Australian Indigenous Ministries Prayer Notes May 2010

Day 1&2 Greg & Debbie Piper - Katherine: Praise the Lord for His blessing on the church mob and the opportunities for the Word of God to impact lives in difficult times. Pray for the new Baptist pastor who is like minded, that a close relationship might develop and a unity of Spirit and purpose. Katherine - Pray for the mob as they lead the Praise and Worship times at the Katherine Convention this weekend.

Day 3 Amos & Doreen Leana - Walgett: Praise God for His protective care of Amos, Doreen and Kenny following a car accident near Walgett on 20th April. Praise God for the care of medical staff and friends who have supported and encouraged them. Pray for them as they struggle with the ongoing trauma of this event, for Doreen's facial injury to heal well, for calmness as they deal with the next processes including police interviews. Praise for Amos' brother and mother who have won the first round of their land case in PNG.

Day 4 Trevor & Pamela Leggott - General Director/Office Secretary: Pray for Trevor as he attends his Church Synod during this week. Pray that the church might have ongoing commitment to support Trevor in his ministry. Pray for Pamela as she attends to team support for field personnel and keeps contact with many supporters.

Day 5 Rob & Jenni Alley - Mission Awareness Tours: Praise God for the opportunity to visit their home church in Newcastle for a week in May to do deputation. Pray that the people will be encouraged and challenged by the visit. Praise for the opportunity to attend a training course on Short-term Mission in May. Pray that Rob and Jenni will be able to manage the kids and take in the Conference material. Pray also for some more people to sign up for the July MAT.

Day 6 Harold & Kaye Dalywaters - Elliott: Praise God that Rikara has had successful surgery on her hip and is recovering well; for the opportunities Harold has to teach and witness in the school at Marlinja. Pray for Kaye as she still awaits surgery in Alice Springs; for a godly witness in her work in Elliott; for Harold to decide on the right balance between ministry and secular work.

Day 7 Dennis & Glenys Tranter - Translation Team: Give thanks that Dennis' back and neck have stabilised and the surgeon wishes to take the "wait and see" approach. Praise God that they have found a caring church and the boys are warming towards the new situation; the translation work is going well, as is Glenys' course on Media and Communication. Pray for Dennis' general health to be managed; for the boys to find friends and mentors at church.

Day 8 Richard & Sue Davies - Canteen Creek/Epenarra: Praise God for the new believers who were baptised; pray for God to continue His work in the lives of the men at CC; for the Spirit of God to challenge those who have formerly made a commitment so their love for God is reawakened; pray for those who find it hard to live without alcohol and so are drawn back into town. Praise God for the faithful believers who pray and encourage one another at Epenarra. Pray that the Lord will send experienced school teachers, who will remain for a number of years, the opportunity to reach a large number of young men who live there.

Day 9 Jono and Grace Wright - Camooweal: Praise God for the opportunity to make an outreach visit in late April and another in mid May. Pray for the people to respond to the teaching and use the material provided to grow in their faith. Pray for the Christians in these isolated communities who have infrequent fellowship with other believers. Pray for Jono and Grace as they build relationships with these people and earn their trust. Pray for church leader, Cyril, to find a new job which will not keep him out of town on alternate weekends.

Day 10 David & Rose Cox - Dubbo: Give thanks for the continuing ministry opportunities in the town; for those who come to Bible study and for the young people keen to grow in their faith. Pray for Janelle as she soon needs to look to her life beyond school, that she may know the Lord's will for her. Pray for Rose's parents as they struggle with ageing problems; for those who struggle to walk consistently to look to the Lord for His help.

Day 11&12 AIM Council - meeting 11th: Praise for the faithful work of this Council and their support for the whole ministry. Pray for wisdom and unity in decision making and problem solving. New Workers: Praise God for those considering applying to join the AIM team. Pray for more workers to build a team in Darwin/Palmerston area and Alice Springs.

Day 13 Cliff & Sue Letcher - Field Director: Give thanks that the Tranters have offered the use of their caravan for the four month trip north this year. Pray for the replacement of the old caravan in God's time. Praise God for the opportunity for Cliff to take a trip with Jono and Trevor to some of the remote communities in SE of Camooweal from mid May. Praise for the progress in the plans for upcoming trip to NT, departing early June.

Day 14 Training Team: Give thanks for the partnership developing between CLTC in PNG, Bimbadeen and AIM; for a growing understanding by CLTC leaders of the history of our Indigenous people; praise for the first TEE graduation held in late April. Pray for the TEE tutors as they develop their groups and launch the first TEE course on discipleship; the training committee as it develops a constructive training plan.

Day 15 Phil & Cathy Stuart - Alice Springs: Give thanks that the physical bullying which Josh was receiving has abated, however pray for Josh who is being got at now because he is a Christian. Praise God that new people keep on coming; for the new Bible study that has started at Amoonguna community each Tuesday. Pray for the people who attend that group to grow and mature in their faith; for Phil and Cathy as they build relationships with these folk; pray for Cathy as she leads Sunday school, creche and does some bus runs. The bus runs are a logistical problem with so many wanting to be transported to and from church, so pray for guidance in managing this. The bus has major mechanical problems.

