

# May 2010

**Thank you for your continued Prayers and Support for the Indigenous Ministry Links Team across Australia and Overseas.**

Carl has just come back from an exciting and challenging trip to Arnhemland. Carl was able to get to Maningrida (via Bolkdjam– the whole outstation wanted to follow Jesus from November last year), the Katherine Christian Convention, Beswick, Bulman, Weemol (a reconnecting lap after a long wet season). He reports “There is a real broad move of God at a grass roots at the moment among remote area Aboriginal people, probably more widespread than I have ever seen before. I don't just mean people coming out to crusades and responding but a lot of indigenous backyard evangelism. I can see seeds sown and watered for years springing to life and some plants bearing fruit. It's awesome but there is very little fathering support. Believers were praying and asking for Christians to please come and few responded. However as they have seen a hunger go unmet it appears that some have accepted that the responsibility falls to them and are doing what they can with some exciting fruit.” ***Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest sends equipped, strong Christians to come along side these precious people and partner with them in seeing their communities won for Christ.***

We have trained Aboriginal guys (like Anderson) who are unable to do the work because it takes a month for us (IMLA and them personally) to save up to do one week-end of ministry. Such are the costs and distances. Even if they were resourced the need would still be for more workers. We need more financial partners, people praying and people responding to the call. But that's another story. This is the question. ***Who do you know that might be interested in what we do? Would you introduce someone to this ministry? We could visit them together.***

## **“Child Raised from the Dead”**

The old man at the back “Jack” was a reputed spear fighter until his recent conversion. He has made a commitment in the past but drifted back into old ways, (follow up is very difficult in remote areas cut off by wet season flooding, no air strip at his outstation).

Recently though his youngest child about 1 year old who had been sick, suddenly died. Jack and his family are sure he was dead. No breathing, cold, lifeless (Jack is reputed to have taken a few people out of this world himself, so he is familiar with death). While the family went into mourning Jack decided to pray and the child revived and is totally well!



Now Jack is on fire wanting to still go to proposed spear fights but to preach the Gospel. Jack is pictured with 3 of his 4 wives (Australian government recognises tribal law marriages) and descendents and sons

and daughters in law all following Jesus. (This generation thinks 1 husband and 1 wife is enough)



This painted log was painted by Jack's son in law who states that since the family have started to follow God's way he has not needed any medicine or doctor's trips for his children. When they have gotten sick he has simply prayed and they have recovered almost immediately. Simple faith like that inspires and challenges me.

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## BUSY MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE AND PRAYER POINTS

From May 13<sup>th</sup> Carl begins 10 days of ministry and visiting supporters, hopefully finding some new ones in Central NSW and Sydney, culminating in discussions with "Compassion" about ministry to Dads and Teens.

From Sydney he heads to PNG to meet up with Mark and Carol Kinbacher, Francis Seni and Haniel Joe (These are people who have been in our newsletters) for a **Missions training weekend** for PNG Nationals with a view to ministering in Indonesia and Australia May 28 –30. We also hope to do some work towards **Training of English Literacy Teachers** for remote area district and potential Missionaries to gain a useful skill. This is a potentially big venture May 31 to June 3.

From PNG Carl gets a week at home and then...to be confirmed but probably back to the NT in mid June. Carl asks *"My fitness really let me down on my last PNG venture off the road. Please pray that I will prepare naturally and spiritually and that God would empower us for this all to be fruitful."*

Mark and Carol Kinbacher (pictured right when they were working in Ban'thula outstation Elco Island) ask for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the new Buki district of churches empowering them for effective ministry. They are presently supporting the Nimkura Church in the East Sepik Province in PNG.



Tony Rodgers with his brand new leg (at first they gave him another right leg when he really needed a left one?!!) will be taking a team up to Cape York- WujalWujal ,Hopevale, Coen and Laura...Maybe as far as Aurukun about May 12 for a week. **Regarding a vehicle it is a daily runner Tony needs most.**..He can use the IMLA teams vehicle for the occasional trip. From May 25-31 he has been invited to travel with Steve Grace on a tour through Arnhem Land.(Beswick, Weemol, and beyond with MAF's help.) **Pray for the MAF Arnhemland Preparations.**



***APPEAL- If anyone has a decent guitar (electric acoustic) - and if yours is gathering dust—Tony could really give it a new lease of life on this venture as his beat up old guitar doesn't "cut the mustard" to play in such auspicious company—seriously!!!!.***

From June 17 Tony, Kevin Sigai of Aurukun and Anderson George plan to support "Forgiveness Week" in Beswick and rolling on for a mobile programme of teaching and encouragement around Arnhemland for 10 days plus. Carl looks like joining them somewhere along the track.

All the above plans will require support beyond our usual income as a ministry. I look at what we are doing and given our resources my mind cries out "this is ridiculous" (and the IMLA treasurer says I thought Carl didn't realise that) but God is moving and we believe He wants us to move with him.

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**STEVE GRACE AND TONY RODGERS TOUR**  
**MAY**  
 25 Beswick  
 26 Bulman  
 27 Millingimbi  
 28 Ramingining  
 29 Elcho Island  
 30 Lake Evela  
 31 Yirrakala  
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*Please pray for strength, protection and fruitfulness for this gruelling schedule that is already experiencing significant demonic opposition despite God's favour.*

**Please continue to Pray for**

- Mossman Gorge Community Church and Janice Walker
- Manmoyi and surrounding outstations
- Jack and his family at Bolkdjam
- The rising Indigenous believers across Arnhemland
- Milliwanga and her family after having lost her adopted son unexpectedly.
- Carl and his modified diet and lifestyle to be more able and long lived in the field.
- Christ centred educational opportunities for youth
- Sarah Weinholtz and Hope Musch—Mareeba Youth
- June/July Forgiveness Week and team ministry tour of Arnhemland.