

# Southern Cross Ministries

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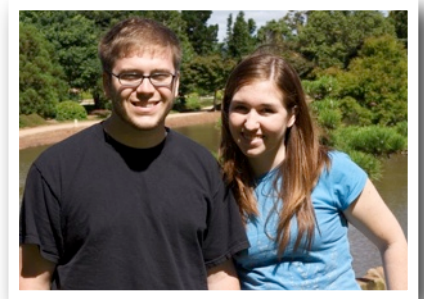
NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION



## Daniel and Samantha Newman to Join the Work

We are thrilled to be able to announce that Daniel and Samantha are making plans to join the work in Australia in September 2009. They came to this decision because of their desire to assist in reaching Australians with the Gospel. We ask that you pray for them as they begin their preparations.

Daniel and Samantha are uniquely qualified to join this work for two reasons: First, Daniel already possesses the costly and difficult to obtain permanent residency visa. He gained this when our whole family went through the application process in 2002 and 2003. Samantha is eligible to apply for a spouse visa. No one else we know could join the work so quickly or is even certain of visa approval. Second, Daniel has actually lived in Australia so he understands the challenges and the opportunities here. Samantha visited here in December last year and fell in love with the people of Australia.



When they arrive in Australia, they will assist us with the new church and in the planting of additional congregations. They will be a major help with our youth outreach and will be a welcome addition to our music program. They bring youth and enthusiasm to the work and will open new avenues for evangelism.

As you all can imagine, these will be challenging times in which to raise mission support. The current economic conditions are uncertain; however, we believe God is able to provide as He always has. Daniel and Samantha will need to raise monthly support as well as one time relocation funds. To supplement mission income, Daniel and Samantha are prepared to gain some employment in Australia. This may actually be a positive as it will give them access to Australians in the workplace where they can make valuable contacts.

Our forwarding agents, Bill and Suzy Baugus, will also serve in this capacity for Daniel and Samantha. Any gifts for them should be sent to the ministry with a note to identify it as such. Daniel and Samantha will work under the Southern Cross Ministries Advisory Board and will be available for speaking dates beginning in January after Daniel completes his work at Johnson Bible College. Please pray for them as they undertake this major move in their lives and thank God for sending more laborers to the harvest field.

## New Websites

We have launched two new websites that will help keep you up to date on our work in Australia. The first is the Southern Cross Ministries website at: [www.scmaustralia.net](http://www.scmaustralia.net). We will post newsletters and other information about our work on this site.

The second site is for the Eastern Downs Church of Christ and can be found at: [www.edcoc.net](http://www.edcoc.net). This website is designed to introduce our congregation to people in our local area, but will also give you a glimpse into part of what we are doing.

Please take some time to look at the websites and make any suggestions on how we might make them more beneficial to you or to others.

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## Eastern Downs Church of Christ

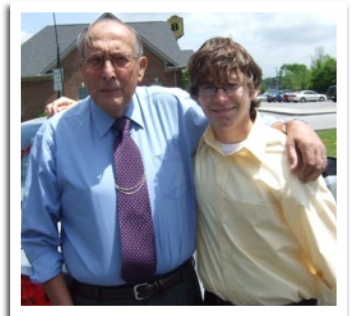
The church is doing very well. We have had a several visitors in the past weeks and have grown to the point where we need to move out of our house or divide into two groups.

The overwhelming consensus of the members of the congregation is that we divide into two groups. Under this scenario, which we have long considered, we will work to develop a network of churches (many of which will meet in homes) across the Darling Downs region of Southeast Queensland. These churches will assemble together as one large group one Sunday a month (and perhaps one weeknight a month). This will keep us connected with each other and will give us the numbers necessary to carry out projects that are too large for just one small group to accomplish.

The decision about how to proceed will not be taken lightly and it is one where every member of the church will be involved. We will spend a number of weeks or months praying, discussing our options, and planning before taking this next step. We want to be our most effective at reaching a lost world, maturing the church, training local leaders, and serving our neighbors. We are committed to planting churches where every member is involved. We are committed to planting churches that in time plant more churches. We are committed to modeling Christ in our communities.

## Louis and Patsy Hall are Coming!

Our dear friends, Louis and Patsy Hall are scheduled to arrive in Australia on November 19 and will be with us till Dec. 12. Louis will teach lessons on evangelism with our group and share with our men about church leadership while Patsy conducts studies for the ladies. This will be a great time for us and for the church.



*Louis and Andrew in May*

## Thank You For Your Love and Support

In these difficult and unsure economic times, we thank you for your continuing love and support. We love and appreciate you and will do our best to carry forth the message of Christ to those in Australia.

*Jim & Becky*