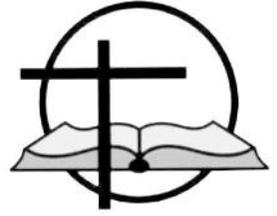


August 2018



# BELONGING PEOPLE



*Casuarina Baptist Men host Mothers Day Dinner*



## *President's Piece*

**B**elieve it or not, there's been a progression in these 'pieces' over the last two years. It's now time to join the dots and draw the bigger picture.

First was the challenge to embrace change, being prepared to go to a new level in Christ, how radical obedience always costs your reputation but brings a radical reward. Then came New Wine and the term 'mindskins', how God only pours out new wine when He's preparing His people with plans and strategies for victory in a new season. To avoid spilling His new wine on the ground, our 'mindskins' must be flexible, renewed, ready to receive.

We saw how the future cannot be impacted without disrupting the present, which means breaking out of the box of 'we've never done it like that before', then going on to seeing, receiving, and performing miracles. Our Sunday Schools teach nice stories of Jesus' miracles to kids but, sadly, as adults, so many deny the reality of present day application.

Next we saw how Jesus preached to a crowd from Simon's boat and then, when the sermon was over *He said...* "Launch out into the deep... There's always a call to go deeper because God always has more that we don't yet know. And lastly: in the seven letters of Revelation, hearing *what the Spirit says* was a pre-requisite to receiving the letter's promised reward. It also means we need to be baptised in the Holy Spirit because *The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God... because they are spiritually discerned.*

Like it or not, there is huge change under way in the global church, which some describe as a second reformation. A new focus on the Kingdom of God, plus Apostolic networks being formed, crossing all sorts of boundaries. We often claim to want 'New Testament style church' and now, it seems, foundations are being laid for exactly that. But that means change. New wine. Breaking out of the box. Going deeper. Hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches. How will you respond?

**Bruce Clow**

## Healing and Hope in Arnhem Land

On Sunday 1 July a team of eight people departed from CrossRoads Christian Church for 10 days of raw adventure led by the Holy Spirit. Janelle and Doug Cantrill, Bob and Karen Cumming, Dean Mutch and Heather were accompanied by AOG Evangelist Carl Butler of Fan the Flame Ministries and Winnie Fangaloka, both from Brisbane. We were invited to minister in Beswick, Bulman, Weemol, Maningrida and Oenpelli.

Doug, Janelle and Carl led Bible studies in Beswick and in each town we were invited by indigenous leaders to hold evening rallies. Janelle and Bob led worship, with the team incorporating drama and action songs into the meetings. Carl delivered salvation messages of restoration, of hope and of Holy Spirit power. The team prayed with many people to receive Jesus, to receive Holy Spirit power and for healing.

On the trip in we witnessed many spot fires and team members viewed this as a trip planting spot fires throughout Arnhem Land. It was these fires that formed the prophetic central theme of the whole trip.

By the end of the mission tour approximately 220 people had responded to the gospel message and 247 people experienced Holy Spirit infilling. Added to this were incredible healings, with people walking out of wheelchairs, the deaf receiving hearing, family restorations and others recapturing the joy of their first love. After leaving Maningrida, the weekly Bible study group more than doubled in number. It was truly inspiring. To God be the glory. Please continue to pray for these Indigenous communities to continue seeking Jesus and to spread the Gospel.

***Doug and Janelle Cantrill***



## Rev. John Baynes

### Faithful Servant of the Lord Called Home

**O**n 9 June 2018, **Rev. John Baynes** passed into the presence of his Lord and Saviour. John had been seriously ill for several months and spent the last weeks of his life at Royal Darwin Hospital and at the Darwin Hospice. Present with him through his suffering were his wife Carmen and a number of close friends from Darwin and Katherine.

John is mourned by those who loved and knew him but they also rejoice knowing he is now 'present with the Lord' and they shall also see him again.

From 2001 until 2017, John with Carmen as his partner in the Gospel, served, taught and encouraged the aboriginal people in Katherine, Pigeon Hole and Knuckey Lagoon. Together, they also played an important role in the social life of the aboriginal community.

