

MARCH 2010

SOUTHERN CROSS MINISTRIES



EASTERN DOWNS CHURCH OF CHRIST
MEETING IN WESTBROOK

Building Plans

The plans for our metal building which will house the library and office have been submitted to the local council and we expect to receive approval sometime in March. The builder is busy, but we hope to see the shell constructed by the end of April.

Once the shell is completed we will need insulation, drywall, electricity, plumbing, flooring etc., but we are finally seeing some real progress. Please pray that the building will be completed without delay.

Southern Cross Bible Institute Hosts Ken Henderson

Ken and Carol Henderson of Teen Mission, USA spent February 10-26 with us in Australia. While they were here, Ken shared in seminars in Pittsworth, Newcastle, and Sydney.

All the meetings were well received with over 90 people attending at least one of the classes on *"Taming Dinosaurs,"* *"Egypt: Where the Gods Met God,"* or *"The Practical Presence of the Holy Spirit."*

Ken's presentations were relevant, interesting, and Biblical. The meetings were a blessing and encouragement to all who attended. We were

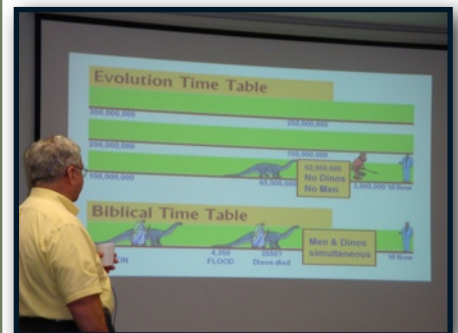
especially impressed with the large number of teens who attended. The subject matter along with Ken's multimedia presentation kept everyone interested.

The next SCBI class will be in May and will be taught by Dr. Rick Cherok, Professor of Church History at Cincinnati Christian University.

Please continue to pray for the growing work of Southern Cross Bible Institute among the churches of Australia. SCBI is providing high quality Christian instruction to churches across this nation that is not readily available elsewhere.



Ken and Carol Henderson



Ken teaching in Pittsworth

Eastern Downs Church of Christ

In February weekly meetings began in Pittsworth. These meetings are in addition to the established groups in Westbrook and Hodgson Vale. When all our regular attendees are present our numbers are in the mid 30's.

It has been our plan to begin a network of house churches across the Darling Downs and now we number three. We hope to identify where our next expansion will take place in coming months and see a fourth group added in the next year or two.

We have had a few visitors over the past weeks and ask that you pray for us as we share Christ and His word with them.

During February we were pleased to have Carol Henderson share on two occasions with the ladies of the church who enjoyed her and benefitted from her encouragement and instruction. Ken and Carol were both a blessing to the church and we thank them for their time with us.



The ladies enjoy time with Carol



Jim, Ken, and Carol visited the Bryon Bay Lighthouse during their travels. This lighthouse is located at the easternmost point in mainland Australia. We are reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World and can dispel the darkness of those outside of Him.

News from Daniel and Samantha



We have begun meeting in Pittsworth! We now have a weekly group that meets in our home. Peter and I are doing the teaching in this new church plant and we currently have three or four families meeting together to study God's word and meet around the Lord's table. We have started with a study of Genesis. We all thought that the beginning for the church in Pittsworth should start at the beginning of the Bible seeing God as Creator. It has been a really enjoyable time of study and I believe it will be a time of growth and strengthening of our beliefs.

Other than the new church plant Samantha and I have been spending time getting settled into our apartment and working. I recently received an increase in work hours at Woolworths Supermarket for the next four weeks. Hopefully this will be a permanent increase; at least until my teaching certification can be approved.

Samantha has received her FBI background checks. I am still waiting on mine. I need my FBI background check for my teaching certification to be approved and Samantha needs hers for her spousal visa.

Thank you all for your support and your prayers. Things are progressing well and we are certain that much of this is thanks to your consistent prayers and support.



News from Jim, Becky, and Andrew



Jim has been invited to share at the Ulverstone Church of Christ in Tasmania and will travel there on the last weekend of March. Jim will discuss the work of the Southern Cross Bible Institute and will preach. It will be good to meet new Australian brothers and sisters for the first time. The Ulverstone congregation has provided the airline tickets.

Becky will complete her first term at the Christian school where she is teaching about the first of April. She has enjoyed her class and her co-workers. Her contract is only for one term, but there is a possibility it will be extended if student enrollment is high enough.

Andrew is back at the University of Southern Queensland in his second year of study in engineering.

Praise and Prayer Points

- * Pray for the North Lakes Christian Church in the Newcastle area that is being planted by our friends, Tim and Dawn Yates and Rob and Lynne Branham. Jim was able to attend their opening Sunday along with Ken and Carol Henderson.
- * Thank God for the heavy rainfall that has occurred since the beginning of the year. During the first week of March we received over five inches of rain at our house and some areas nearby received as much as ten inches. The city reservoirs have risen from less than 8% to over 16%.
- * Pray for our building project. While we hope to see approval for our metal building in March, we have been asked for additional information and the project requires local government approval.
- * One of the church families, Gordon and Wendy, have just completed a new house which is only about two blocks from us. It will be good to have them nearby. Gordon is one of our elders and we will likely have some of the Westbrook meetings in their home.



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