

Naden News



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This Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, may you know more of God's grace and mercy. May you experience more of His love and the fellowship of God's people during this festive season.

I want to begin by apologising for the delay in getting out a newsletter. Your support for BCA is much appreciated.

As I move about the country, I am encouraged to see the wonderful work that is being done in churches to reach my people with the gospel. I give thanks for our Indigenous Field Staff and our Field Staff who are working in areas where there are a substantial number of Indigenous people.

In a recent communication to BCA Staff, our National Director intermated that the Field Staff and Admin Staff thought it a good idea to have the various traditional custodians identified in the BCA Prayer Diary. To do this, it needs to be the correct information. Please be patient in the process as we look to make the proper inclusions into the Prayer Notes.

Since my last newsletter, I have been busy. Speaking at various churches and running cultural awareness training when opportunities allow.

It is encouraging to see how many churches want to equip themselves to reach our Indigenous people with the gospel. A part of doing this is understanding the culture of the context in which people are called to serve.

BCA wants to see Aboriginal people reached with the gospel, they also want to see people raised up, trained, and sent out to do ministry themselves. For this to happen, BCA is working on a bursary program for those who want to train and study theology at a certificate/diploma level. For those who want to study at a degree level, BCA has already developed a bursary program.

If you want to know more about these programs, please don't hesitate to contact the BCA National Office and have a chat with National Director Greg Harris or the Regional Officer in your local Regional Office.



Naden's movements

Since my last newsletter, I have visited many places. Some visits were for the pastoral care of our BCA Field Staff. Other visits were to do training, preaching, and deputising on behalf of the Society.

Earlier in the year I visited Mosaic Baptist Church in Canberra, where I helped the leadership team think through how they can improve their work in the Indigenous space. While there I was able to preach and encourage the 300-strong congregation.

Every now and then I get to share and preach at our home church Maitland Evangelical Church, Maitland (that is when we are home and not travelling).

Earlier in the year Kathie & I had the privilege of attending the BCA Nomads gathering in Deniliquin. Our BCA Nomads do a wonderful job supporting our Field Staff and one another. Paul Sampson, Greg Harris, and I were present to encourage our Nomads as they seek to provide support to those in the field. I love their motto, 'Serving those who serve'.

Over the year, I have had the opportunity to preach at various churches that are looking to reach Indigenous people with the gospel. I have visited and spoken at The Living Water Church in Redfern, visited and preached at Gilgandra, Wellington, Port Augusta, the Berean Church Adelaide and Blacktown Anglican Church.



Scenes from the AEF Family Camp at Gilgandra in early October

I attended deputations at ARV at Castle Hill and am hoping to visit there again next year.

I attended the annual River Convention at Brewarrina where I was asked to preach. This is always an enjoyable time of fellowship and mutual encouragement.

There are so many opportunities to share the gospel and speak at churches to promote the work of BCA.

I have also visited Trinity City Church Adelaide and I joined SA/NT Regional Officer John Warner at the Anglican Cathedral in Adelaide, where The Rt Rev Chris McLeod is the Dean. Chris is the Indigenous Anglican Bishop, and it was great to have lunch with him and chat about ministry in his patch.

The NSW/ACT AGM in Sydney earlier this year was a wonderful time of encouragement for everyone in attendance.

Friends, these are just some of the activities that I have engaged in over the past eight months.

Please know that your prayers and support are coveted by BCA. Your love expressed in this way is an encouragement to all who serve in this space.

I am hoping that next year, I will get to meet some of you in your various locations, if not next year maybe the year after.

Please continue to pray:

- That God will raise up more workers for the harvest field.
- For the BCA vacancies
- That God would raise up more young men and women who would be willing to train and serve in His church.
- For Kathie & me as we continue to visit, speak and serve the wider church.
- For Dennis & Valda as they continue to develop the First Nations Ministry training program.
- For Jack & Lill as they prepare to move into their new role next year.
- For George & Carmel Ferguson who are surrounded by flood waters at this time.
- For the AEF National Convention that is being held in Port Augusta from 31 December–6 January.
- For wisdom as I begin to populate my calendar for next year.
- That my family would remain faithful to the call of God on their lives.

With Christian love,

Neville (& Kathie)



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