John's ministry in the NT had its roots in a visit made by a delegation from the Alaskan Baptist Convention to Darwin back in the 1990s. John, who was part of this delegation, felt the call of God to come to the Territory and work amongst aboriginal people. Under the auspices of the International Mission Board (USA) John and Carmen were welcomed by BUNT in 2001 to take up the work supporting the fledgling church at the Warlpiri Camp in Katherine.

There followed 17 years of faithful and persistent service by John and Carmen to



Aboriginal people in the Top End of the Territory. Hospital and prison visits and personal support in a myriad of different ways represented John and Carmen's approach to sharing the gospel in work and practice through thick and thin times, always faithful and reliant on God's supply. John had no illusions about the difficulty of their ministry but his unending love of the people kept this critical ministry alive with God's grace and the strength of the Holy Spirit.

The Baptist Family of the NT assure Carmen of their love and support as she goes forward into the future knowing God's love and protection on her life.

Praise God that John is now in Glory and wearing the crown of his faithful service.

## *Giving Thanks for John Baynes*

**J**ohn Baynes' life was honoured in two services during June.

His Funeral service was held at Casuarina Baptist Church on 12th June and led by Pastor Mal Good with John's daughter, Tanesha, and son, John Philippe from the USA present. The Warlpiri church brought a message in song and eulogies from family and friends along with messages read from friends and colleagues interstate and overseas. Memories were shared and some of John's favourite hymns sung. It was a time to thank God for the life of John and to celebrate a life lived sacrificially for his Lord.

On 30 June a Memorial Service was held at Katherine Warlpiri Baptist Church led jointly by Pastor Ernie Mitchell of the Katherine Baptist Church with Adrian Cook and Herbert Mosquito, Leaders in the Katherine Warlpiri Church. Fellow missionary, Bill Morrison closed with prayer.



People came from Lajamanu and various other communities including Knuckey Lagoon where John and Carmen had been instrumental in establishing a Christian Fellowship.

The Katherine Warlpiri people did a lovely job of decorating the church for the service. There were people from at least three different groups, Yapa, Kardiya and Filipino, all gathered together to remember John. There was opportunity for people to share stories about John and many aboriginal people told of the impact John had on their lives. 'They are keen to keep going in their Christian walk now that John has gone to be with the Lord,' Pastor Ernie said. 'I found it encouraging to hear their stories.'

***Andrea Adams***

## ***Prayer at Darwin Baptist Church***

**T**hroughout the Bible, believers are called to prayer. It is vital for both individual and corporate health, and here at DBC, for the success of our vision; for every person in the greater Darwin area to hear the good news of Jesus, see it in action, have an opportunity to respond and become faithful Christ followers.

For many years DBC has been running different types of weekly, fortnightly and monthly prayer meetings. However last month we were challenged by our senior pastor, Mal, to pray as one church body for spiritual awakening in the greater Darwin area.

Mal showed the church a 1976 address by J Edwin Orr, titled 'The Role of Prayer in Spiritual Awakening'. Mr Orr outlined examples of what God had done in the past when believers gathered for "concerted, united and sustained prayer", and spoke of Evan Robert's four-point message to 17 people that led to the Welsh Revival of 1904-05.

Evan Robert's urged the people to:  
***Confess any known sin to God and put right any wrong done to others;***  
***Put away any doubtful habit;***  
***Obey the Holy Spirit promptly; and***  
***Confess their faith in Christ publicly.***

J Edwin Orr said within three months (in which time Evan Robert spoke at more meetings and services), about 100,000 converts had been added to the churches of Wales.

With this encouragement behind us, DBC has been gathering in prayer for an hour each Tuesday night to pray for our greater Darwin region.

About 50 people attended our first Tuesday night meeting, confessing any known sin, putting away doubtful habits, obeying the Spirit promptly and confessing Christ openly.

We are very excited about seeing God's work in this city!

***Kate Woods***





*Cornerstone folk gather to pray for Spiritual Renewal in their new Church building*

## *Cornerstone Church Building Nears Completion*

**C**ornerstone Christian Fellowship is close to opening their new facility in Whitewood Road, Howard Springs and have just got to add a few rails at the entrance to pass inspection.

'It is such a long road', says Pastor Neil Wright, 'but we are really looking forward to showing it off when we have the BUNT Assembly at the church on the 31st of August and the 1st of September. One of the really special things is that the guest speaker this year, Paul Downie, was our first full time pastor. What a buzz!'

