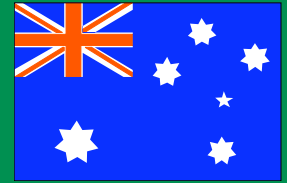


Southern Cross Ministries

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NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION



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

Safely Back in Australia

We arrived safely back in Australia on August 6, after our three month trip to the USA. Our thanks go to everyone who made our trip enjoyable, productive, and refreshing.

The highlight of the trip was the wedding of our oldest son, Daniel to Miss Samantha Morgan. We have prayed for Samantha since Daniel was a little boy and we are very happy to welcome Samantha to our family. We could not have hoped for a better daughter-in-law.



Daniel is finishing his work at Johnson Bible College and is

now involved in his student teaching. He will have all his work completed by December.

Samantha is working at a Curves Fitness Center near their home in Knoxville, TN and she is also selling Mary Kay Cosmetics. She graduated from JBC with her Associate Degree in May.

After Daniel completes the program at JBC, he and Samantha plan to begin raising support to work in Australia. We look forward to their help and ask that you pray for Daniel and Samantha. We will have more to say about their plans in the months ahead.

While we were in the USA, we visited twenty-one congregations in Ohio, Kentucky, and Florida. It was great to see so many friends and faithful supporters.

One of our favorite events in the USA came at the end of our trip when we attended the Family

Camp in Hillsboro, OH. We always enjoy the Family Camp and seeing friends from across the country. It was an honor and a privilege to share two sermons at the camp meeting.

Our special thanks goes to the Hillsboro Church of Christ who provided housing for us in their Ministry House. If you have ever lived out of a suitcase for three months, you will realize what a blessing it is to have a comfortable place to stay.

While in the states, we greatly enjoyed visiting family and friends. We also visited some of the sites in Florida and made a trip to Washington D.C. We enjoyed our time in America.



Jim's Eye Update

Jim went to Brisbane on August 11 for an exam with his retinal specialist. The report is that the vision is excellent, the retina looks great, the eye pressure is normal, and there are no restrictions on activities. The doctor says that there is no need to even follow up with any more visits, just normal annual eye exams with any local eye doctor is sufficient. We thank God for his rich blessing.

Kerry and Mona Allen

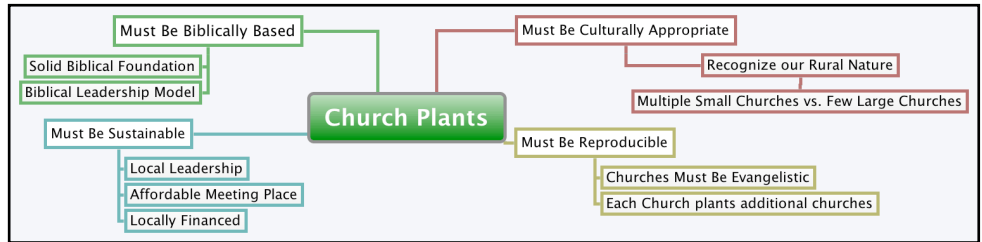
Kerry and Mona Allen returned to Australia with us on August 6. Kerry's speaking schedule includes two weekends in Toowoomba (with meetings held at the Curves fitness center), one afternoon with a Bible study group in Millmerran, one night with the Wollongbar Church of Christ, a weekend at the Charlestown Church of Christ, and one night at the Kurri Kurri Church of Christ. In most of these locations more than one congregation will be attending.

Kerry's topics will primarily focus on Life Issues and Bible Understanding. This is the third trip for Kerry and Mona to Australia, so they have developed friendships and relationships with many Christians here. They are always well received and we look forward to a good month with them. Kerry serves as Director of Person to Person Ministries in Hillsboro, OH.

Eastern Downs Church of Christ

The new congregation is doing well and we are happy that they continued without difficulty in our absence. It is good to be back with them and we look forward to seeing the new church grow in number and strength.

We are hoping to see greater opportunities for evangelism near our home in the community of **Westbrook** as well as in the towns of **Pittsworth** and **Millmerran**. Please pray for us as we try to reach men and women with the Gospel in these areas. Below is a chart that represents part of what we want to see in the church plants in coming years.



Australian Winter



August is the last month of winter in Australia and it feels cold. Since we returned, nighttime temperatures have dropped into the low 30's with daytime highs into the low to mid 50's. While this doesn't sound very cold to many in the USA, it is uncomfortable because most of the houses are poorly insulated and lack effective heating systems. We have one small heater in the living room of our house, but our bedroom in the back stays quite chilly. We hope to be able to install a better heater before next winter.

Thank you for your prayers and your support of our work Down Under.

Yours in Christ,

Jim & Becky

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