Day 16 Miriam, Vincent & Warren – Borroloola: Praise for the faithful few who gather for fellowship; for Vincent as he reaches out to those round his home; for camp meetings on Sunday nights. Pray for stability in the home of Warren and Joelene; for Joelene to walk consistently with the Lord; for Miriam's husband Johnny to keep walking straight; for other church members to be encouraged. Pray for Vincent who has just lost his brother in Mt Isa from a stroke.

Day 17 Eugen & Ruth Freudigmann - Tennant Creek: Praise that the church bus went well over the dirt roads to Lake Nash; for the Easter Convention held there which brought spiritual refreshment to the TC folk; give thanks for the four people who have recently given their lives to the Lord and the man who has returned after a long time walking with alcohol. Pray for those who shepherd the new believers to be diligent, consistent in their own walk and prayerful; for steady growth in the new believers. Pray for those who once walked the Lord's way but have turned away.

Day 18 Bob & Deb McKerrell - Kid's Ministry: Give thanks for a good time at Bimbadeen over Easter, for 26 children who shared in the program; for the fellowship with both children and adults. Pray for the McKerrells as they leave Toowoomba on May 18 to head for Elliott. Pray for safety in travel; for the plans already in the pipeline to hold a number of children's programmes in NT mid year holidays.

Day 19 Emmanuel & Agnes Fave - Palm Island: Give thanks for the opportunities and open doors still on Palm Island; for the acceptance of Emmanuel's ministry. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among the people; salvation for young and older folk alike; pray for God's intervention in issues of gambling, domestic violence, drug abuse, drunkenness. Pray for protection for Emmanuel and Agnes against spiritual and physical attack.

Day 20 Raymond & Thelma Dixon - Robinson River: Rejoice in the ministry which is happening in this remote community; for the young people waiting to be baptised when the water recedes; for the work Raymond has obtained in the community. Pray for the local Christians to be encouraged; for their daughter Elly as she studies in Darwin - to make Christian friendships.

Day 21 Bob & Lucy Quinn - Bimbadeen Training Team: Praise the Lord for God's enabling for Bob as he has undertaken extra teaching and marking while Amos has been recovering from the car accident; praise for the good start to the TEE training over two weekends. Pray for the graduates to start the work in their own areas. Pray for the family to remain focussed on God and have the right priorities; for suitable accommodation to be found in the Campbelltown area from June 24th, as the landlord requires their current house back. In 2011 the Quinns will move to Bimbadeen.

Day 22& 23 Rhonda Coats – Darwin: Praise for the strong faith shown by Mark and Michelle Miller during serious health issues. Pray for them as Michelle has developed complications following the removal of a blood clot from her brain last month and is waiting to go to Adelaide for a heart valve replacement. Uphold Rhonda as she plans to visit several NT centres this month; for her mother in the USA, who has to undergo radiation treatment again. Pray that Rhonda will have peace as she encourages her mother from afar.

Day 24 Martin & Rose Ebel - Woorabinda: Praise that church attendance has picked up and members are seeking to encourage their families to attend; some who have previously turned their backs are talking about returning to the Lord. Pray that the Spirit of God will pursue these backsliders; that the community might wake up to their need of the Lord as violence continues unabated. Pray for the young people who are out of control and whose parents seem unable to cope and care. Uphold Martin and Rose as they live in this environment each day, that they will keep their eyes fixed on the Lord.

Day 25 Paul & Erin Strahan - Moree: Give thanks for the contacts made through the Neighbourhood Centre and for those who are growing in their faith. Pray for Erin as her pregnancy advances and for their two little ones to be healthy. For Paul as he meets with some of the men and for the overall support of the local churches in ministry to the Indigenous community.

Day 26 Stan & Sharyn Werner - Rockhampton (Qld Reps): Praise for Stan's excellent prognosis from the oncologist; God's faithfulness during the months of illness and treatment; support of many folk. Pray for wisdom in mentoring church leaders; ministry opportunities coming up in Logan Inala and Cherbourg in May and June; safety in travel.

Day 27 Inala Church: Praise for the faithful leaders and church members; for the Sunday school and Youth ministries. Pray for wisdom concerning future plans and property issues; for leaders to remain encouraged as they look for a new Pastor.

Day 28 Rockhampton Church: Praise God for those who share God's Word and faithfully teach each Sunday; give thanks for physical healing for some of the members. Pray for open hearts to receive God's Word; for the neighbours who are opposing the upgrade of Milbi farm Rehab centre, where the church has an ongoing ministry (court case pending); for Bill Power as he guides the church members.

Day 30 Apenisa and Lolou Rabai - Townsville: Praise God for opportunities to meet with needy people in the town area. Pray for those in the park, the men's and women's prisons, that the church folk might have opportunity for ministry to them. Pray also for the ongoing youth work.

Day 31 Cherbourg: Pray for the brothers and sisters at the Cherbourg church. There has been a disruptive influence from false teaching over recent times. Pray for the faithful Bible believing Christians to withstand the pressure and walk true to the Lord. Pray for those who have become victims of false teaching to return to the Word of God.