With no fixed date for the official opening, Pastor Neil suggests they may make the Friday Night a special dedication so that they can invite other churches to attend.

Along with a number of other churches throughout Darwin, Cornerstone has been having a month of focus on prayer for Spiritual Renewal in the community. They have been meeting in the new church building for these and have had an amazing time of prayer and worship. They plan to continue with monthly focused prayer meetings and smaller meetings during following weeks.

Over the next 12 months the church will be starting to build their outreach from the new base and develop their engagement with the rural community.

The Church family had a day at the beach at Dripstone Park enjoying the sunset and playing a few games of beach soccer and other sports.

## A Great Encouragement Les and Peg Lawrence

*Les and Peg Lawrence started at Yuendumu in early April 2018 and will conclude their time there mid August. They have been a great encouragement to the church and leaders at Yuendumu.*



**P**eg and I arrived at Yuendumu together with Bill and Pauline on the 6th of April. We were looking forward to being on Community but a little nervous at the same time. What could we expect?

Bill introduced us to the church people on Sunday and then on Monday they left us to go back to Lajamanu and Kalkarindji. We are on our own now.

It wasn't long before news of our arrival had spread around the Community. I was in the shed exploring one morning and I hear, "Nakamarra, Nakamarra." Two ladies found me in the shed asking if Nakamarra was in the Op Shop. I said to them, "Shout louder. She doesn't know who she is yet." They laughed and then shouted so that Peg heard them.

The Op Shop has been a great way that we have been able to meet people - to give them clothes and also to pray for them. We are in the Big Shop and someone calls out, "Hello Japaljarri." Or Jangala Rice is driving by the front yard and his face beams and he waves. Or someone comes to the door and says that they have come for encouragement.

We feel good that our presence is being appreciated. Our greatest joy is to participate in Sunday Worship and encourage them in their walk with Wapirra. There is so much that needs to be done here. Four months has gone by so quickly and soon we will be saying goodbye. We thank Wapirra for giving us this ministry opportunity.

**Les Lawrence**

## *Reaching Out Kalkaringi/Dagaragu Church*

**K**alkaringi /Dagaragu church folk boarded the church bus in late April for a trip to Yarralin, after a request from some folk there, to come and help them to start their own church in this community.

Yarralin is a community of approximately 266 people, located 390km SW of Katherine, made up of Gurindji, Ngarinman, Billinara and Mudburra language groups. Here the folk were invited to sit, sing and share with the elders and people of this community over the weekend, as well as joining together on Sunday morning with other Christians for a service.

The Yarralin community were encouraged, prayed for and heard the gospel message in their own language. A number came to the church meeting for the first time.

The Kalkaringi/Dagaragu church folk returned from Yarralin in great praise and excitement as they witnessed God working throughout the weekend and are already planning their next trip!

***Praise God for the Kalkaringi/Dagaragu folk as they reach out and share their love of the Lord.***

***Pray for the Yarralin community as they respond to the Gospel and seek to start their own church.***



***Kalkaringi kids snug in their new beanies***

A few weeks ago at Kalkaringi the temperatures plummeted and we were all rather chilly. These beanies, knitted by supporters down south, have been very popular. Thank you to all those who have been involved in getting the beanies and other clothing to us for the op-shop! It has been much appreciated.

***Bill & Pauline Morrison***

# ***An Historic Ordination Rev. John Whitbourn***



***L-R: Robert Brown,  
Dick Cowan (BUNT  
President),  
John Whitbourn,  
John Bridges,  
Gordon Moore.***

A beautifully painted traditional shield depicting the resurrection stories was presented to John by Neville Poulson of the Yuendumu Church.

**F**orty years ago, the Baptist Family of Churches in the NT conducted its first ever service of ordination. During our Annual Assembly in June 1978 John Whitbourn was ordained and commended to the Baptist Churches of Australia as an accredited pastor.

The service was held at Casuarina Baptist Church, and was led by the President, Mr Dick Cowan, assisted by Rev Robert Brown.

Following the service, the Yuendumu Church presented the Easter Purlapa (corroboree), much to the delight of all who were there.



During their long history in the Northern Territory and with their love for its people, John, and his wife Jan have served at Bethel Church, Katherine, then with Global Interaction at Ali Curung and Alice Springs ( to urban Warlpiri people) and in Leadership Training across aboriginal churches.

