

COMING EVENTS

Tabernacle of David Conference - Cairns 11-14 Sept.

Worship & Workshops: *Music with Chris McKelvie* *Song Writing with Phil Plotnek*
Prayer with Joanne Miller & Shirley Miller *Dance with Mary Jones*

Sons of Abraham Conference - Sydney 19-22 Sept.

Tabernacle of David & Hope Ministry Arabic Worship teams

Speakers: *George Fattal Lawrence Hirsch Barrem Adranly Bob Mendelsohn*
John & Magda Ackad Shelly & June Volk

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19 November 2015 in Perth WA
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<http://www.arrowheadministries.org>

Meeting for Indigenous leaders Moree NSW
5 - 9 November 2015
with Prophet Pastor George Annadorai from Singapore

Contact Neville.Boota3@det.nsw.edu.au



Transformations II at Looma, 220km east of Broome, with Walo Arni from PNG. 28 September to 4 October 2015.

A prayer, praise and worship convention.

After Transformations I, the land was restored, with kangaroos, wildlife and plants coming back after years of drought. They caught barramundi and fish by hand in the river, the behaviour and school grades of the children improved, and they have had miraculous healings. The community has had no government funding for seven years, but still operates well by the grace of God, debt free, making a good profit.

This is an opportunity to see what else GOD wants to do when we get on our faces before Him. Contact Gary & Kelly Clancy on 0473 927 905 (Gary) or 0476 259 474 (Kelly)

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It's Time for Indigenous Christians to Lead our Nation!

Future Directions for Indigenous Australians

- by Rodney Rivers & John Blacket

It is clear to us that GOD is lifting up First Nations Christian Australians to take new dimensions of leadership in the nation.

John Dawson, an International leader of YWAM, recently spoke to Aboriginal leaders in northern NSW. From what we were told, the essence of his message was that God has given them a special responsibility to give leadership to the nation that will impact the world. We are seeing this happening in various ways, even in the last few months.

There are some plans being made for a National Solemn Assembly of Indigenous Christian Elders, to be held possibly later this year, as well as other prayer gatherings and consultations aimed at taking spiritual leadership in the nation.

But Australia has not listened to its First Nations Christian leaders!

...and the result is that many of them have been 'frightened by their own shadow' like Gideon hiding in a winepress when the LORD spoke with him (Judges 6:12-16):

The LORD's messenger appeared and said to him, "The LORD is with you, courageous warrior!" Gideon said to him, "Pardon me, but if the LORD is with us, why has such disaster overtaken us? Where are all his miraculous deeds our ancestors told us about? ... Then the LORD himself turned to him and said, "You have the strength. Deliver Israel from the power of the Midianites! Have I not sent you?" Gideon said to him, "But Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Just look! My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my family." The LORD said to him, "Ah, but I will be with you!"

Even King David had his time of hiding in a cave with about 400 rif-raf from his people (1Samuel 22:1) and that was after the LORD had given him an incredible victory over Goliath! (1 Samuel 17). Even the mighty man of fire, Elijah, had his time of running away to hide:

1 Kings 19:13-18 ... a voice asked him, "Why are you here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been absolutely loyal to the LORD, the sovereign God, even though the Israelites have abandoned the agreement they made with you, torn down your altars, and killed

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your prophets with the sword. I alone am left and now they want to take my life." The LORD said to him, "...I still have left in Israel seven thousand followers who have not bowed their knees to Baal or kissed the images of him."

One Kimberley indigenous Christian leader recently said that her husband had been hiding behind her skirts and it was time he came out and took the leadership God has given to him.

Jesus said (Matthew 6:5): *"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people."*

Acts 3:19-20 *Therefore repent and turn back so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...*

Too many of us only want the times of refreshing and blessing, without being prepared for the discipline of repentance and holiness.

Mark 9:49 *Everyone will be salted with fire.*

At Pentecost, people were salted with tongues of fire that set them on fire!

