

Southern Cross Ministries

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NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION



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

Kerry and Mona Allen

We had a truly great series of meetings with Kerry Allen over the past month in Australia. Kerry spoke eight times for the Eastern Downs Church of Christ, four times at the Charlestown Church of Christ, one time at the Wollongbar Church of Christ and once at the Kurri Kurri Church of Christ. (Several congregations attended these meetings.) Kerry also shared in a Bible study in Millmerran and was interviewed two times for a local radio program.

We thank Kerry for coming to Australia and we thank Person to Person Ministries for allowing Kerry and Mona the time to share with us in Australia.



Kerry Interviewed on 92.9 FM Toowoomba

Australian Christian Training Ministries

During our time in the Newcastle area of New South Wales we were able to speak to a number of men who wish to prepare to become preachers. In most cases their their congregations do not have preachers. There are ladies who also want to study to know the Bible better and to become better Sunday School teachers.

We are thrilled to be able to offer help to these men and women through the ACTM. Our plans are to travel to Newcastle four

times each year to offer classes on the Bible, Christian doctrine, and preaching.

Our first class will be held in January and we hope to see about ten students in the class. We are designing a three year program of study that will aim to give the students a solid foundation in Scripture, encourage them in holy living, and prepare them for greater Christian service.

During each trip there will be about twelve hours of classroom time. Following the class, the students will submit work by postal mail or email.

We are planning to partner once again with the International Christian College of Manila. Jim will be traveling there in late February/early March to teach a class in Genesis at the Bible college. Jim has also been asked to deliver the commencement address for this year's graduation at ICCM.

Eastern Downs Church of Christ

After two months of limited activity due to Jim's retinal detachment, three months visiting churches in the USA, and a month of special teaching and preaching with Kerry Allen we are anxious to get back into a more normal routine and to resume the work of building and maturing the church.

The Sunday attendance held up over the past six months while we were largely absent and continues to average in the low to mid to 20's. We have a number of prospects and are expecting growth in number and in strength in the coming months.

We will resume our Genesis study on Tuesday evenings in September. During our Sunday assemblies we will be looking at conversions in the book of Acts. These studies may take us up to the new year.

The Sunday assemblies will move back to our house and we will likely stay there for the next several months and perhaps until we begin the second church plant.

It is exciting and joyful to be a part of group that desires to grow in the Word and reach the lost in their community.



Part of the Eastern Downs Church of Christ in Bible Study one Sunday afternoon in August

Our Family

Andrew is happy that he has been able to resume his old job at Weis Resturant in Toowoomba.

Becky is doing some substitute teaching in area schools. The school year finishes in early December.

Jim is working on Bible lessons and websites. In the coming weeks look for the Southern Cross Ministries website at: www.scmaustralia.net; the Eastern Downs church website at: www.edcoc.net; and the ACTM site at: www.actministries.net.

Yours in Christ,

Jim & Becky

Building Plans

We are in the process of determining the most cost effective and efficient way of providing an office for ACTM and a place to house our growing library.

A building fund has been established to help meet this expense and currently stands at about \$14,000.00.

At this point, we ask that you pray that we might make the best decisions and find those individuals that will give sage advice and reasonable quotes.

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