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In 1992 John became the second pastor of the Palmerston Baptist Church (now CrossRoads) at a time when the church finally moved into their own building. There followed a few years pastoring Mackay Northern Beaches Baptist Church in Queensland. Then it was back to the NT in 2007 when John and Jan were called to take up an interim at Casuarina Baptist Church. There they have remained for the past eleven years, with John becoming Associate Pastor.

Now in retirement, John continues in that role where he is a source of godly wisdom and stability to the church family. In recent years he has been a great encourager of and spiritual advisor to refugees in Darwin's asylum centres and continues to maintain a supportive role in many of their lives long after they have moved to other places.

The Baptist Family in the NT congratulate John and Jan and praise God for their years of faithful ministry among churches and individuals.



***KATHERINE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION 2018***  
***'God's Faithfulness'***

**T**here was quite a buzz around Dagaragu and Kalkaringi as church folk prepared for the annual bus trip to Katherine. Three buses from Kalkaringi and Lajamanu headed off together into Katherine, as well as many private cars. Amidst much excitement, everyone arrived in good spirits despite the late hour and two flat tyres. Our thanks to JY, Patrick and Henry who capably drove buses and changed the flat tyres! This is the second year Katherine Christian Convention has been successfully held at the Katherine Showgrounds.

# *Our Memories of the Northern Territory*

## *Jim and Marilyn Kime*

**O**h, so many memories from our time in the NT. We went there in April 1962 and left in February 1970, not very long but of monumental importance in our lives. I think the 1960s was a time of transition in the NT, with the slow disappearance of an old way of life and the beginnings of big changes.



The trip from Sydney to Alice Springs took two days by air. On day one we went to Adelaide and next day in a much smaller plane to Alice via some small towns, Leigh Creek and Oodnadatta. Both flights were in propeller driven aircraft. How different to the night time jet flight direct from Darwin to Sydney in 1970.

We were headed to Lajamanu, (then called Hooker Creek) to be the first resident missionaries there, although the legendary Rev. Tom Fleming of Yuendumu had been visiting people there who had been resettled from Yuendumu. (Warlpiri settled in Gurindji land!)

Before we arrived we did our orientation to Aboriginal Community life and Baptist Mission work by being locums at Ali Curung (then called Warrabri), for a month or two after a very hurried handover.

It was like being thrown in at the deep end to learn how to swim!

We also took the time for the birth of our first child at Alice Springs. .

However for a month or two before the birth I went to Katherine to arrange for our furniture to be taken to the new aluminium prefab mission house that had been built by a group of builders and other volunteers who took the whole lot there on a couple of trucks from Sydney.

It was not easy to get transport but finally the friendly Italian owner driver of a tip truck agreed to help. In the meantime the friendly District Officer let me store the crates in the grounds of his office.

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That gave me the opportunity of accompanying the minister of the United Church (that is what it was called then) at Katherine on his patrol to the cattle stations and road houses to the south west of Katherine, out as far as Victoria River Downs and including the old road house at Top Springs. What a wonderful introduction to the outback. Of course there were no such things as bitumen roads out there in those days, nor telephones; just the outback radio network. The hospitality of the cattle stations was exceptional.

Rev. Tom Verrier dropped me off at Hooker Creek and I started to get to know the people and the place. It was 'Hooker Creek Native Welfare Settlement', home to a few hundred Warlpiri people and about ten NT Welfare Branch workers who with families made up a community of about 30 non-indigenous people. It was 70 miles south of the old Vestey Wave Hill Cattle Station where the people lived on their tribal land as stockmen, and about 370 miles from Katherine by a road that was often impassible in the wet season.

It was the Menzies era in Australia and the Aboriginal policy was Assimilation. The people were designated as 'wards of the state' and the settlement was run a bit like the first settlement in Sydney cove must have been.



*Jim and Marilyn today*

So, Marilyn and I, young newly weds from the city, arrived with our two weeks old baby. As Marilyn said, "We had a new baby, a new house, a new place, a new climate, no relatives or friends, to work with people whose language we could not speak and whose culture was a mystery to us, in a situation where we were at the government's invitation and expectations, and thousands of miles from my mother." Just as well God was with us!