**It's time for indigenous Christian leaders to be fired-up dynamite!
This is what Australia needs –
NOW!**

Pray for indigenous Christians to rise up as Godly leaders for this nation

- and that all of us will listen to what GOD is saying through them, and obey Him.

Gideon: The LORD said to him,

"Ah, but I will be with you!"

P.S. Salting with Fire: *Rodney Rivers was in Parliament House in Canberra recently and took a salt-shaker with him. He held it upside down so that it sprinkled salt everywhere he went, as a symbol of GOD purifying that place to bring GOD's righteousness and holiness in this land.*

Rodney Rivers appointed as Khesed's Project Officer

At the May 28 meeting of Khesed Ministries Board, Rodney Rivers was appointed as Project Officer. This is an endorsement and recognition of the work Rodney has already been doing for 18 months, and gives him additional credibility among his people and around the nation.



Rodney is a Gooniyandi man from the East Kimberley area, who also readily acknowledges his Irish ancestry. He has a strong knowledge of the Bible, of indigenous and non-indigenous culture, and deep social and theological insights into the interaction of them all.

This is a voluntary position, which involves a lot of work in DVD teaching, healing ministry, prayer and national leadership in issues like Recognition at Botany Bay. Donations to Khesed Ministries marked for Indigenous Support will assist with his phone, travel and other costs.

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Uniting Church Assembly - President's Installation



Before being installed as National President of the Uniting Church in Australia on 12 July 2015 for the next three years, Stuart McMillan served as the Moderator of the Northern Synod based in Darwin.

He has worked extensively with Aborigines in North Australia for over thirty years.

Stuart chose the theme for the Assembly of 'Hearts on Fire'. He was brought to the Assembly stage with Yolngu dance and song.



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We need to get this record into the school curriculum." (the Endeavour Log Book Journals)

- *"No one has ever worked with us like this before."*
- *"I have been approached by different organizations asking me to get involved – ATSIIC years ago, Constitutional Recognition – and others. But this concept of Recognition at Botany Bay – this is different from anything I have ever seen. This has a different 'feel' about it. This has substance, it is genuine. I will support this."*
- *"You have just shown me what I am going to be doing for the rest of my life!"*

- *"This Recognition venture is a truly Christian initiative. It has the makings of the Australian equivalent of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission."*
- *"Lindsay's work in travelling the reconciliation trail all over Australia is worthy of special honour. He has pioneered in developing a foundational initiative for national healing, the "National Act of Recognition". It is our privilege to commend him to the people of God around the world." (John Dawson, President, International Reconciliation Coalition, USA)*

A National Act of Recognition – Recognition at Botany Bay

<http://actofrecognition.org.au/>

During May, Kimberley elder Rodney Rivers (Gooniyandi tribe) took Lindsay McDowell and John Blacket to share the Botany Bay Recognition story with many people around Perth, through the Murchison, Pilbara, Goldfields and out to the Western Desert as far as Warburton. This covered more than 5000 kilometres.

We were excited at the opportunities and support God gave us to share the story and distribute a number of Recognition and Khesed documents and DVDs.

Rodney is travelling through parts of the Kimberley in July to share the story and resources with his own people, and Lindsay plans to be in North Queensland and Torres Strait early September.

During the last month Lindsay has been given strong encouragement and promises of access to a number of significant groups in five streams of society:

Sydney Eastern suburbs church groups, peak national indigenous groups, city councils, schools, universities and youth organisations.

A number of groups have endorsed Recognition at Botany Bay, including:

La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council
Larrakiya Nation Board of Directors, Darwin;
Randwick City Council.

Comments from Indigenous leaders around the nation:

• "...we never felt pressured. We always felt we were given whatever space we needed to come to our own mind on it." (Ivan Simon, former Chairperson La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, NSW)

"This proposal is not about a gathering. This is about the direction of the nation!"

• "The Recognition referendum won't succeed, so Recognition at Botany Bay must."

