

SOUTHERN CROSS MINISTRIES

NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION

APRIL/MAY 2009

Eastern Downs Church of Christ

We are growing! Ray and Diane Seaton came as immersed believers to unite with the congregation on May 3. Jim has been doing a home study with them each week for the past few months.

On April 5, we held the first of what we hope will be many meetings in Pittsworth. The local turnout was not what we had hoped, but we did have 35 attend the meeting. The most encouraging part of the evening was that two families from Millmerran (the next town southwest of Pittsworth) came.

They updated us on a home Bible study they are doing each week. Jim is supplying them with Bible study material and we hope to be able to get more involved with them in coming months.

All the people who did attend the meeting in Pittsworth seemed to enjoy the format and the location. We rented a new community center that is comfortable and spacious and would be a great place to meet on a weekly basis.

We plan to hold our next meeting in Pittsworth on the 9th of August. This will be followed by another meeting in

November, and our goal is to begin weekly early next year.

Please pray for this outreach as beginning a new church, in a new community, with few contacts is a big challenge. Still the needs are great and the Gospel message is the answer.

Daniel and Samantha

Daniel and Samantha are doing well and have now raised about \$500.00 in monthly support and \$5,000.00 for their relocation. They are beginning the work necessary to apply for Samantha's spousal visa. They still hope to move to Australia in September.



Eastern Downs Church of Christ Members and Friends

Trip to the USA

We will be making a short trip to the USA for the wedding of Gemma Horne, a member of our congregation who is to be married in Missouri on May 23.

Following the wedding, Gemma's parents, Gordon and Wendy along with Gemma's twin sister Maree will be traveling with us. This will be an excellent opportunity for many of you to get to know a member of the church in Australia.

To contact us in the USA, phone the Hillsboro Church of Christ at: 937-393-1752, or our forwarding agents, Bill and Suzy Baugus at: 937-444-6107.

USA Speaking Schedule

May 17 AM	Hillsboro, OH Church of Christ
May 17 PM	First Church of Christ; Winchester, OH
May 24 PM	Southside Church of Christ; Danville, IL
May 28-31	Countryside Church of Christ; Seaman, OH (Revival)
June 7 AM	Nesconset Christian Church; Nesconset, NY
June 14 AM	Hillsboro, OH Church of Christ
June 21 AM	First Church of Christ; Bryan, OH
June 21 PM	McGuffey, OH Church of Christ;
June 28 AM	Plum Creek Christian Church; Butler, KY
June 28 PM	Briar Ridge Christian Church; Mt. Eden, KY
July 5 AM	Hillsboro, OH Church of Christ

Southern Cross Bible Institute

Jim traveled to Newcastle New South Wales from March 23-26. The class that Jim led on public speaking was well attended with about 25 men coming from a number of congregations.

The planning meetings that were held with the preachers, elders, and missionaries in the Newcastle area were positive. There is a great deal of interest in how the SCBI can assist the churches with one of the congregations even deciding to support SCBI financially on a regular basis. Our next trip to Newcastle will be in August.

The building fund for the office/library/guest apartment now stands at \$17,300.00 with a total of \$56,000.00 needed to complete the project. We had hoped to begin construction in August, but that will need to be moved back a bit now.

Jim & Becky



SCBI Class in Newcastle



US Missionaries in Australia

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