*Rev. Jim Kime*

### ***Belonging People***

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# Casuarina Pledges to Pray

On June 12<sup>th</sup> the Casuarina church leadership team met with leaders from many other churches in Darwin and the surrounding area. We assembled at Darwin Baptist at the invitation of their Senior Pastor Mal Sercombe. There we watched a film clip by J.Edwin Orr on Revival.

The message contained in it was very inspiring. Over and over the stories were told of God's people being compelled to pray and then God answering that prayer in remarkable ways, with the result of many people coming into a relationship with Jesus and having their lives transformed.



Those of us gathered there spent time in prayer and then agreed that this night was of God. We agreed that we would return to our churches and call our people to prayer. Prayer for revival firstly in our own hearts and lives, and then in our city and Territory.

We pledged to pray for those churches and ministries in our surrounding suburb too. This we have been doing each Monday night in our church until 14<sup>th</sup> August when we will regroup again at Darwin Baptist. Casuarina is meeting on Monday nights in the church.

**Pastor Mal Good**

***2 Chronicles 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.***



## *Honouring Mothers and Others at Casuarina Baptist*

**D**ressed to the 'nines', in bowties and aprons, the men of Casuarina Baptist put on a splendid dinner on the eve of Mothers Day last May. They wanted to say thankyou and to honour wives, mothers and indeed, all the women of the church. The menu consisted of a delicious buffet dinner with a range of choices followed by deserts. The meal was prepared mostly by the men but there was a suggestion that some may have had a small helping hand from their womenfolk!

The women were delighted to be treated to this lovely dinner and to receive special attention. John Stennett was the MC for the evening and led in his own inimitable style also presenting a fun quiz. And the best part about the evening was that the men did all the washing up!

*Andrea Adams*



## ***Foodbank NT On the Road Again!***

**F**oodbank NT is excited to announce that their Mobile Pantry is now up and running and on 25th July made its first trip to St Luke's Anglican Church at Palmerston to assist with their Food for Life .



The Mobile Pantry is a specially fitted out bus which was launched late last year but was put out of action shortly after by a lightning strike. Now fully repaired, it is on the road again and servicing not only the Darwin and Casuarina area but also Palmerston, Humpty Doo and Batchelor. Food is delivered regularly to the Food for Life outlets in these locations where people in need can access food supplies.

As Foodbank NT continues to grow there are interesting developments on the horizon. A recent visit to Alice Springs to a Food Insecurity Forum by CEO, Paul Avery, opened the possibility of a Foodbank being established there. Talks continue. The forum was told that poor diet is now a greater cause of preventable disease than tobacco, quite a disturbing fact.



Three Foodbank staff recently attended the Baptist Care Australia National Conference in Manly which was a worthwhile exercise. Many productive conversations were held. One of those conversations has resulted in Foodbank receiving a \$150,000 as a grant from Baptist Care NSW/ACT .

***Foodbank NT invites you to join us for our***

***Warehouse Dinner***

**Date: 27th July 2018**

**Time: 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start**

**Place: Crocodylus Park**

**815 McMillans Road, Berrimah, NT 0820**

**Tickets are \$195 pp all-inclusive, payable through our website  
[www.foodbanknt.org.au](http://www.foodbanknt.org.au)**

Foodbank's very popular School Breakfast Program continues and a new co-ordinator is being appointed as well as a new warehouse manager.

Exciting times , but also costly.

This year Foodbank NT is holding its third annual Warehouse Dinner. Only this time it will be held at Crocodylus Park. rather than at the Berrimah Warehouse. This is a major Fundraiser for Foodbank and much preparation goes into the evening with chefs from some of Darwin's leading restaurants giving their time and skills. Tickets cost \$195.00 per person which reflects the fundraising nature of the dinner.

Supporters may also like to consider joining the Food for Life 500 Club.  
More information at  
[www.foodbanknt.org.au](http://www.foodbanknt.org.au)



***Volunteers stack shelves at  
Foodbank Warehouse.***

## Four Blokes and a Pajero

In March of 2018, Nick Beissel, Doug Cantrill and Tony Ray headed out from CrossRoads Church to Dili where we were joined by Ortello, a local Christian interpreter. Our Pajero was loaded up with Bible translations in the Tetun language for distribution to the Protestant churches of Timor Leste. This was an exciting time as CrossRoads has contributed significantly to translation costs and now Tetun Bibles were being placed in the hands of believers.

