.

During 2012 Robert Benn travelled throughout Australia speaking on the life and ministry of this faithful servant of God. Due to an overwhelming demand, his talk has been recorded to DVD and is available now from the PIM office.

The talk covers Flynn's early years, call to ministry, his life of faith, achievements with the AIM and much more. Robert Benn's presentation is engaging and is certain not to disappoint.

The DVD retails for \$15. Orders can be made on-line at www.pim.org.au or by ringing the PIM office on **(03) 98761941**.

Goldsmith's Step Down From Patrol Work

With sadness, the PIM accepted the resignation of Stephen and Rosalie Goldsmith as Patrol Padres. Stephen and Rosalie have given outstanding service to the NSW Darling patrol for the past four years and their ministry will be acutely missed.

The need to step aside from the patrol work came as a surprise to both the Goldsmiths and the PIM committee, however, changes in their personal situation meant that it was a decision that had to be made.

David, speaking on behalf of Rosalie said, "Our time with PIM has been the happiest, most challenging and spiritually fulfilling time of our lives." He also said, "We have constantly delighted in God's marvellous timing as he seemed to lead us each day to so many people that he wanted us to visit."

Stephen and Rosalie remain open to serve with the PIM again in the future.

The PIM committee request that people continue to pray for the Goldsmiths during this time of transition and thank God for the ministry they have undertaken for the PIM.



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Views Beyond the Furthest Fence

Photographs communicate, but skilfully composed photographs can capture the imagination and communicate even more. In the centenary year of the Australian Inland Mission (AIM), and its successor ministry in the Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Inland Mission (PIM), it was appropriate that some of the best photographs taken over this remarkable hundred year period be brought together.

Not only did John Flynn pioneer a remarkably successful ministry to the people of the Outback, but also his own personal interest in photography has ensured that many early scenes and significant moments related to his ministry were captured and preserved for future generations.

Stephen Dyer was commissioned by the PIM to bring together a collection of historical and contemporary photographs in the form of a Coffee Table Book. For years Steve Dyer has been photographing many aspects of the work of the PIM and sourcing photographs to complete an historical record of the AIM and the PIM. Many of the photographs in this compilation have been sourced from the AIM collection at the National Library of Australia. With great patience, skill and attention to detail, Steve has digitally enhanced them so that

again they can vividly communicate. We know that Flynn himself would have taken many of the earlier photographs; however, insufficient records fail to allow the credit to go to him. It is likely he would be happy knowing that those who look at those collated here will be drawn to the Outback and the Gospel work conducted there, rather than to himself and to his talent.

The book also contains an historical account of the work of the AIM written by Rev. Stuart Bonnington. Rev. Bonnington is the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Inland Mission and Pastor of the Fremantle Presbyterian Church in Western Australia.

The work and ministry of John Flynn cannot be ignored. By the grace of God he achieved much for this nation, especially for those who lived and worked in the remoter regions of this vast continent. Be inspired as you read this book and spend time reflecting on the outstanding photographic images. Lift your heart in prayer and thank God for the many workers he both raised up, and then sustained, to carry out this ministry. Also, take time to pray for those men and women that the Presbyterian Church of Australia continues to send out 'beyond the furthest fences' to communicate in both word and deed the love of Jesus Christ.

All profits from the sale of the book will go to support the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission.

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