



Kimberley in Western Australia

GREETINGS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Christian greetings from the Kimberley!

After a week upon arrival at Halls Creek our son, Kenny told us that he liked it here. We asked him why and his reason was because Daddy can drive the church bus and pick up people. He added that there were people who need our help. Basically, that is what we are doing here. We came to serve His people. A people we have grown to love and cherish. A people who had made us feel at home.

This issue covers our ministry at Halls Creek and other areas we visited during our time in the Kimberly in Western Australia. The highlight of our visit was conducting the Leadership Workshops for the Halls Creek Aboriginal Church leaders. This was the main purpose of our visit to Halls Creek. Thank you for taking time to read.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT HALLS CREEK



Leadership session

Our five weeks at Halls Creek was spiritually refreshing and a blessing. It was also a joy to meet with the Church and its leaders including old acquaintances. Pastor Jonathan and Kathleen were in Perth due to the latter's medical condition. However, Jonathan caught up with us a week before our departure. Despite few challenges it was encouraging to see the Lord allow the Leadership training program to proceed without any interruption. Three sessions on "Lord, Can I Be A Leader" were held on Tuesday evenings of the 13th, 20th and the 27th of September. The sessions were an eye opening experience for the participants. In addition to this, it was very encouraging not only to have a large group of people attend but also to see a young couple participate.

We thank Ian Cathie the Australian National Director of the Development Associates International for taking time to speak to the participants through *skype* on a screen. Ian Cathie's encouragements brought to the participants a sense of appreciation. The participants were awarded certificates acknowledging their participation during our last Sunday service at Halls Creek.



(Left above) Amos meeting with Jonathan Bates and Donald Cox (Above right) Leadership participants (Below left) with Donald and Evelyn Cox, (Below right) with Pastor Ted Birch and Dora - Wyndham Church



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise and Thank God for:



- His love, faithfulness, direction and grace in all areas of our lives. His provision for our needs.
- The prayers of our partners and families.
- AIM Leadership in allowing us to visit Halls Creek.
- The Invitation from Halls Creek Peoples' Church and their tremendous support and provision of finance for fuel costs.
- UAM Leaders understanding and giving us their consent to go to Halls Creek.
- The Support from DAI's National Director on the Leadership Training program.
- The Halls Creek Peoples' Church and their openness to the move of the Spirit.

Pray for:

- Wisdom, guidance and good health so we can serve Him well in His work.
- Amos as he continues to share and encourage the Aborigines church leaders.
- Kenny's learning despite the failure to receive his home-schooling materials.
- Halls Creek Peoples' Church as they grow into maturity. Donald and Evelyn as they lead the church.
- Jonathan and Kathleen Bates - for God's comfort and healing.
- Safety in our travels and the condition of the car.
- Our financial support and for those faithfully supporting us.
- Narelle in PNG, she is teething

HELPING OUT IN CHURCH MINISTRIES AT HALLS CREEK



Doreen and Kenny's Sunday school class



Doreen talking to an Aboriginal lady at the Aged Care



Amos sharing to the Aged folks and carers

There were other ministries we were involved with. These include visitations to the Aborigines Aged Care Hostel, Preaching and Sunday school. The visitations to the Aged Care were done every Tuesday with leaders Donald and Evelyn Cox. The Aged Care is administered by the Halls Creek Peoples' Church who is also responsible for this program. Amos would share and sometimes mime as Doreen read the Bible stories much to the enjoyment of the residents and staff. On the other hand, the old Gospel songs such as 'Follow, Follow, I will follow Jesus' proved popular and enjoyable to the aged audience.

On Sunday mornings, Amos was tasked with the preaching responsibilities and communion while Doreen and Kenny took care of the Sunday school program. The Sunday school program had been conducted on ad-hoc basis until our arrival. Doreen got it running every Sunday morning and night. We were so moved to see Children who remembered Doreen as their teacher two and half years ago come to meet her. Many of them have grown. A good number of children attended. For Kenny it was a great encouragement to be able to connect with his old friends some he had come to call his brothers. Amongst other programs, prayer meetings are held on Mondays and Wednesdays each week. Prayer has been the strength of this church for many years.

OUR VISIT TO DERBY AND BROOME IN THE KIMBERLEY



(Above left) With the Kims at Derby and (above centre) - with the Ivisons while on (above right) - with Pastor Timothy Iga and his wife.

Our time in the Kimberley also enabled us to visit friends, church leaders and families in Derby and Broome. On Wednesday the 7th of Sept we travelled to Derby about 550kms. We were hosted by the Ivisons (Tony and Mary) whom we came to know when they were with HCJB at Kununurra. The Ivisons spent many years in PNG in the pre-Independence era as teachers.

We also caught up with the Kims, Yong, Vicky and their two lovely children who currently serve with Operation Mobilization. They were our friends from Bible College days (i.e. Bible College of Victoria now known as the Melbourne School of Theology). Through our friends, we met the Baptist Church and the Kingdom Aviation leaders at their prayer breakfast. We returned to Halls Creek on Friday the 9th of September.



Amos preaching at the Broome Peoples' Church service

Our time at Derby was also special because Amos met his cousin Pastor Timothy Iga, whom he had not met for many years. Pastor Timothy Iga and his family oversee a small Aborigines Church in Derby. One of his daughters lives in Halls Creek.

Our second trip was a 652kms drive to Broome on Friday the 16th of September with Andrew Hadfield in his vehicle. Hadfield was a former AIM missionary who now serves as a deacon with the Anglican Church in Kununurra. This trip was at his invitation and from the Arch-deacon at Broome namely, Rev. Timothy Mildenhall. Amos joined their consultative meeting. Then on Sunday evening he preached at the Broome Peoples' Church service held at the Anglican Church building. His message was on forgiveness from the story of Cain and Abel. We left Broome on Monday the 18th of September for Halls Creek.

FAMILY SNIPETS



Narelle in PNG waiting for us to come home

Amos – we celebrated Amos' birthday at Halls Creek on the 28th of September. It was a quiet gathering held at the home of a family member Maria and her husband Kim Mckay.

Doreen – and Kenny surprised Amos in the arrangements of his birthday preparations. These include getting email messages from family back home. Amos only learnt about his birthday party on the way to the arranged place.

Kenny – although never received his home-schooling materials from Dubbo we still managed to do some lessons through resource books purchased from the Post Office at Halls Creek.

Narelle – is being cared by Amos' mother and brother. We still support her every now and then for her general needs. We miss her very much. She is 17 months old and is teething.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!



Kenny doing his school-work with mum