We visited many congregations, all of whom were very poor. These resources will enable Pastors and leaders to further teach and disciple those under their care. We have been involved in ministry in Timor Leste for many years and this trip took us to parts of the island we had never previously travelled to, enabling us to meet and encourage many wonderful believers. Many of these people have suffered incredible and sometimes violent persecution for their beliefs.



### ***Four Blokes and a Pajero continued***

There was some serious spiritual opposition which we were able to pray into and see the most wonderful victories. By the end of the trip we had given well over \$2000 worth of resources to the local church leaders. The people were so hospitable, and at all centres we were able to pray into their situations and offer encouragement to these faithful workers. It was very humbling to be used by God in this manner.

As a result, we have been invited by Protestant church leaders of all denominations to deliver conferences in two major hubs on the eastern and western ends of Timor.

As time will be limited, church leaders and their people will come to those centres to receive teaching rather than the team travelling to smaller villages.

Doug and Janelle Cantrill are currently preparing a four day conference on Spiritual Warfare while the team will offer practical prayer, preparation for evening rallies and ministry in many different ways. We believe this will be a time of great harvest and blessing for the growing church in Timor Leste.

***Doug Cantrill***

### **CONGRATULATIONS ANDERSON FAMILY!**

**TWIN BOYS**, Caleb and Samuel, were born into the Anderson family in March, little brothers for Elizabeth and Peter. All are doing well.

Later this year Mat and Shannon and their family will be moving to the NT to join Bill and Pauline Morrison on the Global Interaction Outback team. They will be based in the southern communities of Yuendumu, Ali Curung and Willowra.

As they settle into a new home and build relationships within the local communities, they will be learning about the local culture and language. This is a key part of integrating into community life.



By learning the way of life and speaking the heart language of their local friends, Mat and Shannon will be able to share in day-to-day life activities as well as build deeper relationships. Please pray for the family as they prepare to start life on community. For support details see

***[http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/  
support/projects](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/support/projects)***

# Sima's Incredible Story

## Baptist World Aid Australia

**A**ugust marks the beginning of Baptist World Aid's 'Be Love' Sponsorship Sunday season.

"It's one of our team's favourite times of the year," says Baptist World Aid Communications Coordinator, Samara Linehan, "because it's a time when we can celebrate with churches the incredible impact they're having for children living in poverty, thanks to their generous Child Sponsorship."

Child focussed development work is an important part of Baptist World Aid's heritage. Since the beginning of its first Child Sponsorship program in 1974, Baptist World Aid has been dedicated to ensuring that children have the future they deserve.

"This year, we'll be sharing with you the inspiring story of a young girl named Sima," says Samara. "I had the privilege of meeting Sima on a recent trip to Nepal."

Sima is a bright young girl, with her whole life ahead of her. But, as Samara

found out, things might have been very different without the help of Sima's Australian Child Sponsors, Graham and Carly.



*Sima helping out with the chores*

"Before her family joined the Baptist World Aid Child Sponsorship project, Sima's mum struggled to pay for her school fees," she explains. "In fact, it would not have taken much to end Sima's education for good, trapping her in a life of poverty."

"But through the Child Sponsorship project, Sima's mum was trained in goat raising and vegetable farming, which has helped her to grow her income. Now, it's easier to pay for Sima's school fees and there are plenty of fresh vegetables for the family as well!"



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Be Love. End poverty.

In a village, like Sima's, growing your own food means so much more than food on your plate. A trip to market is not only a four-hour walk each way, it's also a treacherous journey.

"It's something I didn't truly understand until I'd attempted walking that impossible terrain myself," admits Samara. "There I was, on the side of a cliff, muscles screaming in agony, and I suddenly comprehended what a convenient supply of food could mean to a family like Sima's."

God is using the generosity of Australian Child Sponsors to bless families and free children, like Sima, from poverty.

Today, Sima is at the top of her class. In the future, she hopes to bless others in her village by becoming a nurse.

"Of course, your generous Child Sponsorship means full stomachs and it means a good education... but it also means so much more," says Samara.

"When you sponsor a child, like Sima, you help give them hope for a brighter future – and that is just incredible!"