• "This concept of the Australian people returning to the site of first encounter.... It has the potential to unite the country like nothing else ever has."

• "We have got to do this!"

• "If this Recognition vision is brought to fulfillment, the likely outcome is that it will be possible for many of us to become very good friends!"

• "Every person in Australia needs to see these records (the log book)."

• "We have our land rights now, but it has caused us to fight against each other. This will bring us into unity."

• "Over the years we have seen so much in resources spent on this or that reconciliation event, all of it intended to bring change to our national situation. In the end it brings little change because a lot of it just plays around at the margins."

We really do need to go right back to the beginning, go deep into the causes of what happened between our people, and from there build the foundation for a better future.

• "This Council sees this proposal as a very important step in the future of this Nation... We wish you and your team every success in bringing this very important event to fruition and certainly hope all Australians support your proposal."

• "As I listened to this Recognition message, I felt a great load began to lift off my shoulders."

• "This Recognition initiative is not the same as the apology to the Stolen Generation. This is different. This is arising from within the people. This is a people's movement."

• "I have never before seen these documents."

The Doctrine of Discovery and the Origins of Terra Nullius

- excerpts from the *Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress report to the Uniting Church Assembly, held in Perth 12-18 July 2015*

...the Doctrine of Discovery "is a principal of international law that dates back to the 15th century and which provided the justification for the invasion of Australia."

"In 1095, at the beginning of the Crusades, Pope Urban II issued an edict – the *Papal Bull Terra Nullius* (meaning empty land). It gave the kings and princes of Europe the right to "discover" or claim land in non-Christian areas. This policy was extended in 1452 when Pope Nicholas V issued the bull *Romanus Pontifex*, declaring war against all non-Christians throughout the world and authorizing the conquest of their nations and territories. These edicts treated non-Christians as uncivilized and subhuman, and therefore without rights to any land or nation. Christian leaders claimed a God-given right to take control of all lands and to justify wars of conquest, colonization, and slavery..."

"What is particularly significant for Australia is that King Henry VII adopted the Doctrine of Discovery granting his explorers the right to assert dominion and title over all non-Christian lands with the Church's blessing..."



Ray Minniecon speaking on the motions

The Congress asked the Uniting Church National Assembly to pass two motions:

(a) repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, and its theological foundations as a relic of colonialism, feudalism, and religious, cultural, and racial biases that have no place in the treatment of First Peoples; and

(b) affirm the WCC "Statement on the Doctrine of Discovery Impact on Indigenous Peoples", and encourage its consideration in the church and, in particular, in theological colleges.

Both motions were accepted by the Assembly last week, the first church in Australia to act in this way. Similar action has already been taken in several other countries, and a number of groups in the Catholic Church in USA have called on Pope Francis to rescind the 1452 bull and to create a new papal bull that promotes ethical norms in harmony with Gospel values.

To access the full Assembly report, go to <http://assembly2015.uca.org.au/14th-assembly-proposals-reports/> download 1st Mailing and go to B12 - UAICC.pdf, pages 10-15.

You have heard that it was said: "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:43

Statement by the World Council of Churches Executive Committee -17 Feb. 2012

1. Indigenous Peoples have the oldest living cultures in the world. Three hundred to five hundred million Indigenous Peoples today live in over 72 countries around the world, and they comprise at least 5,000 distinct peoples. The ways of life, identities, well-being and very existence of Indigenous People are threatened by the continuing effects of colonization and national policies, regulations and laws that attempt to force them to assimilate into the cultures of majoritarian societies. A fundamental historical basis and legal precedent for these policies and laws is the "Doctrine of Discovery", the idea that Christians enjoy a moral and legal right based solely on their religious identity to invade and seize indigenous lands and to dominate Indigenous Peoples.

