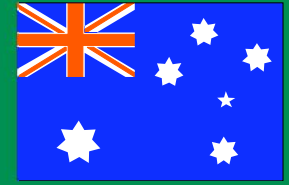


Southern Cross Ministries

2ND QUARTER 2008

NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION



Sharing the Good News of Christ and training Christian leaders in Australia

Praise God for Jim's Successful Eye Surgery

Many of you have been praying for a successful recovery for Jim from his retinal detachment surgery. The surgery took place on March 11, and included a vitrectomy (the removal of the vitreous), laser repair of a large retinal tear and detachment, and the insertion of a long lasting gas bubble to hold the retina in place as it healed.

Before the surgery, we were told that the retina could probably be repaired, but the quality of vision could not be predicted.

The recovery for this surgery is quite slow and tedious, with many potential complications, but we are very pleased to say that Jim seems to be on his way to an outstanding outcome.

The latest visit to the surgeon took place on April 28 and all the news was good. The vision is

nearly back to what it was before the detachment, the eye pressure which has been a concern was back in the normal range, and the gas bubble has nearly dissipated as of May 1.

This means that Jim will be able to travel to the USA on May 5, just in time for Daniel and Samantha's wedding on May 9. (Becky and Andrew were able to keep the original flight schedule of April 28).

We want everyone to know how much we thank you for your prayers, emails, and phone calls. Your words of encouragement were most helpful and the Lord has answered all our prayers in a most wonderful way.

Had the detachment taken place a week later, Jim would have missed the wedding. It also appears that every potential complication of this surgery has been overcome. We thank God for this great blessing.

Eastern Downs Church of Christ

We are happy to report that the new congregation is doing well. The eye surgery changed the teaching schedule we had hoped to follow in the weeks preceding our trip to the USA, but the church took it all in stride.

While we are away, the men will take turns sharing in a Bible study or sermon. They are also taking turns sharing the meditations for the Lord's Supper. This is a congregation where literally everyone is involved in serving in some way.

In the past few weeks, we have approved our constitution as legally required and have established a bank account. We are developing a prospect list and have had a number of visitors. To say that we are happy to work with this group of people is an understatement. They are a joy to work alongside.



The new congregation is active in each other's lives. They study the Scripture and worship together, pray together, play together, eat together, and are committed to working together to win the lost in our community.

During Jim's recent illness they shared meals, drove us to the airport and doctor's offices, and phoned daily to check on us. While we are in the USA, they will take care of our house and yard, as well as carry on the work of the Lord in the Eastern Downs Church of Christ.

FURLOUGH SCHEDULE 2008

May 5	Travel to Knoxville, TN	June 11 WED	Oak Grove Church of Christ Grayson, KY	July 13 AM	Milford Church of Christ Milford, OH
May 9	Daniel and Samantha's Wedding Knoxville, TN	June 15 AM	Bethany Church of Christ Kettering, OH	July 13 PM	Lighthouse Christian Church Orville, OH
May 11	Southlake Christian Church Groveland, FL	June 16-20	Washington D.C.	July 20 AM	Hillsboro Church of Christ Hillsboro, OH
May 18	Cornerstone Christian Church Vero Beach, FL	June 22 AM	Hillsboro Church of Christ Hillsboro, OH	July 20 PM	Bainbridge Church of Christ Bainbridge, OH
May 25 AM	Glen Este Church of Christ Cincinnati, OH	June 22 PM	Pricetown Church of Christ Hillsboro, OH	July 27 AM	Union Church of Christ Hillsboro, OH
May 25 PM	Chaplin Christian Church Chaplin, KY	June 29 AM	West Union Church of Christ West Union, OH	July 27 PM	Hillsboro Family Camp Hillsboro, OH
June 1 AM	Fayetteville Church of Christ Fayetteville, OH	June 29 PM	Peebles Church of Christ Peebles, OH	July 28-31	Hillsboro Family Camp Hillsboro, OH
June 1 PM	Macon Church of Christ Winchester, OH	July 1-4	North American Christian Convention Cincinnati, OH	Aug 3 AM	Hillsboro Church of Christ Hillsboro, OH
June 8 AM	Hillsboro Church of Christ Hillsboro, OH	July 6 AM	Countryside Church of Christ Seaman, OH	Aug 3 PM	Greenfield Church of Christ Greenfield, OH
June 8 PM	Martinsville Church of Christ Martinsville, OH	July 6 PM	Allensburg Church of Christ Lynchburg, OH	Aug 4	Return to Australia

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