**Be part of an incredible story.  
Sponsor a child today!**

[baptistworldaid.org.au/sponsorship](http://baptistworldaid.org.au/sponsorship)



*Sima at home in Nepal*



## Rev. Dr. Douglas Clark

August 26, 1917 – May 7, 2018

A good friend of Territory Baptists went home to be with the Lord on May 7, 2018. Douglas Clark of Illinois, USA, had reached the grand age of 100 years.

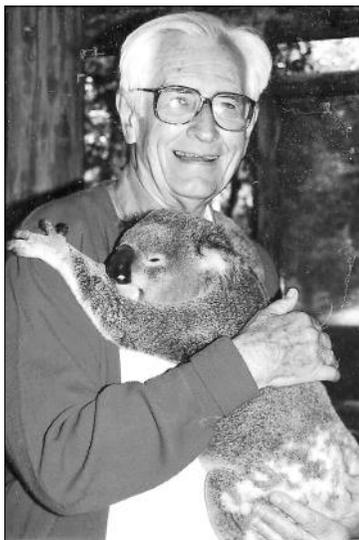
Douglas and his first wife, Ruth came to fill an interim at Darwin Baptist Church in the 1980s. Many Top End Baptists will recall a cheerful Douglas with an impish sense of humour but also his more serious side - a resolve to live for his Lord and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at every opportunity.

In retirement and between 1982 to 1987, Douglas and his first wife Ruth, served overseas under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention, pastoring English-speaking churches in many different countries including Australia (Darwin and Perth).

*"One of the secrets of a long life, I believe, is to keep dreams alive. My travels to 130 different countries began with the dream of a nine-year-old boy who stared in fascination at the stamps of a faraway place.*

*But behind it all was my desire to serve the Lord wherever I went. The Lord has guided and protected every mile of the way, and to Him be all the glory for whatever has been accomplished."*

**From A 'Traveler in God's World' by Douglas Clark**



When Ruth passed away in 1987 at a relatively young age, not long after the couple returned to USA, Douglas accepted a second interim at DBC. He was warmly received back in Darwin.

In addition to a love of travel, Douglas had many hobbies that he enjoyed, including Big Band music, collecting stamps and coins, and writing. He wrote hundreds of articles for a variety of church publications. But most of all he loved preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and he continued preaching whenever he had the chance, even until he was well into his nineties

Douglas' second wife, Betty, passed away in 2017. Douglas spent the later years of his life living in supported care close to his son, Stephen.

The NT Baptist Family extends their sincere condolences to Douglas' family in the USA, son, Stephen, daughter-in-law, Dawn and the wider family.

*Andrea Adams*



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# It's Assembly Time!

The 49th Annual Assembly of the Baptist Union of the NT

Venue: Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

85 Whitewood Road, Howard Springs, next to the school

Friday 31 August & Saturday 1 September 2018

## *Assembly Program:*

### **Friday: Everyone Welcome**

6.45pm Sausage Sizzle

Welcome by BUNT President Pastor Bruce Clow

Meet Guest Speaker, Rev. Paul Downie

7:15pm - 9pm BUNT Churches Worship Service

### **Saturday: Morning Session—Everyone Welcome**

8:30am—12 noon

Registration, Morning Tea

Opening by BUNT President, Pastor Bruce Clow

Guest Speaker Rev. Paul Downie



### **Saturday Afternoon Session: BUNT Assembly Board and nominated church delegates only**

12:30pm Lunch

1-30 –4pm Assembly Business meeting

### **Saturday Evening Session: All Welcome. See details below.**

7pm Assembly Dinner - Guest Speaker, Rev. Paul Downie

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

### **Sunday 2 September 2018**

All visitors to Darwin are invited to attend a worship service at a local Baptist church.

## **BUNT DINNER**

**Saturday 1 August 2018 Cost: \$50 per person**

**Please RSVP to the BUNT Secretary at by Monday 20 August 2018.**

**Payment is also kindly requested by this date to:**

BUNT Account - Bank: Baptist Financial Services

Name of Account: Baptist Union of the Northern Territory

BSB No: 704-922 Account Number:100010039

Include as the reference the surname of the person/s attending.

Please note: BUNT will cover dinner costs for out of town Visitors.