

# SOUTHERN CROSS MINISTRIES

NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION

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## Autumn 2009

Autumn has arrived in Australia and in our part of the country temperatures are moderating, but still very pleasant with March normal high temperatures averaging 78 degrees and April 72 degrees. Autumn is typically dry in southeast Queensland, though with the ongoing drought, every month seems to be dry. A few of the trees in our area will change colors and fall in the coming weeks.

## Philippine Trip

Jim traveled to the Philippines on February 28 and arrived back home in Australia on March 17. While away, Jim taught the book of Genesis to thirty-eight students at the International Christian College of Manila. This was the fourth year in a row that Jim has taught at the school.

This year at ICCM, Jim had the honor of speaking at the graduation. Twenty young men and women graduated from ICCM and are now ready to enter into various types of ministries in the Philippines, India, and Thailand.

While at ICCM, Jim was able to assist three ministry students with their thesis assignments and then sat on the jury as each student defended his thesis. Jim also spoke twice in chapel and shared one night with the men's ministry group.

We consider it a privilege to extend the work of Southern Cross Ministries into the wider Asia/Pacific region and feel that we are able to contribute something worthwhile at ICCM.

We are always impressed with the work of Ross and Cheryl Wissmann at ICCM. They are

making a great impact for Christ in that country and we are happy to be involved in this small way with them.

Jim preached in three metro Manila churches during the three Sundays away and enjoyed meeting church members and leaders in those churches.

We want to extend our thanks to the Eastern Downs Church of Christ for paying the airfare for the trip to the Philippines.

## Good Eye Exam

It has been one year since Jim's retinal tear and detachment. At his March 18 exam the ophthalmologist said that the eye looks great and remarked that it is unusual to have retained full vision after having such a large tear and detachment. We thank God for his great blessing.



Students in the Genesis Class



Two students hard at work



Jim preaching in a metro Manila church

## Eastern Downs Church of Christ

While Jim was away, four of the men in the church led in the preaching/teaching. New people have been attending and our numbers are now in the low 30's. It is exciting to see spiritual and numerical growth.

Becky and other members of the church were featured in the local newspaper for their work in the Clean Up Australia day. We are thankful for Gemma Horne who headed up the project.

On April 5, our Sunday assembly will be held in Pittsworth. We ask that you pray for this meeting which will be the first in a series of meetings in Pittsworth leading to a launch of a new congregation there in coming months. We will be meeting in a new technology center adjacent to the primary school.

## Southern Cross Bible Institute

SCBI classes will resume in the Toowoomba area on April 1 after a break during March for Jim's trip to the Philippines.

Jim will travel to Newcastle in New South Wales from March 23-26. While there he will share in a class as well as meet with elders/preachers/missionaries about the work of SCBI.

If you, your church, Sunday School class, or group can help in our building project, we would appreciate it greatly. We have \$16,800.00 in this fund and need \$56,000.00 in total. This project is critical to our work and we would like to begin construction by August. Please make this a priority in your prayers for us. The new building will house an office, library, and small apartment.

## Daniel and Samantha

Please remember Daniel and Samantha in your prayers. The current economic conditions are making it difficult for their support raising. They still need regular monthly as well as moving funds. Please contact them directly for a speaking date.

## USA Trip

We will be traveling to the states for the wedding of Gemma Horne to Danny Alvord which Jim will conduct in Missouri. We are funding our airfare with frequent flier points. We will be in the USA from May 11 till July 7. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

*Jim & Becky*



2009 ICCM graduating class



Jim delivering the graduation address



Jim with three graduates

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