



## Issue No.53 of August 2010

(A News Update of the Leanas – Amos, Doreen and Kenny Jr. serving with AIM)

### Greetings and Acknowledgements

Beloved Friends and Partners, we greet you again in the name of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. It continues to be our joy to keep you abreast on our ministry work because your prayers make our task possible. The Apostle Paul also found communicating with his partners vital and made sure that they were kept abreast of his work whenever possible. In his second letter to the Corinthians he states, “We do not want you to be uninformed...” (2 Cor.1:8a). He saw it important because their prayers helped (v.11). Hence, you are all important to us. In this edition, we want to share briefly with you our movements, the continued visits and fellowships and the renovation of the kitchen in the mission manse here at Walgett.

### At Bellingen in NSW

We started the month of August travelling back home from Brisbane after attending the Darwin conference. However, we decided to spend the first week of the month visiting our friends (the Thompsons) at Bellingen near Coffs Harbour on our way back to Walgett. Our relationship with the Thompsons began at Halls Creek where we served with the Peoples’ Church. They were a great help in every possible way during our stay there. They have served in the area of Age Care for the Aboriginal people for many years. For Kenny, it was a joy to meet with the Thompson girls namely, Grace and Amy. Our time with the Thompsons was refreshing and encouraging. We departed Bellingen on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August and travelled to Walgett via Armidale, Tamworth, Narrabri and Wee Waa.

### Kitchen Renovation

In our last edition we mentioned the kitchen being renovated in our absence. Well, we arrived to a big and wonderful surprise. Our home had changed. It was as if we were in the TV reality show called “Domestic Bliss.” Among other improvements, a skylight was added. Apart from the kitchen renovation, the old fire place in the living room was also removed and replaced with a new one. We wish to acknowledge the work party once again namely, Neil and Ann Bootes, Richard and Diane Alley, Clive and Rose Alley and Dennis Nichol. We wish them and their families God’s blessings as they serve him. The team also did renovation work on the mission manse at Gilgandra.

### A brief trip to Sydney

We spent a week at Walgett after arriving from Brisbane via Bellingen and were on the road again on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. This time we drove to Sydney for Doreen’s medical appointment as a result of the car accident. We spent the night at Dubbo and continued our Journey into Sydney the next day. We spent the night with relatives at Bankstown. Doreen’s appointment was on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at the Sydney Melanoma Unit at North Sydney. We arrived back at Walgett on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> in time for Doreen to vote the next day, i.e. on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

### Our Visitors for the month

This month we hosted two groups of visitors at Walgett. The first group was the two Melanesian families namely, the *Molis* from Solomon Islands and the *Dinokes* from Papua New Guinea. The visit was a follow up from the first meeting at Gilgandra last month. The families arrived on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> we all went to the Indigenous Church building for worship. It was a sad sight when we arrived. The window glasses were smashed and broken bottles left at the entrance of the church building. The families were emotional and there were few tears at the thought of a lack of empathy and fear of God by those involved. Nevertheless, the spirit of fellowship captivated all of us and reminded us of God’s faithfulness. Amos shared God’s word and each family later shared a word of encourage to each other. The two families then left after lunch on Sunday.

The second visit was from the Mantons (Terry and Olga) AIM Team Partners. They arrived on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August and departed for Gilgandra the next day, i.e. Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August after a brief visit to the (unused) Indigenous Church. Please pray for the protection of the Church building as it has become a frequent target of vandalism. The fence at the back of the building has been removed by offenders thus giving free access to intruders.

### Kenny’s Progress

**Kenny** has missed School for three weeks this month as a result of our recent travels and being sick with flu and cough. He has been insisting on going to School but we have not allowed him to do so until he recovers. He continues to improve in his speech which makes communication with him easier. He always enjoys visitors and wants to show them his toys and books and feels sad when they leave. Please pray for his recovery. Pray that his enthusiasm for school and learning will continue.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Praise and thank God for:

- His love, faithfulness, direction and grace in all areas of our lives. The faithful prayers and support of you our partners and families. The wonderful times of fellowship with the Thompsons at Bellingen, Those who accommodated us during our trip to Sydney namely, the Coxs at Dubbo and our family in Bankstown. The visit of Terry and Olga Manton, The kitchen renovation team.

#### Pray for:

- Wisdom and guidance in our ministry and family life. Doreen in her supporting role. The on-going development of the TEE program at Bimbadeen. Amos as he prepares for the training committee meeting at Bimbadeen on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept 2010. Safe travel as a family and condition of the car. Amos’ brother Ricky and mother as they deal with the on-going land disputes in the absence of Amos. Open doors to Bourke for Amos. The Thompsons as they deal with Aboriginal Aged Care issues at Halls Creek.