

# SOUTHERN CROSS MINISTRIES

NEWMAN FAMILY MISSION

JANUARY 2009

## The Church Expands

As planned, on January 4, the Eastern Downs Church of Christ expanded to include two groups meeting in two homes in two areas. Our first Sunday meeting in two locations was a great day with 36 people in attendance. This is our highest attendance to date and is 60% higher than the first Sunday of 2008.

We were happy to welcome a couple of families who attended for the first time. Please pray for us as we continue to work to lead men and women to Christ and see them mature in the faith.

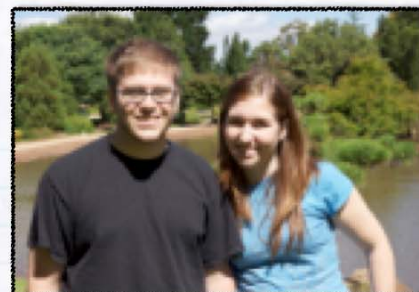
As a part of our Sunday gatherings, Becky has been leading a Bible School class for the children. This is helpful as the kids benefit from the instruction and as the parents are able to listen in the adult studies.

## Daniel and Samantha

Daniel and Samantha have now relocated to Ohio while they raise their mission support. They are temporarily staying with Jim's parents (Russell and Mary Ruth Newman) near Seaman, OH. They hope to move to Hillsboro, OH in coming days. In the meantime you can reach them at: 1-937-779-1752.

Daniel and Samantha need to raise \$5,000.00 in monthly support and \$25,000.00 in relocation funds. Presently their confirmed monthly support stands at: \$200.00 and their moving fund stands at: \$700.00.

They do need to raise some regular support as soon as possible. While they do not currently have any housing or



utility bills, they still have to eat, pay for fuel, insurance, and other typical expenses.

Daniel and Samantha are looking for churches, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc. that would like to hear from them.

This summer, they will be available to work in church camps as well as VBS. If your church or group would like to hear from them, please contact Daniel and Samantha directly.

Please pray for them as they make their preparations to come to Australia.



Over the Christmas holidays, Danny came from the USA to visit his fiancée Gemma (a member of our congregation.) Jim will conduct their wedding ceremony in May.



In December, Roger and Ruth Wall (center) gave us an update on their mission work in the Solomon Islands. Our congregation supports them.



Typical Queensland country church building. Many of these are vacant as the number of Australians attending churches continues to decline.

## Southern Cross Bible Institute

We have applied to the Queensland government to register the name Southern Cross Bible Institute. The SCBI would legally operate as a ministry of the Australian Christian Training Ministries. We hope to use this name to promote our leadership training program in Australia.

The first SCBI class starts on January 14 in Toowoomba and will run once weekly for about six weeks. The first class called "Preparing to Serve" will also be taught in Newcastle over the first week of February.

Pray that the SCBI will be a great tool for training men for preaching and men and women for service in the Lord's Church.

## ACTM BUILDING PROJECT

Our ministry in Australia is legally known as the Australian Christian Training Ministry. We are in critical need of a building for the following three purposes:

- 1) Library to house ACTM/SCBI books and media. We have about 2,500 items. These will loaned to churches and individuals across Australia and used in leadership training. The library will also serve as a center for discipleship training and other classes.
- 2) Office for Jim and ACTM.
- 3) Apartment for visiting teachers, interns, and other visitors.

We hope to begin construction by August 2009 and currently have about 30% of the needed funds. If you or your congregation can help with this needed project it would be greatly appreciated.

**\$56,000.00**

**\$16,800.00**



One of the five kids Becky had in Bible School on Sunday January 11th afternoon.



Richard and Pam lead songs at the Sunday January 11th AM morning assembly.



Gordon and Wendy lead songs at the Sunday January 11th afternoon assembly

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