Our move to Tamworth

- Josh Rivers

Hi my name is Josh Rivers. My wife's name is Pearl Rivers and we have two loud very energetic boys. Canaan, who is 5yrs old, he loves playing the drums and drawing trucks, he may be a gymnast one day because we are always catching him out swinging on our clothes line out the back. He is enrolled in kindy at a Christian school called Carinya.

Josiah, who is our 3 year old loves trains and carrying his pet guinea pig around by the back legs. He goes to day care twice a week and loves to wake dad up before the break of dawn.

Pearl was born in Albany, grew up in a small town in WA called Tambellup. Both her mum and dad come from the greater southern part of WA. I was born in Perth WA and have lived all over Australia including a little time in America - St Louise MO. My father comes from the Kimberly of WA and my mother from the Eastern Goldfields of WA. Pearl and I have been married six years.

In April 2014 we packed up our car with whatever we could fit in. The boys were in there somewhere, and we drove across Australia from Perth to Tamworth, where we now live. In 2012, I had a prompting from God to move with my family to Tamworth to help Pastor Nathan Seden, who is Pastor Tim Edwards' son in law, to share in the vision of their church, which is Mi5 Ministries, to serve them and the church.

It wasn't something we took lightly it was two years of prayer and being mentored and receiving advice from our parents and our pastors and other Godly men and women in our lives before we

stepped out in faith, with no job, no house, no family waiting for us at the other end, only Pastor Nathan and his family.

God is Faithful, He supplied me with a great job and we have a beautiful house across the road from our pastors, and we have great friends in our church. He has supplied all our needs and much more.

I'm about to start a youth group in the local community of Coledale. The majority are Aboriginal youth. God is about to do something amazing and powerful amongst the youth here. We are enjoying it here.

Could you please support us in prayer in this chapter of our life, also for this new youth group that God will give me wisdom how to run it according to His plans. Pray for a great group of leaders to work with me, pray for favour with the youths' parents and that the youths' hearts will be open to hear about the message of Christ. That lives will be transformed through God's Awesome power. Also pray for every area of our lives as God uses us to spread his love to a hurting community?



Indigenous Bible Translators to visit Israel

Seventeen Pitjantjara Bible translators from northern SA will spend 11 days in Israel on a tour of Bible lands from 31 August to help them to know the places where it all happened.



Their Shorter Bible was released in 2002, but it only contains selections from the Old Testament. The group have now formed themselves into teams to complete the translation of the whole Old Testament, and this trip will be a huge help in the work.

They need financial help, and the bank account is BSB 805050 Account 102002411 in the name of Paul Eckert in People's Choice Credit Union. Further information from Paul Eckert 0427 569 287 or tjukurpa.palya@gmail.com.

This photo is Ina preparing for the trip by blowing a shofar over the Amata Hills.



New Queensland Indigenous Senator is a Christian

In May, the Queensland LNP selected Joanna Lindgren as a replacement for a senator who resigned from Federal Parliament. She is Neville Bonner's great niece, distantly related to Peter Walker and she is a Christian.



Her selection was itself a miracle, as the favoured person was a doctor who is pro 'marriage equality' and Jo was number 4 in their preferences. Joanna plans to include in her maiden speech her belief in traditional marriage as part of Australia's Aboriginal culture.

We believe her maiden speech will be made in the Senate on Tuesday 11 August and some Aboriginal leaders plan to be there to support her, especially in prayer. (Please pray that media and those opposing her views will not be able to undermine what God wants to do in this.)



GOD'S FIRESTORM DVD Released

The new Elcho Island documentary film was released at Galiwin'ku, NT on 15 March. UCA President, Stuart McMillan released it at the Uniting Church Assembly in Perth on 17 July. Praise God for a good reception - many had Holy Spirit fire come into their lives in a deeper way when it was shown at Galiwin'ku.

Copies are now available on our website www.khesed.org.au or post in the order form of phone us - \$25 posted within Australia.

John is editing the next two DVDs in the series during the rest of this year - *GOD'S Spreading Firestorm*.

