FEBRUARY 2010

# SOUTHERN CROSS MINISTRIES



# EASTERN DOWNS CHURCH OF CHRIST APPOINTS FIRST ELDERS

On January 24, the Eastern Downs Church of Christ appointed our first elders. Colin, Gordon, and Peter have been with the congregation from the beginning and have shown themselves to be spiritually mature, concerned for the welfare of the church, and they are willing to serve in this position. The have the full support of every member of the church.

This is a big step for the congregation and we believe it will greatly aid in the shepherding of the flock as well as in our teaching and evangelism.

The appointment of the elders comes after an extensive ten week

study on elders in the Lord's church. This study was conducted not only for these men, but also so the entire church would clearly understand the nature and importance of the eldership. We want the church to support these men as they labor for the Lord and this congregation.



Colin, Jim, Gordon, and Peter

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Summer Down Under

### **Pittsworth Plant**

The church will begin weekly meetings in Pittsworth on February 7. Daniel and Samantha will host the meetings in their apartment each Sunday. The new group plans to begin a study of the book of Genesis.

We have been praying and planning for the work in Pittsworth for many months. We have dropped fliers in a thousand homes on six occasions. We have advertised in the local newspaper and speak to people we meet about the new expansion. Daniel and Samantha have rented an apartment in Pittsworth and Daniel is working there. We are now praying that we may see a harvest from the groundwork that has been laid.

Please continue to pray for this group as well as the existing groups in Westbrook and Hodgsonvale.

PLEASE NOTE
Phone Number Changes!

Jim and Becky: 1-937-386-6010 Daniel and Samantha: 1-513-257-7030

## Southern Cross Bible Institute



Our 2010 schedule will get started with a visit from Ken and Carol Henderson. Ken is the founder of Teen Mission,

USA and literally travels the world sharing Christ. Ken has spoken in thousands of congregations in dozens of countries.

While with us, Ken will present three seminars: *Taming Dinosaurs, Egypt, When the Gods Met God,* and *The Practical Presence of the Holy Spirit.* Ken will present these seminars (12 hours in all) in Pittsworth and then in the Newcastle area of New South

Wales. We hope to have him share for shorter periods in Sydney and in Lismore NSW.

Carol Henderson will be sharing with the ladies of the Eastern Downs Church of Christ and most likely with another group of ladies in Sydney.

Please pray for these meetings. The Southern Cross Bible Institute is working to meet the needs of training Christian leaders across Australia.

Our next visiting teacher will be Dr. Rick Cherok, Professor of Church History at Cincinnati Christian University who will be here from late May till early June.



On December 20, Sonya was baptized into Christ. Sonya is a mid-wife and brought her "birthing pool" for the baptism. She said that she had brought many babies into the world in the pool so it was fitting she would be born again in the same pool.

- Becky started a new job on January 27, teaching grades 2-4, at a small Christian school ten minutes from home. She has 21 students in all. This should assure that she reaches the 200 teaching days required for her to obtain her full registration by August.
- \* Andrew will return to studies at the University of Southern Queensland around the first of March when the autumn term begins. He is still seeking a part-time job.
- **★** Jim constructed a new 40 meter vertical antenna for his ham radio and has been having fun making contacts in the evenings. Ham operators listen for VK<sub>4</sub>UR.
- \* We have all enjoyed the balmy days of summer with some quiet BBQ's at home. Jim and Becky were also blessed to be able to take two weeks vacation in Victoria in January through the generosity of the Eastern Downs Church of Christ.
- \* Samantha and Daniel are still waiting for the return of their FBI background checks. Samantha's is required for her spousal visa and Daniel's is required for his teacher registration application. We are told these checks can take 10 weeks or more.







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