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Spinifex Ministries Inc. Newsletter No 25. July 2009

Dear friends,

Welcome to our 25th newsletter! We have been busy as usual since we last wrote in February when we were just leaving Perth...

Kalbarri (WA):

We arrived in Kalbarri to work at the Anglican church with perfect timing. The day we arrived, Rev Matt & Rachel Brain discovered that they were expecting twins and Rachel was very tired. With their 'to do' lists handed over we began by weeding the very large area of bush at the front of the property and cut down a tree. Phil then mounted the data projector on the ceiling of the church, secured the sound equipment, and prepared a sermon for Sunday. Cathy cooked and froze muffins and cakes for the Brain family, plus meals for most nights to help out Rachel. We also did a few jobs around the back yard, put shelves in their laundry cupboard and also achieved the mammoth task of sorting out the church shed full of second hand goods.

Carnarvon (WA):

From Kalbarri we went north to Carnarvon. It was so great to catch up with Rev Brian & Annie Fyffe again as we used to help them out years ago when they were at the Newman Anglican church. Now they are at the Carnarvon Anglican church and Phil was able to help them out with some jobs around the house and installing 2 much needed skylights in the manse. They also showed us a few natural wonders to be found around Carnarvon which we enjoyed on our days off.

South Hedland (WA):

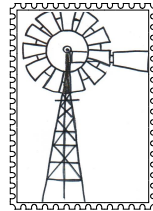
We have been painting sections of the Hedland Baptist church over the years, but due to two cyclones in 2007 we were unable to paint the walls of the main auditorium due to cyclone clean up and repairs that year. Unable to make it back in 2008, and with a new pastor in 2009, we were once again asked to come back and complete the church painting project. So with the last of the raw concrete block walls painted, the church Auditorium has been given a new lease of life. Phil was also able to help the new pastor Murray Hewitt by preaching both Sundays, installing two whirly birds on the manse roof and then insulating the manse ceiling for him and his family.

Derby (WA):

We just popped in to say hello as Brian & Jan Thompson were out of town & their son and assistant pastor Warrick was looking after the Derby People's church. We were also able to see Fiona Gommer whom long time readers will remember from when she visited us in Kununurra in 2005. She later moved there and became a part of True Vine Ministries. Now God has led her to help out at the Derby People's church and also to her new husband to be, Warrick, whom she will marry in Perth in October.

Proposed Program 2009

Praying for new staff!



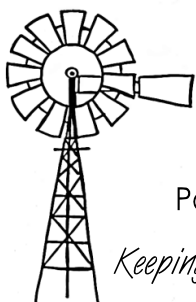
If you would like to help Spinifex Ministries in a small

but very practical & helpful way, we always use postage stamps, so if you would like to help out in this way, your kindness would be much appreciated.

Please note

Due to the fact that the Mission truck will not be travelling for a while and as there is currently no new staff, we will not be needing any fuel docketts for the time being.

A special thanks goes out to all who have generously sent fuel docketts to Spinifex Ministries over the past 5 1/2 years.



Pastoral Care & Building Maintenance

Keeping those in ministry, in ministry longer

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.

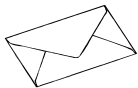
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Praise Points

- ◆ For the interest received in relation to new staff for Spinifex Ministries.
- ◆ For the ongoing dedication of the Managing Committee being so far away from the work and with the Stuarts finishing up as full time staff.
- ◆ That the Stuarts can stay on the Managing Committee and also able to continue to administer the mission paper work, finances and newsletters etc.
- ◆ For the work God is doing in the outback.

Prayer Points

- ◆ For more staff! For people willing and committed to helping others.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom as the Managing Committee seeks out new staff.
- ◆ For God's leading of those interested in working with Spinifex Ministries.
- ◆ For pastoral support for those in ministry that Spinifex Ministries has been visiting.



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Goodbye Kimberley (WA):

We went from Derby to Fitzroy Crossing where we caught up with many friends including Phil & Gail Smith who are working with the people at the Junjuwa People's church. From Fitzroy we spent a day and a night in Kununurra and caught up with a number of people there including the new pastor at the People's church Denzil & Shirley Humphries and Tony & Diane the new pastor and his wife at the Baptist church. We were very encouraged by our meetings with both couples. After saying our farewells to the Kimberley, we made our way across the border to Katherine.

Northern Territory:

We were in Katherine just one night so Phil could attend the final Katherine Christian Convention (KCC) Committee meeting in person in preparation for the convention in May. From there we headed up to Darwin for a week's holiday (to do LOTS of shopping) & some repairs on the troopy.

Katherine (NT):

We arrived in Katherine and spent a few precious days chilling out with some friends before moving onto the KCC site. One of Phil's jobs was the planning and making of the KCC theme banner, and Cathy spent many hours enlarging the A4 print out onto a 5m x 1m banner.



Phil was the program co-ordinator so he was kept busy making sure everything ran on time and in order. At the end of the successful three day event, Phil was left so exhausted that he came down sick and literally collapsed in bed.

Going South:

After Phil had a few days off, but still not well, we began our last journey with the van. We travelled over a few days to Tennant Creek where Phil preached for the Sunday morning service.

Alice Springs (NT):

We arrived in Alice to a VERY cold single digit degree morning! A major shock to the system. Bob and Debbie McKerrell were already here in their van looking after the church in preparation for our arrival. This allowed us a few weeks to get some Spinifex work done around the place. We got straight to work painting the last two bedrooms we didn't do last visit. We also removed all unnecessary furniture from the house and put it in a shed. We did lots of tree trimming and have plenty of firewood for next year! When the house was clean & mostly empty, our container of furniture and belongings arrived. We spent five days unpacking and setting up before we moved into the house. The new donated kitchen also arrived and we installed that after the removal of the old swollen chipboard cupboards and we finished tiling and painting where they had been. About that time Phil's parents arrived and Malcolm got stuck into the garden. There was so many trips to the tip, the staff got to know the truck!

At this point our time with Spinifex Ministries as full time staff has come to an end. We will however be continuing on in an administrative capacity. To follow the Stuarts in their new ministry with AIM, please see the Stuart's newsletter.

Phil, Cathy & Joshua Stuart

Mission Statement for Spinifex Ministries Inc

The purpose of Spinifex Ministries is to further the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing pastoral care and building and property maintenance to evangelical Christian missions, individuals and churches that are ministering to Aboriginal people or to people in remote and isolated areas of Australia. Our goal is to *keep those in ministry, in ministry longer.*

Spinifex Ministries is a non-denominational evangelical ministry.