

MAY 2010

SOUTHERN CROSS MINISTRIES

Building Update

Further delays in building approval have kept us from beginning construction on the building that will house the library; however, we have now reached the final hurdle and hope to see approval in the next week or two.

Fees have been paid to the local government and if all goes as anticipated construction should begin a few weeks after the approval. Please continue to make this a matter for prayer as the building is badly needed.



ANDREW, JIM, BECKY,
DANIEL, AND SAMANTHA NEWMAN

Southern Cross Bible Institute

Dr. Rick Cherok, Professor of Church History at Cincinnati Christian University is scheduled to be with us from May 25 - June 9 to teach a class on the history of the church for the Southern Cross Bible Institute.

Classes will be held first in the Newcastle area of New South Wales followed a week later in our area of Queensland. Dr. Cherok will also share one evening in Sydney.

SCBI will also sponsor a minister's retreat in the Nelson Bay area of New South Wales from May 31 - June 2. Dr. Cherok will lead our discussions which are designed to be thought

provoking, challenging, and encouraging. This will be a real blessing since we do not often have these types of opportunities in Australia.



Dr. Rick Cherok

We were recently able to purchase a DVD duplicator and a DVD printer for SCBI. These tools along with our video camera allow us to quickly produce high quality recordings of SCBI classes. The DVDs can then be sent to individuals and churches across Australia extending the reach of SCBI. DVDs from Ken Henderson's recent teaching sessions have thus far been sent to seven churches in Queensland, New South Wales, and Tasmania.

Kerry Allen of Person to Person Ministries is scheduled to share in SCBI classes in August and Mike Cassara of the Nesconset, NY Christian Church plans to be with us in October.

Eastern Downs Church of Christ

Over the past eight Wednesday nights we studied a class called "Where We Got the Bible." These lessons were designed to help us understand how we can know which books belong in the Bible, what manuscripts exist and their reliability, and the history of the translation of the Bible into English.

For the next several Wednesday evenings the men will be studying how to prepare lessons and sermons along with a study of the book of Philippians. The same class is also taught on Thursdays in Pittsworth. These are important studies as we work to plant churches that are led entirely by Australian men. The ladies will be doing a separate study.



One Sunday each month we get all three of the house groups together for a combined assembly. On May 2 we met in the Westbrook Hall with an attendance of 35. The meeting was good, but the meeting place was not the best because of very poor acoustics.

Our next combined meeting will be in Pittsworth on June 6 with Dr. Rick Cherok preaching.

Trip to Tasmania

On March 28, Jim traveled to Tasmania to share with the Ulverstone Church of Christ at their invitation. The church has asked Jim to come a couple of times a year to encourage the church with times of teaching and preaching. This is the only independent Christian Church/Church of Christ in the state.



Ulverstone Church of Christ Building

Connections

We have now been in Australia for six and a half years (Daniel and Samantha eight months). We arrived knowing a handful of people and having few extended connections outside of Toowoomba. Through the years we have strived to connect with people locally and across the country. Daniel's job at the Supermarket, Becky's teaching job, and Samantha's new job at Eagle Boys Pizza bring us into contact with people we would not otherwise meet.

The last Sunday morning of April we were invited to join two non-instrumental Church of Christ house churches. The meeting was held under a tent at the home of one of their members. This was a good connection and should lead to further times of fellowship and encouragement. A number of their members expressed interest in attending our events and they have invited us to their camp meetings so more connections are formed.

We have made close friends in other parts of the Australia which allows us the opportunity to offer encouragement and teaching through SCBI. These are great connections which allow this ministry to have an Australia-wide focus.

And we are thankful for all of you. Your faithful connection in prayer and support allow us to serve here.

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